

St. Mary's, Waterloo Park

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16th August

**The Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(St Mary's Patronal Festival)**

Welcome!

The Collect

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading, Revelation 11.19-12.6, 10

Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail. A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can

be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

Second Reading, *Galatians 4.4-7*

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gospel, *Luke 1.46-55*

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Post Communion

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Intercessions

The World: For peace in all areas of conflict in the world. For those affected by fires, floods and earthquakes. For emergency workers working in disaster areas. For refugees, asylum seekers and agencies that help them. For good stewardship of the earth and its resources.

The Church: The unity of all Christians everywhere. Archbishops Stephen and Sarah, Bishop Ruth, Bishop Simon, Archdeacon Pete. Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, and local ecumenical partners.

The Diocese: Christ Church Toxteth Park, St Michael in the Hamlet with St Andrew, St. Philemon Toxteth, St Silas CE Primary School, Holy Trinity Wavertree, Wavertree CE Primary, Liverpool Bluecoat School, St Bridget & St Thomas Wavertree, Lawrence Community Primary School, St Mary Wavertree.

For those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: Hewie, Graham Forrest, Olga Gregor, Jess Farrell, Edith Keeton, Joy Billington, Revd. Gregor Cuff, Vic Mungur.

The recently departed: Angie Price, Ron Kynaston.

For the departed remembered at this time: Josephine Cox, Ernest Edwards, Margaret Gallant, Jane Edwards, George White, Charles Sutherland, Ada Aspinall, Dorothy Taylor, Thomas & Anne Dixon, Betty Chadderton, Roland Byrnes, Rev. Charles Pennell.

Notices

- **Bingo at St Faith's Parish Hall:** Friday 4th September, doors open at 12:30pm and bingo starts at 1:00pm prompt. Tickets are £5 which include free tea, coffee and biscuits, in aid of St Faith's church funds and Plaza Cinema.

- **Cultivate:** We warmly welcome you to one of the following six-week Cultivate courses:-
 - Mondays 7pm -9pm, starting on 5th October at St Nicholas, Blundellsands
 - Thursdays 1pm – 3pm, starting on 8th October at St John & St James, Bootle

Services at St Mary's	
This Sunday 10:30am, St Mary's Patronal Festival The Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Louis Johnson The Revd. Jennifer Brady
Monday-Thursday, 4.30pm Evening Prayer	
Wednesday, 9:30am Eucharist	Louis Johnson
Next Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	Peter Walker Peter Cowley

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