

Assumption 2026

For he who is mighty has done great things for me

Today we are celebrating the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This is perhaps Europe's traditional focus upon the Mother of God

The role of Mary the mother of Jesus is difficult to over emphasise

This status brings with it dangerous temptations to distance revelation from practical daily life

When the Angel visited Mary she was simply a girl preparing for marriage

When the Angel visited this women of profound faith, there was deep humility

We in Europe have crowned statues

We have developed the prayers and practices and novenas

We have on occasion presented this Handmaid of the Lord as being super human

However, one of the greatest gifts of the creative love of God is that this woman was human

Christianity is a faith of aspiration

Christianity proclaims and defends the amazing dignity inherent in our nature

Christianity teaches that from the atomic dust, and particles the miracle of Gods love creates you and me. Those who have gone before us. Those yet to come.

In the same way that God created from the atomic dust, and particles Mary the Mother of God

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The aspiration

The opportunities

The possibilities

The hope

Is in this girl demonstrated to be as infinite as the creative power of Gods Holy Spirit

However all of it begins with the truth of humility

For he who is mighty has done great things for me

By birth, by baptism, by rite you too are called to such dignity

This human vocation needs to be seen practically

There is in popular language of our daily life the ridiculous phrase, and excuse

He, or she is only human

To be human

In the understanding of our faith

Is to recognise no limitation

Humility is truth

With that truth I deal with the day to day

That may mean no more than visiting family, visiting Elizabeth

That may mean little more than faithful care in the home in Nazareth

From such a basis my humanity is capable of infinite goodness

From such a place I can ascend to heaven

You share your humanity with the Blessed Virgin Mary

You share your humanity with Christ Jesus himself

To be human is to be of infinite potential

It is part of the Roman Catholic creed to believe in yourself

Believe in yourself