

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*A great sign appeared in heaven:
a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.*

Or

*Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of the Virgin Mary,
at whose Assumption the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.*

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son,
body and soul into heavenly glory,
grant, we pray,
that, always attentive to the things that are above,
we may merit to be sharers of her glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant
was seen within his temple.

And a great sign 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
pains and the agony of giving birth. And another sign appeared
in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten
horns, and on his heads seven diadems. His tail swept down a
third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the
dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so
that when she bore her child he might devour it. She gave birth to
a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but
her child was caught up to God and to his throne, and the woman
fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God.

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, 'Now the salvation
and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his
Christ have come.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 45(44):10. 11. 12. 16. R. 10b

R: On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

1. The daughters of kings are those whom you favour.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. *R.*
2. Listen, O daughter; pay heed and give ear:
forget your own people and your father's house. *R.*
3. So will the king desire your beauty.
He is your lord, pay homage to him. *R.*
4. They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king. *R.*

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the
first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came
death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For
as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But
each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming

those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers
the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and
every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all
his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is
death. For 'God has put all things in subjection under his feet.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

Mary has been taken up into heaven;
the host of angels rejoice.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 1:39-56

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country,
to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and
greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary,
the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the
Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you
among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is
this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?
For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the
baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed
that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from
the Lord.'

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices
in God my Saviour, for he has looked on the humble estate of
his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me
blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and
holy is his name. And 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 mighty from their thrones and exalted those of
humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the
rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in
remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham
and to his offspring for ever.' And Mary remained with her about
three months and returned to her home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation, our tribute of homage,
rise up to you, O Lord,
and, through the intercession of the most Blessed Virgin Mary,
whom you assumed into heaven,
may our hearts, aflame with the fire of love,
constantly long for you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*All generations will call me blessed,
for he who is mighty has done great things for me.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the Sacrament of salvation,
we ask you to grant, O Lord,
that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
whom you assumed into heaven,
we may be brought to the glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sunday Message

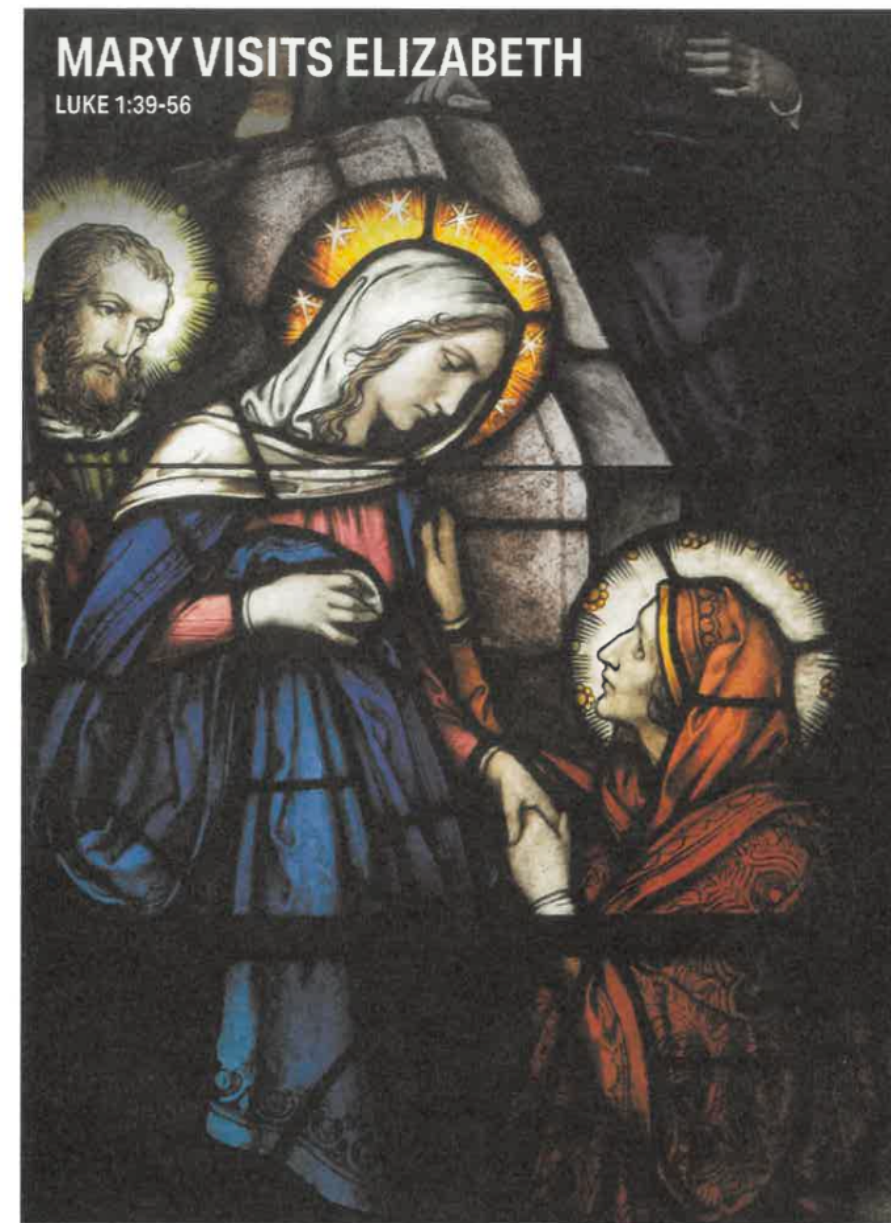
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

THE WORD

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MARY VISITS ELIZABETH

LUKE 1:39-56



Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, who is also miraculously expecting a child. Elizabeth hears Mary's greeting and the child in her womb leaps, and Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit. She acknowledges Mary's blessedness and the divine life growing within her.

Mary's response, the Magnificat, is a hymn of praise that reflects deep insight and personal humility. She exalts God for his mighty deeds, mercy, and faithfulness to Israel, recognising that God lifts the lowly, fills the hungry, and scatters the proud. Mary's words echo Old Testament themes, particularly Hannah's song in 1 Samuel, connecting God's work in her life to God's ongoing plan for salvation.

Luke emphasises the intimate cooperation of Mary with God's will. Her humility, openness, and joy provide a model of discipleship. The Gospel also highlights the role of community: Elizabeth's recognition encourages Mary's faith, showing that God often works through human relationships. The Visitation and the Magnificat invite readers to respond with praise, trust, and an awareness of God's action in the world. ■

REFLECT

The Feast of the Assumption celebrates Mary being taken, body and soul, into heaven. It is a reminder of the destiny God offers to all who live in faith and love. Mary's life, reflected in the Visitation and the Magnificat, shows complete surrender to God's will, profound humility, and joyful service to others. Her Assumption is the crown of that faithful life, a sign of hope for all who follow Christ.

For us, this feast calls us to reflect on our own journey. It invites us to live with openness to God, trusting that even our ordinary acts of love and obedience have eternal significance. Just as Mary's life was marked by praise, care for others, and faithfulness, we too are called to cultivate hearts attuned to God's presence, attentive to the needs around us, and willing to say "yes" in our daily lives.

The Assumption also reassures us that God's plan for humanity is one of fulfilment and glory. It encourages us to persevere through life's struggles, keeping our eyes on the promise of eternal life and striving to reflect Mary's humility, faith, and joy in our own lives. ■

SAY

Mary, Mother of God,
help us to follow your example of
faith, humility, and love.
Guide us to say "yes" to God in our
daily lives and to live with hope in his
promise of eternal life.
Amen.

LEARN

The Church teaches that Mary, preserved from sin and taken body and soul into heaven, is a sign of the destiny God offers all who live in faith. Her Assumption reminds us of the hope of eternal life and calls us to live in holiness and trust in God's plan.

DO

Today, take a moment to reflect on Mary's "yes" to God and consider one way you can say "yes" in your own life – a small act of kindness, service, or trust in God.



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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – Year A			
Saturday 15 th Aug	4 – 4.40pm	Confessions	Klaus Säring RIP
	5.00pm	Mass	
Sunday 16 th August 2026	9am	Mass	Pro Populo
	11am	Mass	Late Mrs Edith Walton (Anniversary)
Monday 17 th Aug	12 Noon	Mass	Frances Staniforth RIP (Anniversary)
Tuesday 18 th Aug	9am	Mass	Captain Neville Browne RN (Anniversary)
Wednesday 19 th Aug	12 Noon	Mass	William Noone RIP
Friday 21 st Aug	11.30am	Exposition	Jenny McGrory (Birthday)
	12 Noon	Mass <i>St Pius X, Pope</i>	

Recent deaths:

Mass intentions received for Lately Dead: Barbara Stitt, Penny Whitehouse

Please remember in prayer all those who have died this week, may they rest in peace.
Please pray for all the sick of the Parish and those for whom Mass is offered this week
and those whose anniversaries occurs at this time

REGULAR EVENTS

APF Red Mission – Michael Brennan
Presbytery 01423 504988

Children's Liturgy - Suzanne Walker

9am Choir & 11am Choir
Presbytery 01423 504988

Churches Flower team – Sue Greveson
Presbytery 01423 504988

Gift Aid – Richard Boscoe
office.strobert@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Mary's Angels Parent & Toddler Group -
1st & 3rd Mondays -
Katherine 01423 734828

Mothers' Prayers - meetings held
fortnightly. Jackie Tevlin 01423 529035

Parish Centre bookings
Office.strobert@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Phoenix (Bereavement Support) -
Presbytery 01423 504988

Piety Stall - Caroline Walker
office.strobert@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Safeguarding Representative (Parish)
Mick Hopwood
psr.mhopwood@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

St Robert's Brownies - Wed 5.30-7.15
Sarah Mansfield 01423 566651

St Vincent de Paul Society - Mon 6pm
07442485316

St Robert's Walking Group - Second
Thurs of the month, contact George
Marczak 07905820864

St John Fisher - Mr S Mott
01423 887254

St Robert's Primary - Miss J Collins
01423 504730

St Roberts Club: open Mon-Fri from 7pm
(or by arrangement)

200 Club - Caroline Walker
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UPCOMING EVENTS
This is not a full list and just gives a little
advance notice of events coming up.

AUG
23rd – Pet's Blessing Service
26th – Loss Support Café

SEP
7th & 21st – Mary's Angels
9th & 23rd – Loss Support Café
27th – New Parishioners welcome event

OCT
7th & 21st – Loss Support Café
18th – Baptism Mass
– Apologia

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH FINANCIALLY The most popular way of ensuring that the Parish benefits from whatever regular giving you can afford, and where possible, ensuring Gift Aid is claimed (at no extra cost to you) is by Standing Order. Forms can be accessed by clicking the link below, picking up a form at the back of church or simply set up via your own banking facilities.:
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A warm welcome to Mass this weekend and a special welcome to our visitors
Do join us for refreshments after Mass

With very grateful thanks for your generous donations to the Parish.

Copies of the **Annual Financial Statement** for the year ended 31 March 2026 are available in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Caroline in the Presbytery in the first instance. We will respond to your queries as quickly as possible.

The **Journey in Faith** group is open to seekers already attending Mass at St Robert's and who wish to be accompanied on their journey of discovery to find out what God is calling them to. The group tends to meet on a Tuesday evening a couple of times a month and, while we follow a programme of instruction, it's a relaxed programme which fosters questions and the chance to make new friends. In past years, most of those attending Journey in Faith have discerned their calling and been received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. If you would like to know more, please speak with Fr Simon after Mass.

Loss Support Café - Grief is a heavy burden to carry alone. This is a relaxed, welcoming drop-in where you can talk about loss or just sit with others who understand. Volunteer hosts are here to listen, not to diagnose or advise. You're welcome whether your loss was recent or years ago. The sessions will run fortnightly with the next one being, Wednesday 26th August in the parish centre. Tea, coffee and cake will be provided.

All parishioners at St Roberts **who are new to the parish in the past two years** are invited to a welcome event in the parish centre starting at 4pm on Sunday 27th September. Fr Simon, our parish administrator Caroline, members of the parish pastoral council and others involved in parish activities will be present to explain various aspects of parish life and to answer any questions you may have. Refreshments will be provided. Children welcome, of course!

Strengthen your body while deepening your prayer life! Join us for **SoulCore**—a unique experience combining functional core exercises and stretching with the prayers of the Holy Rosary. All ages and fitness levels are welcome. When: **Mondays at 9:30 AM (Starting September 21st)** in the Parish Hall. For questions, contact Christine at 07379183980 to be added to the group for updates on classes.

APF Mill Hill Missions Please could Red Box holders bring your Box to St Robert's before 6th September 2026 and leave it in the sacristy. The boxes will be emptied during this period and the money sent to APF/Mill Hill. Your Red Box will be available for collection in the sacristy after 13th September 2026. The next Red Box collection will be in November 2026. The latest Missio magazine is now available for collection in the narthex.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham Saturday 26th September – We are joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. The coach will depart Harrogate at 6.15am arriving in time for Mass at 12 noon, followed by procession along the Holy Mile and Benediction in the Abbey grounds. (For pilgrims who are unable to walk the Holy Mile, there will be transport available to drop you off in the Abbey grounds for Benediction). We expect to return to Harrogate about 10pm. Please bring a packed lunch. On the return journey, we are hoping to stop by the seaside for fish and chips. The cost is £35 per person (including fish and chips). For further details or to book a place, please email Caroline office.strobert@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

There is a collection box **near the Baptistry** for donations of tinned and packet food, as well as toiletries, for **Harrogate Foodbank**. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Mass prayers and responses – if you need some guidance on the responses during mass there is a sheet available at the back of church. The Nicene Creed is affixed to the inside front cover of the hymn books for easier reference during Mass.

Bishop Marcus and the Diocesan Trustees are still seeking volunteers as independent members to join a newly established Audit and Risk Committee. The commitment is four meetings a year. This would be a two-to-three year commitment as discussions and consultations about bringing together the Dioceses of Leeds, Middlesbrough and Hallam progress; and would be of great value in a process of unification. We are seeking those who have skills or experience in the areas of Audit, Risk, Finance and Governance. For further information please contact Carla Stockton-Jones, Trustee: carla.stockton-jones@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or Mgr Andrew Summersgill, Moderator of the Curia andrew.summersgill@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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