



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Oratory – Mackay

Serviced by the Priests of the Society of St Pius X

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Dear Faithful,

Our Lady Assumed into Heaven

The month of August lifts our hearts from the passing things of earth to the everlasting joys of Heaven. At its centre stands the glorious feast of the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, celebrated on 15 August. On this day, the Church solemnly teaches that, at the end of her earthly life, the Immaculate Mother of God was taken up, body and soul, into heavenly glory.

Our Lady's Assumption was the fitting completion of a life wholly united to Jesus Christ. She had been preserved from original sin in her Immaculate Conception; she had given the Son of God His sacred humanity; she had followed Him faithfully from Bethlehem to Calvary; and she had stood beneath the Cross, offering Him with a mother's sorrow for the salvation of mankind. It was therefore fitting that her most pure body, which had been the living tabernacle of the Incarnate Word, should not undergo the corruption of the tomb.

The Assumption reminds us that our Catholic Faith concerns not only the salvation of the soul, but also the resurrection of the body. At the end of the world, our bodies will rise again and be reunited with our souls. Our Lady already possesses, in anticipation, that glory which the faithful children of God hope one day to receive. She is therefore a beautiful sign of Christian hope: where our Mother has gone, her faithful children are called to follow.

The Assumption is a **Holy Day of Obligation in Australia**. Catholics are bound to assist at Holy Mass, unless excused by a serious reason, and should sanctify the day by prayer, rest from unnecessary work, and acts of devotion to Our Lady. We should not regard this obligation as a burden, but as a joyful privilege. Holy Mother Church summons us to leave worldly distractions behind and to honour the Queen who reigns beside her Divine Son.

Let us prepare for the feast by making a good Confession, receiving Holy Communion with devotion, praying the Rosary, and renewing our consecration to the Blessed Virgin. Let us also ask ourselves whether our hearts are truly directed towards Heaven. We were not created merely to acquire possessions, seek comfort, or obtain earthly success. We were created to know, love, and serve God here, and to possess Him forever hereafter.

O Mary, assumed into Heaven, draw our hearts away from sin. Teach us purity, humility, fidelity, and perseverance. Obtain for us the grace to live as true children of God, so that, after faithfully carrying our crosses on earth, we may rejoice with thee eternally in Heaven. **Queen assumed into Heaven, pray for us!**

Fr Mwangi

Mass Times: Masses will be celebrated at Newhaven Crematorium Chapel,
218 Harbour Road, Mackay

Confession time: 60 minutes before Mass and **finishing 5 minutes before the Mass starting time.**

Rosary: 30 minutes before Mass.

Sat 1st	First Saturday	6.00pm
Sun 2nd	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	9.00am
	<i>(Second Collection the District Education Fund)</i>	

Sun 16th	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	6.30pm
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Notices

Month of August: August is the Month of the Assumption. The Litany of Our Lady the will be said after the Rosary.

Feast Days 15th – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin (**Holy Day of Obligation**)
22nd – Immaculate Heart of Mary

Ignatian Retreats NSW, Holy Cross Parish, Goulburn
Ladies' Retreat: 12th - 17th October 2026
Applications via the link:
<https://sspx.au/en/retreats-holy-cross-parish-31177>

Marriage Recollection: Holy Cross Parish is holding a Marriage Weekend retreat for couples on the 21st and 22nd November 2026. Meals and accommodation are provided. Infants in arms permitted. Cost: \$100 per couple. Contact Holy Cross on (02) 48295177, or email at goulburn@sspx.au or use the link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/ycten8h>

Eucharistic Crusade: Parents wishing to enrol their children (7 to 15 years) are to contact Fr Mwangi on 0490 435 984 or j.mwangi@fsspx.email

First Collection: The first collection covers the day to day expenses of the Society such as flights for the priests to and from Brisbane. People wishing to direct deposit their first collection can do so as per instructions below.

Second Collection: This collection **is for the Mackay Building Fund** which will go towards the purchasing of a Church. People wishing to direct deposit this donation can do so as per the instructions below. Please continue praying that a suitable place will be found.

Bank Account Details

1ST Collection: Church Account: Society of St Pius X
BSB 014-295 Account No. 2597-10714

2ND Collection: Building and Improvements Fund
BSB 014-141 Account No. 2727-32619

Ref: Your initial, surname and MKY (e.g. JBROWNMKY)

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