



Welcome to
Eastern Hills Anglicans
Community Information

14 August 2011

Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
The Assumption
Web Page Edition

**“From this day
all generations will call me blessed.”**

Today's Celebration

Today's celebration is designated in the Australian Prayer Book as a Principle Holy Day and the most important of the six festival days set aside in her honour. This feast is normally held on the 15th August but we follow the common practice of keeping it on the nearest Sunday.

Being Mother of the Lord is no doubt an awesome responsibility – yet her true greatness is in spiritual allegiance and fidelity to her Son as her Saviour and Lord. This is what shapes our eternal salvation as well. As we gather to celebrate her undoubted eternal reward in heaven we also celebrate the gift of resurrection given to us by her Son and Saviour.

Parish Restaurant Evening: Saturday 20 August

Family and friends are welcome to join us for dinner **Ahmets Turkish Restaurant** 136 Oxford St Bulimba on Saturday 20th August at 7 pm. RSVP sheet on table by RSVP by Sunday 7th August.

Morning Tea: Wednesday 24 August

Our next morning tea will be on Wednesday 24 August at **10.30 am** in the **Café at Easts Leagues Club**, Main Street, Coorparoo. All are welcome to come and join us in a social time together.

All honour to you, Mary!
today you were raised above the choirs of angels
to lasting glory with Christ.

From the Vigil Eucharist of today's feast.

Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi:

"The law of prayer is the law of belief"

God most high,
whose handmaid Mary bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary
the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness
and the gift of eternal life.

*Prayer after Communion from Common Worship,
Church of England's Prayer Book*

“Lex orandi, lex credendi” was a phrase used by Saint Prosper of Aquitaine in the 4th Century. It is a principle followed by the Anglican Church – what we pray is what we believe. The Anglican Church prefers to express its theology in worship rather than in dogmatic statements. We see this in the fine prayer used after communion. It simply states the fact, that Mary was the Mother of the Lord by an act of obedience to the grace of the Holy Spirit. The prayer then makes a connection to us – if in companionship with Mary we follow her pattern of obedience then we will show it in the pattern of our lives and like her, gain the gift of heaven and eternal life.

Saint of the Week, 20 August: Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux

Bernard was born near Dijon, in France in the year 1090. He entered the Benedictine abbey at Cîteaux in 1112, taking with him many companions, some of whom were his own brothers. This monastery was the pioneer in the reform and renewal of the Benedictine tradition, which became known as the Cistercian monasticism. He became its leader in 1115 when he was sent to establish a new monastery at a place he named Clairvaux,

or “valley of light”. He built up the new monastery with his remarkable qualities of leadership and from this monastery, hundreds of new ones were founded. Bernard became a great teacher of prayer and of the spiritual journey and his writings and hymns are still used today. Bernard's influence on his own generation and beyond was immense. He died on 20th August in 1153.

Readings for Next Sunday, 21 August

Twenty-first Ordinary Sunday of the Year

Isaiah 22:19-23. The reading introduces the Gospel and helps us understand our Lord's image of St Peter with the keys of the Kingdom. In this reading Eliakim, son of Hilkiah, is to be the Master of the royal court in Jerusalem and his badge of office is a set of keys.

Romans 11:33-36. This reading is an acclamation of praise, which concludes a long passage beginning at Chapter 9 as Paul grapples with the mystery that the rejection of the Jewish people of our Lord led directly to the acceptance by the Gentiles.

Matthew 16:13-20. This reading is Jesus' questioning the disciples about their understanding of his identity. Saint Peter is the one who declares that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. However, blessed as Peter is for this insight or Lord makes it clear that this knowledge comes as a gift and revelation from the Father.

Working Bee: Saturday 27 August

To remove the rubbish from under the hall, clear out the garden waste bins – all to keep down white ant problems and, to knock down to old toilet block.

Thank You

To Fr Greg for looking after the Sunday Services for the last four weeks as Fr Martyn and Catherine packed and moved to their new home near Mount Crosby.

Thanks to Robyn Casey for dealing with the administrative issues of the parish and dealing with phone calls.



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Regular Sunday Services.

8am PowerPoint Mass. 9.30am Sung Mass

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