



THE ARCHANGEL

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Thou art all beautiful...

At the end of her earthly life, our Lady was raised body and soul into heaven.

The Assumption is our Lady's crowning glory, and the proof of her active participation in the plan of redemption.

Mary was conceived without original sin. She was full of grace, and her fullness never stopped increasing until she was finally carried body and soul to her heavenly throne.

For a creature so pure, so innocent and so full of grace, there could be no return to dust and to the slime of the earth as is common to the rest of humanity. God would not even wish her body to remain inert and lifeless until the general resurrection of the dead.

Our Lady's body had never been tainted with the least participation in sin. It had housed a soul that was full of grace. It had been redeemed and made holy in a wondrous manner, in anticipation of our Lord's great sacrifice.

Mary's body had participated in all the acts of adoration, praise and thanksgiving that touched the very heart of God. Her heart had loved, her head had bowed in deep humility before her Maker. Her body, with her soul, had conformed to every inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Her body had collaborated with the Holy Spirit in providing flesh, blood and bone to the second Person of the Holy Trinity. Jesus Christ, her divine Son, found in His mother a blood worthy of Him and of the great work He came to accomplish.

Mary's flesh and blood had fortified God: "Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the paps that gave Thee suck!" In her arms she had cradled her divine Child, and He, in turn, had rested in the sweet sanctuary of her bosom.

Her face and her smile had given joy to the human and sacred heart of her Son. Her gazed had encouraged Him, her physical presence had comforted

and strengthened Him, so much so that He would have suffered His passion for her alone, that He might possess this mother who was so worthy of Him.

Mary's immaculate heart comforted and fortified Her Son's most Sacred Heart as it bent under the weight of the sins of mankind. Her immaculate heart was pierced by seven sacred swords. By her spiritual but also physical anguish and sorrow, Mary became co-redemtrix of the human race, in union with her Son. Her body was a direct instrument in the salvation of the world.

Mary's body was in complete harmony with the fullness of grace that sanctified her soul. It could never, therefore, taste corruption and dissolution. God wished her body to share immediately in the glory of heaven. His mother, body and soul, was to be the prize and delight of His angels and saints. For, without Mary's fiat, the angels would have no queen, and the saints no heavenly home.

There is another reason why God wished to raise our Lady, body and soul, into heaven. God understands that we have need of a real mother, of flesh and blood, both here on earth AND in heaven. There would be little consolation for us if we could only pray to our Lady in spirit, whilst her relics remained earthbound. Mary would thus be nothing more than a great saint, the first among many. Pictures and statues would show one who was but who is no more. We would have to wait until the final resurrection of the dead to experience the comforting knowledge of Mary's smile and embrace.

Had God not raised His mother body and soul into heaven, Mary would merely be a memory, not a mother.

May our blessed and glorious Mother guide, guard and bless us, and lead us all to our own happy and glorious resurrection and assumption.

Fr John Brucciani, Prior

Devotion to Our Lady means...

Pray the Rosary!

A tradition holds that through Saint Dominic and Alan de Rupe, the Blessed Virgin Mary made fifteen specific promises to Christians who faithfully pray the Rosary.



1. Whoever shall faithfully serve Me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise My special protection and the greatest graces to all who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. It will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul which recommends itself to Me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall not perish.
6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the Sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful in reciting the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
9. I shall deliver from purgatory, those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.
11. You shall obtain all you ask of Me by the recitation of the Rosary.
12. All those who propagate the holy Rosary shall be aided by Me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from My Divine Son, that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors, the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
14. All who recite the Rosary are My sons, and brothers of My only son Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion to My Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

Wear the Scapular!



The Brown Scapular is a sacramental, one of the many items set apart or blessed by the Church to inspire devotion and increase holiness. The Carmelite Order, to which the Scapular belongs, originated on Mt. Carmel in the Holy Land and the Scapular is itself a reflection in miniature of the habit which the monks wear as a sign of their vocation and devotion.

The Scapular consists of two small pieces of brown wool connected by string and worn over the shoulders. The Scapular must be brown, rectangular in shape and made of 100 percent lamb's wool (symbolic of Jesus, the Lamb of God). The strings connecting the pieces of wool may be of any color or material and pictures on the scapulars are optional. The Scapular must, however, be worn over the shoulders, one part in front and one in back.

The Scapular devotion was born on July 16, 1251 when Our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Simon Stock, general of the Carmelite Order, in response to his heartfelt prayers for assistance. Holding the Scapular before him, Our Lady spoke, saying:

“Take this Scapular. Whosoever dies wearing it shall not suffer eternal fire. It shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger and pledge of peace.”

This great promise was further magnified some eighty years later when the Queen of Heaven appeared to Jacques Duèze (later Pope John XXII) and told him that “those who have been invested with this Holy Habit will be delivered from Purgatory the first Saturday after their deaths.” This great secondary promise attached to the Scapular is called the Sabbatine (Saturday) Privilege and is based on a decree issued by John XXII in 1322 (and re-confirmed 400 years later by Pope Paul V). In our own century, Pope Benedict XV, as a sign of his approval, granted a 500-day indulgence each time the Scapular is kissed.

At its essence, the Scapular is a prayer in which Our Lady draws us nearer to the Sacred Heart of Her Divine Son. For over seven hundred years, the promise of the Scapular has been proven theologically sound and confirmed by miracles which the Blessed Claude de la Colombière has called “more numerous and authentic” than any other sacramental devotion.

If you are not enrolled in the scapular, ask one of the Fathers who will happily oblige.

Eight other Major Approved Marian Apparitions. Ever a call to prayer!

The Apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico

Mary appeared four times to Juan Diego in 1531 at Tepeyac hill near Mexico City. She proclaimed herself the spiritual mother of all mankind and left her miraculous image on Juan Diego's outer garment, his tilma. To this day Mexicans have a great devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Apparitions at Rue du Bac, Paris, France



Mary appeared to Catherine Labouré, in the chapel of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, at Rue du Bac in Paris, three times in 1830. She showed her the design of the the medal of the Immaculate Conception, the "Miraculous Medal." This medal, when propagated, helped to renew devotion to Our Lady, both in France and eventually around the world.

The Apparition at La Salette, France



Mary appeared to two children, Maximin Giraud, aged 11, and Mélanie Calvat, aged 14, in 1846, one afternoon while they were looking after the animals high up on the mountain. She appealed for penance and an end to Sabbath breaking and blasphemy. She also spoke of coming punishments for these sins, including crop blights and famine.

The Apparitions at Lourdes, France

In 1854, Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, aged 14, eighteen times at Lourdes in southern France, at the Grotto of Massabielle. She asked for penance and prayer for the conversion of sinners, and described herself as the "the Immaculate Conception." Lourdes is most famous for the miraculous spring which has been responsible for many cures recognised by the Church.



The Apparition at Knock, Ireland

Mary appeared at Knock, a small village in County Mayo, Ireland in August 1879. A number of villagers of diverse ages saw a silent apparition, which lasted about three hours, outside the gable end of the local church. They saw three figures, Mary, Joseph, and St John the Apostle, as well as a lamb on an altar and angels.



The Apparitions at Beauraing, Belgium

Mary appeared thirty-three times to a group of children in the winter of 1932-33 at Beauraing in Belgium, in a convent garden near a hawthorn tree. She described herself as "the Immaculate Virgin" and "Mother of God, Queen of Heaven," while calling for prayer for the conversion of sinners. Her message was simple: "Always be good. I will convert sinners. Pray, pray very much. Pray always."

The Apparitions at Banneux, Belgium

In 1933, Mary appeared eight times to Mariette Beco, aged 11, outside the family home at Banneux, a small village, in Belgium. She described herself as the "Virgin of the Poor," and promised to intercede for the poor, the sick and the suffering.



The Apparition at Pontmain, France

Mary appeared in the sky over the small town of Pontmain in north-western France to a group of young children for about three hours in January 1871, as the Franco-Prussian war was threatening the area. Her message appeared on a banner under her feet, and encouraged prayer while emphasising Jesus' love and concern. The village was spared invasion and all its solidiers returned home from the war safely.

1st Sunday of the month, after each mass, fathers and grandfathers are invited to pray the **Fathers' Prayer for Vocations** at the communion rail.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

DUE TO PRIEST SHORTAGE AND HOLIDAYS

From Sunday 14th July to Sunday 18th August inclusive, there will be a

SINGLE MASS AT 8AM ONLY.

This allows a single priest to officiate both in Burghclere and Woking when the need arises.

*Sat. 3rd August, 10am.
Sung Requiem Mass for Mr David Joseph Barke.*

Saturday 17th August Parish Labour Day



Jobs remaining:

- Laying a path through the Highgr. parking entrance and a small, paved recreational space for primary school.
- Fixing concrete fence posts between school and Highgr.
- Winter wood
- Painting, decorating
- Plumbing a new toilet (primary bathroom)
- Gardening and general maintenance.

BBQ: bring your burgers and salads. Open to ladies and gentlemen, young and just as young.

Sign-up please, to help with the planning.



Liturgical Calendar - Aug 2024 Confessions before Saturday and Sunday Masses & during 1st Friday Holy Hour.

1	St. Peter the Apostle in Chains	7:30
2	St. Alp. Liguori, Bp, Cf, Dr 1stFri. HolyHr 6pm	7:30 / 19:00
3	Sat of Our Lady (1st Sat.) Requiem 10am +	10:00/12:00
4	11th Sunday after Pentecost	08:00 only
	<i>2nd Collection/Prayers for Vocations</i>	18:00 Benediction
5	Dedication of St. Mary of the Snows	7:30
6	The Transfiguration of Our Lord	7:30
7	St. Cajetan, Confessor	7:30
8	St. Jean Marie Vianney, Confessor	7:30
9	Vigil of St. Laurence	7:30
10	St. Laurence, Deacon and Martyr	7:30 / 12:00
11	12th Sunday after Pentecost	08:00 only
		18:00 Benediction
12	St. Clare, Virgin	7:30
13	Feria	7:30
14	Vigil of the Assumption	7:30
15	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:30 / 19:00
16	St. Joachim, Father of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:30
17	St. Hyacinth, Confessor	7:30 / 12:00
18	13th Sunday after Pentecost	08:00 only
		18:00 Benediction
19	St. John Eudes, Confessor	7:30
20	St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot & Doctor	7:30
21	St. Jane Frances Fremiot de Chantal, Widow	7:30
22	Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:30 / 19:00
23	St. Philip Benize, Confessor	7:30
24	St. Bartholomew, Apostle	7:30 / 12:00
25	14th Sunday after Pentecost	7:30, 9:00
		18:00 Benediction
26	Feria	7:30
27	St. Joseph of Calasance, Confessor	7:30
28	St. Augustine, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor	7:30
29	The Beheading of St. John the Baptist	7:30
30	St. Rose of Lima, Virgin	7:30
31	St. Raymond Nonnatus, Confessor	7:30 / 12:00
1	15th Sunday after Pentecost	7:30, 9:00
		18:00 Benediction

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The ceilidh raffle for vestments raised £550! The ceilidh raised a further £540. **THANK YOU!**

With other donations added, the vestment fund currently stands at: ~~£2434~~ **£2986**

Target: £3700

(Chasuble, dalmatics, humeral veil)

Young Roman Catholics



Bristol Conference Weekend
16-18 August 2023