

## St. Anthony's Parish Words

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9th August 2020

### Hymns

**Entrance:** Walk in the light

**Offertory:** We will rise again

**Communion:** Bread of life

**Recessional:** Share in the love of the Lord

### Entrance Antiphon:

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

### Readings:

1 Kings 19:9.11-13

Psalms 84:9-14

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-23

### Response to Psalm:

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

### Gospel Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!*

*Alleluia!*

### Communion Antiphon:

The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.

### Communion Reflection

Have you ever used the expression 'My heart sank'? It is usually used to describe an experience of extreme disappointment or anxiety; a moment when our courage or hope fails and we feel that things are about to turn out very badly indeed. We might be going along just fine, confidently navigating life's twists and turns, when something knocks us off balance. It could be an illness, a financial blow, falling out with a family member or friend, worry about a son or daughter. Especially when we lose someone close to us, grief can make us feel as though we are sinking. What strikes me about today's gospel is that Peter doesn't hesitate about taking that first step out of the boat. Once he sees who is calling him, out he gets and begins to walk towards Jesus. But then, as soon as he feels the force of the wind, as soon as he realises that the conditions around him are challenging and frightening, he loses courage and starts to sink. Wind and storm are metaphors for situations we face. Sometimes it is a single thing that knocks us back. Sometimes it is a build-up. A few months ago, at the early stages of 'lockdown,' we thought it wouldn't be so bad to take a break and stay at home for a few weeks.

But as the weeks turned into months, many people were overwhelmed by increasing feelings of loneliness, fears for health and anxiety about the future. It can feel like sinking.

The good news of today's gospel centres around the line, 'Jesus put out his hand at once and held him.' As soon as Peter starts to falter and sink, Jesus reaches out to steady him and pull him to himself. When we are in trouble, sometimes all we can do is trust in God. When our faith and hope are shaken, and we are sinking, he will reach out and hold us close.

Triona Doherty



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### MASS TIMES

**St Anthony's Parish -  
Live Streamed Mass  
Every Sunday @ 10.30h**

**St Nicholas at the Bourse :  
Sunday - 10.00h**

**St Joseph's Community, 203  
Chaussée de Wavre 1150 Ixelles  
Sunday at 11.30h**

**Rue Le Corregé  
Sunday at 19.15h**



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August 15th - The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



In 13 of the member states of the European Union Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> . Is a public holiday . In others it is a Holy day of obligation marking the Assumption of Our Lady to Heaven . On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith:  
"We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma

*that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory."*

The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity.

What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven.

Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory. Furthermore,

in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification.

So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

The *Catechism* affirms that Mary was taken body and soul into heavenly glory right at the end of her earthly life.

One of the consequences of original sin is the corruption of the body (see CCC, 400; Genesis 3:19). If Mary was full of grace and did not suffer from original sin, it is fitting that she, like her son, would not experience such bodily corruption. Mary remains faithful to her son, following him even to the cross where she experiences the fulfillment of Simeon's prophecy at the

Presentation: "A sword will pierce through your own soul also".

*Billy Lee*

**There will also be Mass to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, 15th August St. Joseph's Community at 11h30 and at St. Nicholas at 10h00.**