

Feast of the Assumption



Annual Feast Day

Melbourne Schoenstatt Family

Hymn A Marian Hymn of your choice.

Prayer

We are united in the shrine
where the flames of our hearts
beat for our Mother Thrice Admirable
who, through us, wants to build your kingdom.

Let us glow like brands of fire
and joyfully go forth to the nations,
giving witness to redemption
and jubilantly leading all people to the Triune God.¹

Reflection

Today, on our special Feastday, we spiritually unite with each other as Schoenstatt Family in Melbourne and spiritually visit our Shrine, our cherished place, with hearts full of gratitude. We remember that 21 years ago our Mother Thrice Admirable took up her throne anew in our Shrine at Kew and, throughout these years, has interceded for us countless graces from there. She has drawn “youthful hearts to herself” as she has promised.

Today she challenges us anew to eagerly bring many people from many nations, including youth and children, to her Shrine.

¹ Heavenwards, Morning Prayer. Pgs 15, 17

To remind us of our unity and as a symbol of the light that Christ brings to all as the risen Lord, let us join together and **light a candle in our altars or Home Shrines** as we pray for each other and our community.

Dear Mother Thrice Admirable, we stand in the light of this candle and **entrust to your special care all whom we have prayed for during the past nine weeks of our novena.** We also remember especially the people of our city and State who are at present suffering from the Corona Virus Pandemic in an extraordinary way, but indeed all those in our country and the whole world who are helpless in the face of this Pandemic.

May we always stand in the light of the Covenant of Love, which our founder and the founding generation, made with you, more than a hundred years ago.

Reading:

We listen to words of Fr. Kentenich

“For the whole Church, for the Mother of God herself, Mary’s assumption means her solemn crowning. Thus we are not unjustified in interpreting the meaning of the feast in these terms: on this day the Mother of God was lifted up over all the choirs of angels. There she stands next to the throne of Christ. The two are now the great regents of the world, although our Lady is obviously infinitely below

Christ, the King, and yet she has been drawn extremely close to him.

The Mother of God is truly a Queen. She is a Queen in the kingdom of mercy, in the kingdom of kindness, through her intercession, that is to say, she is regal in her intercessory power because she is the Queen-Mother. She may and must prove again and again that she is the suppliant omnipotence in our needs, our economic as well as our religious-moral needs. ... She can achieve everything with her Son through her intercession. She will glorify herself.

To choose the Mother of God to be the Queen of our hearts means allowing ourselves to be formed by her like soft wax. If my heart belongs to someone, my whole personality belongs to that person. I surrender myself unconditionally to the Mother and Queen of my heart. She is now my great educator, my motherly Queen and my queenly Mother.”
(Taken from “Sign of Light for the World” J. Kentenich)

You may also wish to watch the video for the Assumption on Schoenstatt Australia YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBRI6fXivJauklFAg0AKQvg>

Prayer

Father, we believe that you are with us 'from heaven' as you promised. Go with us into the new year of our mission from your Shrine.

Blessed Mother, we thank you for the Covenant of Love and ask you to continue to draw many hearts to yourself. Guide us as we face a 'new normal' following the present pandemic and show us that nothing is impossible with God, nothing is impossible when you intercede for us in our Shrine. May we always be conscious of bringing you our contributions to the Capital of Grace as our gift of gratitude in the Covenant.

Pray the Fourth Glorious Mystery – The Assumption

Just as you accompanied Our Lord in this life
and lived and loved and suffered with him,
so, at the completion of your life,
he takes you body and soul into heaven.

With my whole heart I share in your happiness
and pray that the world may enjoy a similar fate.²

Our Father ...
Hail Mary (ten times) ...
Glory Be ...

² Heavenwards; prayers by J Kentenich; Schoenstatt Office; Lauds pg. 101

RENEWAL OF THE COVENANT OF LOVE

Before we renew our Covenant of Love and exchange our hearts with that of our Mother Thrice Admirable, let us prepare inwardly and ask ourselves:

Whom do I wish to entrust to our Mother Thrice Admirable as we celebrate our annual feastday?

Which spiritual gifts do I bring as my gift of love for the Blessed Mother on her feastday?

Pause

United with all those who are spiritually united in the Shrine today we renew our Covenant of Love:

My Queen, my Mother, I give myself entirely to you, and to show my devotion to you, I consecrate to you this day my eyes, my ears my mouth, my heart, myself without reserve. As I am your own, my good Mother, guard and defend me as your property and your possession. Amen.

We pray for the beatification of our father and founder:

Eternal Triune God, for love of you and your holy Church, Schoenstatt's founder always strove to do your will and win many hearts for you. Through the intercession of Mary, the

*Mother Thrice Admirable and Queen of Schoenstatt we pray
that he may soon be raised to the honour of the altar so that he
may work even more fruitfully than while on earth for you and
your kingdom. Amen.*