

First Reading: Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6.10

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

Response to Psalm: On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet - though when it is said that everything is subjected, this clearly cannot include the One who subjected everything to him.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-56

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy - according to the promise he made to our ancestors - of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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16th August 2009 –The Assumption

Saturday	6.30 pm	Mary Noonan RIP
Sunday	10.00 am 5.30 pm	Margaret Orrell RIP (Booton) At the Church on Oakwood For all Parishioners
Monday	7.00 pm	Elizabeth Ryan RIP (Ann.)
Tuesday	9.15 am	For the welfare of James and Dennis Rath
Wednesday	9.15 am 2.40 pm 7.00 pm	Mary Ward RIP (Ann.) At Markeaton Crematorium Funeral Service for Marie Alldread RIP Service of the Word and Holy Communion at the Church on Oakwood
Thursday	7.00 pm	Bridie Doran RIP (St Alban's School)
Friday	9.15 am	Pat and Kathleen Murphy RIP
Saturday	6.30 pm	Giovanna Adinolfi RIP (Ann.)
Sunday	10.00 am 5.30 pm	Antonietta and Salvatore Chiavazio RIP At the Church on Oakwood For all Parishioners

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: On request

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Marie Alldread who lived on Albert Road whose funeral takes place on Wednesday.

Remember Jimmy Walsh and Dennis Hargan who are both making good progress in hospital.

Congratulations to Sharon Bates and Andy Barry and Bernadette McCauley and Kenny Betts who recently got married here at St Alban's.

THANK YOU ALL

For welcoming Fr Joel Nwalozie for the three weekends I was away on holiday. My thanks to Peter Peek and Joe Hunt who especially looked after him and the three families who invited him to Sunday lunch. Thanks to Susanna Aitchison, Di Reid and Sue Lewis who led the weekday Services of the Word and Holy Communion.

DECORATING THE WEEKDAY CHAPEL

There was a design fault (no ventilation!) which has resulted in the paintwork becoming very dirty because of the candle smoke. Walter Stone has kindly offered to lead a team to redecorate the room beginning on **Tuesday 1 September. Can you help him?** If you could give a morning, afternoon or evening we would be very grateful. All materials will be provided and for that week we shall celebrate weekday mass in the main church. Phone Walter on 671148 or see me if you can help.

MISSION

This is the new name for the Association for the Propagation of the Faith. They have sent me a receipt for your donations (through the Red Boxes) of £127.10. It's on the notice board.

ROSARY RALLY

This Sunday, 16th August, at Grace Dieu Manor near Loughborough. It begins at 3 pm with mass celebrated by Fr Robert O'Callaghan. Prayers for peace in the world and young people. See notice on board or contact Des O'Reilly on 01530 83446.

MASS INTENTIONS

I'm fairly booked up for the weekends of the next month but have lots of availability on the weekdays for any special intentions you might like to make. You'll find envelopes on the table in the porch.

200 CLUB AUGUST WINNERS

Thanks to everyone who supports the monthly draw.

This month's winners are:

No 64 Esther Murphy (my mum!)

No. 89 Nora Adams

No 40 Christine Measures

Thank you all for your support.

DERBY LIFE GROUP

Derby LIFE has recently moved to No 61 Green Lane, Derby. Their Care Centre is on the first floor, where free pregnancy testing, counselling for crisis pregnancy etc is carried out. On the ground floor they have opened a new Charity Shop offering clothes, music, books, toys, bric-a-brac etc.

Derby LIFE are looking for volunteers to help run this new Charity Shop. If you can spare a few hours a week, please contact Margaret on 01332 516409.

Donations of good quality items wanted for sale.

COLLECTIONS

19th July £779.62

26th July £774.08

2nd August £630.39

9th August £835.69

Thank you all for your financial support.

I recently revisited the standing orders and noticed that they gone down slightly to approximately £150. This is due to deaths, moving house and personal circumstances changing. Anyone wanting to pay their weekly collection by standing order just take one of the slips on the porch table.

COUNTERS NEXT WEEK: R & R Adinolfi