



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the Assumption Parish, are a Community of Faith with a Vision to build Our Parish into a Vibrant “Community of Communities” Serving Humanity and in doing so, enable each parishioner to enrich his or her Spiritual Life in Communion with Christ.

Sunday – 10th May 2020 - 5th Sunday of Easter – Year A
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Theme of the Sunday: The many ways of giving up one’s Life. The central theme of today’s readings is the “many rooms” present in the house of the Father, that is, the many ways we can help each other. In the gospel Jesus says that the way to the Father is the service of our brothers and sisters. The second reading uses the image of a new building and the first reading describes how the community of Jerusalem solved a problem. Both readings help us to deepen our understanding of the message.

The Gospel of this fifth Sunday of Easter, proposed a twofold commandment of faith: **to believe in God and to believe in Jesus.** In fact, the Lord said to his disciples: **“Believe in God, believe also in me”** (Jn 14:1). They are not two separate acts but **one single act of faith**, full adherence to salvation wrought by God the Father through his Only-begotten Son. The New Testament puts an end to the Father’s invisibility. God has shown his face, as Jesus’s answer to the Apostle Philip Confirms: **“He who has seen me has seen the Father”** (Jn 14:9). With his Incarnation, death and Resurrection, the Son of God has freed us from the slavery of sin to give us the freedom of the children of God and he has shown us the face of God, **which is love:** God can be seen, he is visible in Christ. (Pope Benedict XVI)

May is the month of Our Lady

Whilst we are unable to publicly attend Mass or proclaim our devotion to the Mother of God, we are encouraged to increase our Devotion to Our Lady privately throughout the month of May. If you do not already have one, why not erect a shrine to Our Lady in your home. This only requires a worthy image or Statue, some candles, flowers etc. make our Blessed Mother a focus during this lockdown, asking frequently for her Intercession, Protection and Assistance, and above all pray the Rosary daily for deliverance from the coronavirus pandemic and the reopening of our churches and end to the lockdown

Our Lady of the Assumption, pray for us.



Please join our Parish Facebook Group *Assumption Parish Umbilo* and log onto website: [assumptiondurban.org](http://www.assumptiondurban.org) in order to keep up to date with any Parish announcements.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	09 May	Intentions of the Parish
Sunday	10 May	Stella Vere RIP – Yvonne and Dot
Weekday Masses		
Monday	11 May	Ed and Merle Barth RIP – Joan and Monica
Tuesday	12 May	Deceased Oblates – Fr Zibonele Marline Meyers RIP - Cheryllynn
Wednesday	13 May	
Thursday	14 May	
Friday	15 May	
Saturday	16 May	Oblates Intentions – Cheryllynn
Sunday	17 May	Intentions of the Parish

Dear fellow Parishioners. Peace be with you!

Today marks the 43rd day of an unprecedented lockdown in our country as we fight the Covid-19 pandemic. Many challenges are arising now with massive job losses, hunger and uncertain future. It is been a long time since we have been able to meet as a Parish Community of **Our Lady of the Assumption**, all worshipping, sharing, caring and laughing together. During these times we have been unable to do this, but I am sure we are still each other’s hearts and minds. We need to continue to be strong in prayer and hope that Jesus our Saviour, with the help of His Blessed Mother will pull us all through. We hope that soon, some semblance of a new normality will return to all our lives. In the meantime we miss you all very much and look forward to being together soon. **Love to all, Robbie Prior and PPC Team**



Thank you to all who remain faithful to their stewardship commitment and are continuing to make offerings to the Parish during this painful period of the church closure. If you are able to make a contribution to the ongoing upkeep of our parish, please ensure when doing an EFT or deposit, to endorse your name and what it is for, as well as when booking mass intentions. Father continues to say mass daily for the parish and your intentions. Please **email** umbilo@aod.org.za or **whatsapp message** 0834271628 your intention request. **Banking details:** First National Bank, Durban Main Branch; Account Name: Assumption Catholic Parish / or Archdiocese of Durban; Account Number: 50844493995 Branch Code: 221426



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