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| Prayers & Mass Times of the Week | | |
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| Monday | No Service | |
| Tuesday | 9.15 AM | Mass; |
| Wednesday | 9.15 AM | Mass; Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe |
| Thursday | 9.15 AM | Mass; Rosary; The ASSUMPTION of the |
| | 7.00 PM | BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - considered a holy day of obligation |
| Friday | 9.15 AM | Mass; |
| Saturday | 6.30 PM | Mass; |
| Sunday | 9.00 AM | Rosary; |
| | 9.30 AM | Mass; |
| | 5.30 PM | Mass; |
| Reconciliation: | 30 minutes prior to all masses. | |

| Week's Roster | | | | |
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| | Ministries | SATURDAY, 6.30 PM | SUNDAY, 9.30 AM | SUNDAY, 5.30 PM |
| THIS WEEK | Commentator | Chatarina Pereira | Amer S Taab | Wilson Fernandez |
| | Reader | Peter Liptai | Clyde Pereira | Volunteer |
| | Eucharistic Minister | Volunteer | Jane Cassar | Wilson Fernandez |
| NEXT WEEK | Commentator | Volunteer | Janine Phillips | Wilson Fernandez |
| | Reader | Chatarina Pereira | Sheryn Disanayake | Yvonne Kumar |
| | Eucharistic Minister | Volunteer | Janine Phillips | Roman Siriwardene |

Please pray for...

Those who are baptised:

Those who are sick: Jacques Re'my, Pereira family members, Cecile Hien Pham, Kamari Family members, Frank Maning, Annita Diaz, Simeona Wilson, Jaime & Maria Cruz, Rafferti Florida, Vivian Martin, Sandra James.

Those who recently died:

Those whose memories are sacred to us, especially John Savannah

| Last Fortnight's Collection | |
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| Thanks Giving Offering | \$1296.60 |
| Presbytery Offering | \$ 945.15 |
| Thank you for your commitment and support | |

| Next Week's Reading | |
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| Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B | |
| First Reading | Proverbs 9: 1—6 |
| Second Reading | Ephesians 5: 15—20 |
| Gospel | John 6: 51—58 |
| Thank you for your commitment and support | |

| BAPTISMS <i>(Baptism requires a months' notice)</i> | |
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| Upcoming baptism: | |
| Laundry in August | |
| Church Cleaning — | 24 August—Lolita & Maria |



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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B **11 AUGUST 2024**

First Reading 1 Kgs 19:4-8

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-9. R. v. 9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all his terrors he set me free. **(R.)**
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress.
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **(R)**

Second Reading Eph 4:30-5:2

Walk in love, just as Christ.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has

marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:41-51

I am the living bread come down from heaven.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Your mother and my mother, carrying her baby in the womb for nine months, effectively said: 'Take, eat, this is my body.' A mother able to breastfeed continues this communion as she offers her body to give life to her child.

Our Lord Jesus Christ adopts maternal language to express his deepest desire for us! He gives us his risen and glorified Humanity: 'Take, eat, this is my body', and a sort of life-giving mutual indwelling occurs: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.' This is as intimate as a baby dwelling in the womb of its mother. As St Paul put it in a different context, 'In Him we live and move and have our being.'

The Saviour of the World, the Conqueror of Death, dwells in my body and I dwell in his glorified body. This gives us 'eternal life' which is not something which begins after death, but is simply a label for Our Lord's Divinehuman life which we can share right now. However, because it is the life of the Conqueror of Death it will certainly impel us beyond the grave: 'The one who eats this bread will live forever.'

We could take a moment to pray to more fervently realise and take advantage of the fact that, at every Mass, we can respond to the invitation to come forward to Holy Communion so as to be enwombed in the maternal Christ.

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING SONG SATURDAY/SUNDAY

6.30 pm, 9.30 am, 5.30 pm

• Christ be near us

1. Show us hope when we're uncertain,
Guide us through the darkest night.
Created in your likeness,
May we become your light!

2. Teach us wisdom that is grounded In your ageless, living word.
Fill us with your fire,
Make us burn with new desire!
(Refrain)

3. Guide us on the path of justice; Give us courage to be strong.
We will be your living presence,
And show the world that love belongs!
(Refrain)

PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG

• Harvest

Refrain: Grain from the fields,
Grapes from the summer vine;
Kneaded and baked, crushed and matured to wine.
These are the gifts of our love we now bring;

3. The vine of our love has been nurtured and grown,
Through seasons of joy and of pain.
The vintage is gathered, the wine is poured,
The cup to be shared in His name. **(Refrain)**

COMMUNION SONG

• Forgiven

1. Create a new heart in us, O Lord,
Open our eyes to Your call;
Enlighten our minds to your ways
And raise me from our wounding falls.

2. We have strayed in our weakness from our God;
We have followed in the paths that lead to strife.
Now we turn and call upon Your name.
We know that Your love will bring new life. **(Refrain)**

3. Remember Your mercy, O Lord,
And hear Your people's plea.
Let us rise in the light of Your love,
To live for all eternity.

FINAL SONG

• Gather as one

Chorus: Gather as one. Gather as one.
Gather all the people of God!
All of our days, singing God's praise,
Gather all the people as one!

2. Gather all the nations unto the Lord,
Bring us together our Lord and our God,
And we will come rejoicing,
Proclaiming the Lord's holy name! **(Chorus)**

1. We will sing a new song unto the Lord,
Of truth and beauty surrounding our God;
Of holiness and glory,
Sing out to the Lord, all the earth! **(Chorus)**

3. Come, now let us worship unto the Lord,
And let us bow down in honour of God.
We come into God's presence,
And shout with joy to the Lord! **(Chorus)**

BINS FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

Due to recent complaints, we kindly ask the parishioners not to put any hard rubbish in the school's bins. These bins are for use by the school only and not for use by parishioners, as items not meant to be included can then result in a fine for the school.

Please check the local council website for hard rubbish removal from your home.

Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

PARISH CHURCH DINNER & DANCE

We are delighted to announce that our Parish Church

Dinner & Dance will be held on Saturday,

21st September 2024!

Please save the date to celebrate this epic event together. Your participation is crucial in making this a memorable occasion and supporting our wonderful community!

ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH CHURCH DINNER & DANCE
111 BAKERS ROAD NOBLE PARK NORTH
SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2024
STARTS AT 7PM

Band : NEXT GENERATION
Banquet Dinner: SILVER PLATTER CATERING
BYO DRINKS

Tickets:
Suresh Fernando 0404024757 Joseph Nayna 0470525498
Adrian Cooke 0422649985 Alice Peters 0413998898
Clyde Pereira 0407543561 Lyndon Samuel 0411846855
Agnelo Miranda 0470130041 Greg Ferreira 0411626727

ADULTS : \$50 CHILDREN UNDER 15yrs : \$25

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday 8.45am - 12.45pm
Wednesday 11.30am - 3.30pm
Thursday 8.45am - 12.45pm
Friday 11.30am - 3.30pm

St. Elizabeth's Parish Donation QR Code

We're excited to introduce a new QR Code for **donations towards the Presbytery, Thanksgiving, Special Collections.**

Your generosity ensures the continued support and care for our parish community. Scan the QR Code to contribute securely and conveniently. For additional information check our Parish Notice Board in the church foyer. Thank you for your kindness and support.



The prayer for the feast of the Assumption!

"All-powerful and ever-living God: You raised the sinless Virgin Mary, mother of your Son, body and soul, to the glory of heaven. May we see heaven as our final goal and come to share her glory."



In 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution <Munificentissimus Deus>, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Catholic Church in these words: "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven." With that, an ancient belief became Catholic doctrine and the Assumption was declared a truth revealed by God.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, but we don't know how it first came to be celebrated.

Its origin is lost in those days when Jerusalem was restored as a sacred city, at the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (c. 285-337). By then it had been a pagan city for two centuries, ever since Emperor Hadrian (76-138) had leveled it around the year 135 and rebuilt it as <Aelia Capitolina> in honor of Jupiter.

For 200 years, every memory of Jesus was obliterated from the city, and the sites made holy by His life, death and Resurrection became pagan temples.

After the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 336, the sacred sites began to be restored and **memories** of the life of Our Lord began to be celebrated by the people of Jerusalem. One of the memories about his mother centered around the "Tomb of Mary," close to Mount Zion, where the early Christian community had lived.

On the hill itself was the "Place of Dormition," the spot of Mary's "falling asleep," where she had died. The "Tomb of Mary" was where she was buried.

At this time, the "Memory of Mary" was being celebrated. Later it was to become our feast of the Assumption.

For a time, the "Memory of Mary" was marked only in Palestine, but then it was extended by the emperor to all the churches of the East. In the seventh century, it began to be celebrated in Rome under the title of the "Falling Asleep" ("Dormitio") of the Mother of God.

Soon the name was changed to the *"Assumption of Mary,"* since there was more to the feast than her dying. It also proclaimed that she had been taken up, body and soul, into heaven.

That belief was ancient, dating back to the apostles themselves. What was clear from the beginning was that there were no relics of Mary to be venerated, and that an empty tomb stood on the edge of Jerusalem near the site of her death. That location also soon became a place of pilgrimage. (Today, the Benedictine Abbey of the Dormition of Mary stands on the spot.)

At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, when bishops from throughout the Mediterranean world gathered in Constantinople, Emperor Marcian asked the Patriarch of Jerusalem to bring the relics of Mary to Constantinople to be enshrined in the capitol. The patriarch explained to the emperor that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusalem, that "Mary had died in the presence of the apostles; but her tomb, when opened later . . . was found empty and so the apostles concluded that the body was taken up into heaven."

In the eighth century, St. John Damascene was known for giving sermons at the holy places in Jerusalem. At the Tomb of Mary, he expressed the belief of the Church on the meaning of the feast: "Although the body was duly buried, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay. . . . You were transferred to your heavenly home, O Lady, Queen and Mother of God in truth."

All the feast days of Mary mark the great mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption. The central mystery of her life and person is her divine motherhood, celebrated both at Christmas and a week later (Jan. 1) on the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) marks the preparation for that motherhood, so that she had the fullness of grace from the first moment of her existence, completely untouched by sin. Her whole being throbbled with divine life from the very beginning, readying her for the exalted role of mother of the Savior.

The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption. The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over.

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