

Sunday 16th August 2020
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Gather Together...

Take time together as a family, find a quiet space, perhaps play some music, light a candle and sit comfortably.

Make the Sign of the Cross

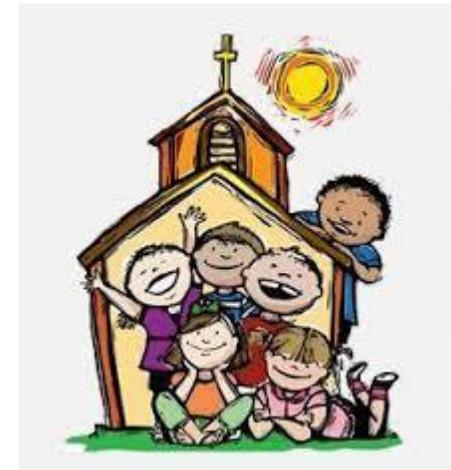
Listen Together...

Listen to this week's scripture, from the Gospel according to Luke...

After the Angel Gabriel had appeared to Mary, she set off to visit her cousin Elizabeth who was also expecting a baby.

When Elizabeth heard Mary arrive, the baby inside her jumped with joy and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth said to Mary, 'God has blessed you with a very special child and I am lucky to be visited by the Mother of my Lord!

Mary answered, 'My heart is full of gladness because God has chosen me and from this day onwards others will know I have been blessed by God. He has done mighty things for me and holy is his name. The Lord is forgiving and good; he takes care of the poor and feeds the hungry. He has remembered his promise to our people and will rescue them and lead them back to him.'



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Respond Together...

- What did God choose Mary to be? What words come into our minds when we think of Mary?
- We believe that Mary was born without any sin and that she was completely pure in body and spirit. She was ready to whatever God asked of her and to live a life full of goodness and love.
- Because Mary was so special, do you know what happened when the time came for her to go to heaven to join Jesus? Mary was taken up to be with Jesus in heaven like she has been on earth, body and soul together. Because of her sinless life and how much she loved God, Mary was taken up to be the Queen of Heaven.
- Why is Mary so important to us and the Church? Mary said 'yes' to God's plan. Because of that, Jesus was born, died on the cross and rose from the dead to save us all. She helped Jesus when he was young and stayed on earth after he died so that she could help the disciples. She was always there when people needed her help and she is always there for us today, ready to pray to God on our behalf and to ask him to help us.

Pray Together...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

