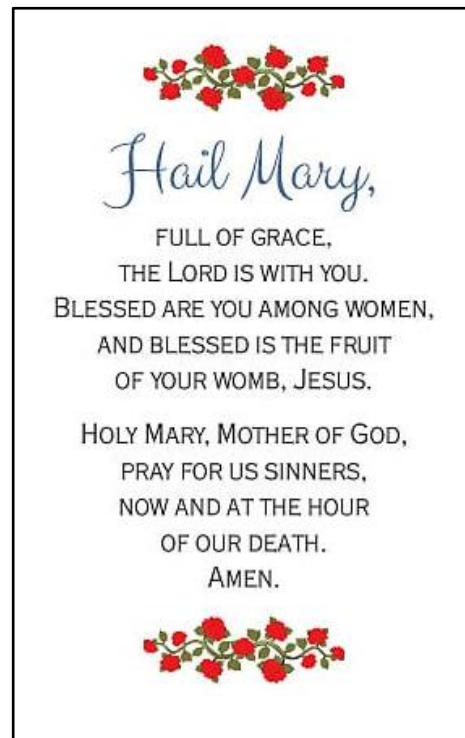


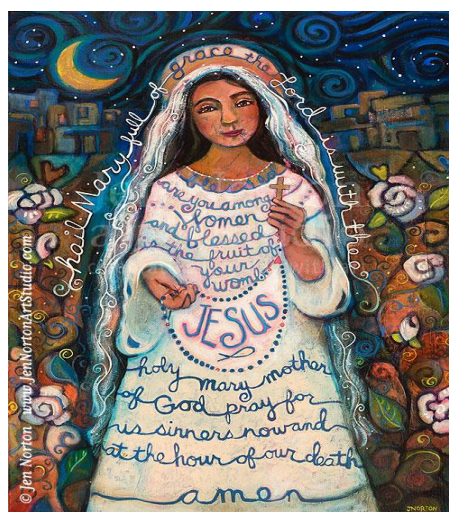
## The Assumption of Mary

- The Catholic Church recognises and celebrates the specialness of Jesus' mother Mary.
- Catholics celebrate the Feast of the Assumption on August 15 each year.
- Mary gave her entire life to God, listening to God's message and saying "Yes" even when it was going to make her life very difficult.
- The Assumption celebrates Mary being welcomed into God's presence.
- The Catholic Church recognises Mary's service and her whole hearted self-giving through this special feast day.
- The Feast of the Assumption gives people a chance to remember and celebrate the role that Mary played in Jesus' life and mission – to teach about the love of God and love for others.



- ❖ What types of things can you say “Yes” to, that will show your love for others?
- ❖ At other times, in order to be more like Mary and her son, Jesus, you might need to say “No” to things. What types of things do you need to say “No” to so that you live more like Mary?
- ❖ Here are some qualities of Mary, as shown in Scripture.

Brave
Open hearted
Curious
Determined
Strong
Resilient



- ❖ Can you think of any other qualities?
- ❖ Do you share any of Mary’s qualities? Which ones and how?
- ❖ How could you be more like Mary?
- ❖ What questions would you like to ask Mary?
- ❖ Draw your favourite story about Mary from the Bible.
- ❖ Write an ACROSTIC Poem about Mary.  
Remember, the words you choose, need to be about Mary. Here’s an example!!

**M**other  
**brA**ve  
**caR**ing  
**alwaYs** open to God’s message



**This reading about Mary is taken from the Gospel according to John (John 19:26-27).**

*When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.*



Jesus' mum, Mary, is referred to by many different names. The Catholic Church calls her Mother Mary because when Jesus died he asked her to be a mother to his beloved disciple. When we follow Jesus' example, we are his beloved disciples too, so Mary continues doing what Jesus asked her to do, to be our mother.

- ❖ What does a mother do?
- ❖ Create a 'Wordle' with all of the things that you think a mother does for her child.
- ❖ Pray the 'Hail Mary'. Can you write your own prayer about Mary?
- ❖ Watch the clip of some school children signing the [Hail Mary](#). See if you can learn the Hail Mary in sign language.



## How is the Feast of the Assumption celebrated around the world?

In some countries around the world the Feast of the Assumption is called Assumption Day and is celebrated as a public holiday.

Assumption Day is a public holiday in many European countries such as Austria, Belgium, Croatia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain and Switzerland.

- Find 5 of these countries on a map of Europe, colour them in and label them.
- Look up the flag for each of these countries and copy it down.
- Select one of these countries and investigate how they celebrate Assumption Day.
- See if you can find a copy of the Hail Mary in the language of your selected country. Are any of the words the same as the English version?

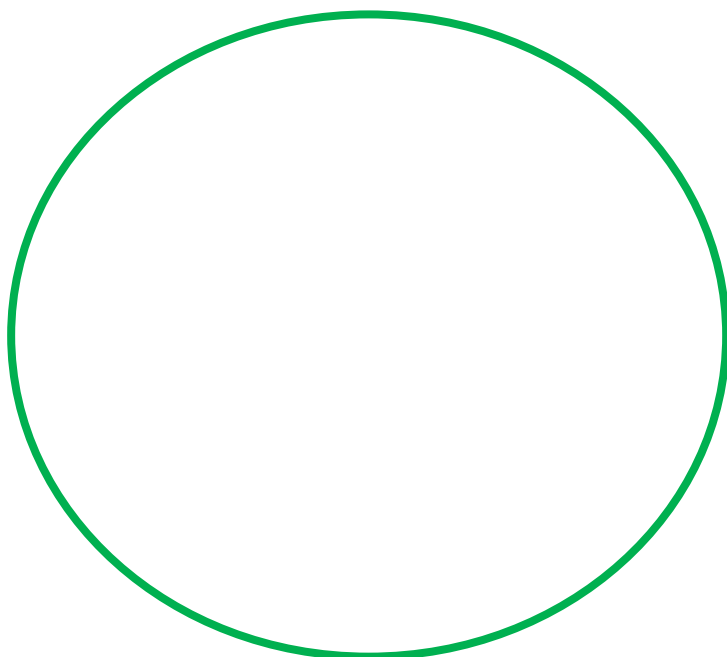
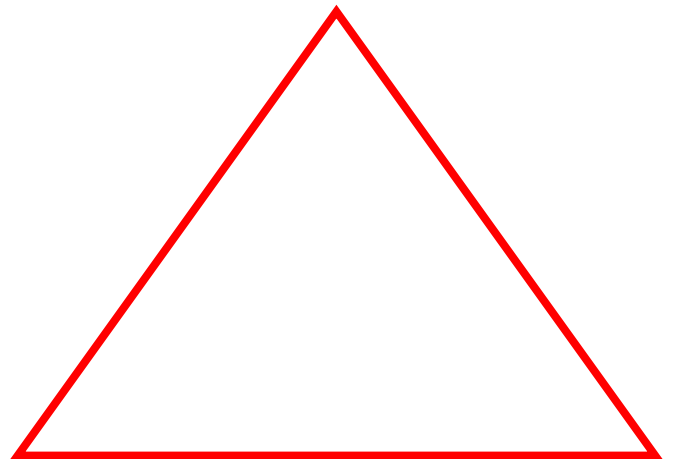


## Shape Up Your Thinking about Mary



Ideas that 'square up' (align or agree with) with your thinking....

Ideas that have 'come to the top' of your thinking  
(New ideas which have emerged) ....



Questions/ concerns/ possibilities that are 'going around' in your head...

