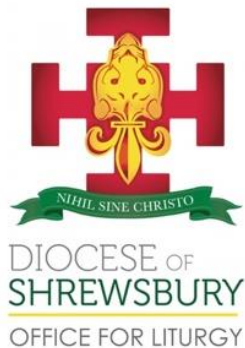


Blessed by his most Sacred Heart  
Blessed be his most Precious Blood  
Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the altar  
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete  
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy  
Blessed be her holy and immaculate conception  
Blessed be her glorious assumption  
Blessed be the name of Mary, virgin and mother  
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her spouse most chaste  
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints



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## A Visit to the Blessed Sacrament



The Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Reflection Resource



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**Stillness:** As we approach the Lord in the Tabernacle we make the Sign of the Cross.

**Preparation:** we open our hearts to the Lord and make a prayer of preparation.

*O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Invocation:** Make an Act of Spiritual Communion.

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

**Read:** Meditate on the Gospel of Luke 1:39-56

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit

from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

**Intercession:** We place before the Lord the desires of our hearts. Pray for the Holy Father, for Bishop Mark and the clergy of our diocese, for vocations to the priesthood, for those who are sick, for your own personal needs, and for those who have died.

**Thanksgiving:** In thanksgiving we pray the Divine Praises.

Blessed be God

Blessed be his holy name

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man

Blessed be the name of Jesus