**Note: Please leave this on the ambo, thanks.**

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - YEAR C**

**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Introduction:**

Good morning / evening we welcome our parishioners to Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill/Schofields Parish.

Belief in the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was decreed only in 1950 but was evident in the prayer tradition of the church long before that. Liturgical texts appeared as early as the fifth century. The present Preface for the feast links Mary’s unique destiny with her role as the Mother of God; it also sees her Assumption as sign and promise for the pilgrim people of God.

She was personally spared…. the corruption of the tomb, since from her own body she marvelously brought forth your Incarnate Son, the Author of all life.

But her privilege is a blessing for us all, since Mary was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church’s coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people.

Our Mass will be celebrated today by:

Let us all stand and join in the singing the Entrance Hymn.

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#### MASS READINGS

#### FIRST READING (Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10)

*A reading from the book of the Apocalypse*

 The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, ‘Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.’

*The Word of the Lord.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 44:10-12. 16. R. v.10)

***R.) The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.***

#### 1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.

#### On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

#### Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:

#### forget your own people and your father’s house. (R.)

#### 2. So will the king desire your beauty:

#### He is your lord, pay homage to him.

#### They are escorted amid gladness and joy;

#### they pass within the palace of the king. (R.)

#### SECOND READING  (1 Cor 15:20-26)

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**PLEASE STAND TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary is taken up to heaven,

and the angels of God shout for joy.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL (Lk 1:39-56)

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah’s house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, ‘Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.’

And Mary said:

‘My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord

and my spirit exults in God my saviour;

because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.

Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed,

for the Almighty has done great things for me.

Holy is his name,

and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.

He has shown the power of his arm,

he has routed the proud of heart.

He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy

– according to the promise he made to our ancestors –

of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

**ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY**

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

**Priest:**  Let us open our hearts to God in prayer, for God shows kindness and mercy to those who fear him.

Reader:  For the Church: That it will follow Mary’s example and be open to the Spirit in times of change and uncertainty. (pause)

With Mary we pray:

**All:  Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader:  For women in poor countries: That those in authority will come to their aid with justice and compassion. (pause)

With Mary we pray:

**All:  Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader:  For parents who await the birth of a child: That they will be filled with the Holy Spirit. (pause)

With Mary we pray:

**All:  Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader:  For this community: That we will remain faithful to God and magnify his name all our lives. (pause)

With Mary we pray:

**All:  Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader:  For those who have died, That, like Mary and the saints, they will come to share Christ’s glory in heaven. (pause)

With Mary we pray:

**All:  Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader: Together we now pray the Parish Community Prayer for the Feast of**

 **the Assumption of Mary.**

 **ALL: Father in heaven, all creation rightly gives you praise, for all life and all holiness come from you. In the plan of your wisdom she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven. May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.**

**Priest:**  God of all generations, you blessed Mary for believing that your promise would be fulfilled. Hear these prayers and may we, like Mary, be lifted up and proclaim your greatness by our good works. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:  Amen.**