

16th August 2026 – St Mary

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. **Amen.**

Galatians 4.4-7 - 9am

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.

Psalm 133 – 10.30am

Behold how good and pleasant it is
to dwell together in unity.
It is like the precious oil upon the head,
running down upon the beard,
Even on Aaron's beard,
running down upon the collar of his clothing.
It is like the dew of Hermon
running down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has promised his blessing:
even life for evermore.

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. **Amen**

Readings for the week ahead:

Monday 17th August

Psalms 80, 82; 2 Samuel 3.12-end; Acts 6.

Tuesday 18th August

Psalms 87, 89.1-18; 2 Samuel 5.1-12;
Acts 7.1-16.

Wednesday 19th August

Psalm 119.105-128; 2 Samuel 6.1-19;
Acts 7.17-43.

Thursday 20th August

Psalms 90, 92; 2 Samuel 7.1-17; Acts 7.44-53.

Friday 21st August

Psalms 88; 2 Samuel 7.18-end; Acts 7.54-8.3.

Saturday 22nd August

Psalms 96, 97, 100; 2 Samuel 9; Acts 8.4-25.