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Midday Prayer - 276

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Telenovela

Vivaldi: Magnificat (1<sup>st</sup> ed.)

# ANGELUS

The Assumption of Our Lady, wh. <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ celebrated

<sup>this week on Wednesday</sup>  
<sup>(tomorrow)</sup>

yesterday, is one of the greater, more important feast days in honour of Our Lady in the year - and has been for many hundreds of years. In many countries it's still kept with v. special solemnity and festivity, as the summertime religious festival. In H.K. it rarely passes unnoticed, except when <sup>(occasionally)</sup> like yesterday the 15<sup>th</sup> Aug. occurs on a Sunday. In a secular, pluralist society such as we have here, where public holidays (except for Xmas - Easter) don't correspond much with Xtn festivals, it's to be expected that few people will take much notice of the Feast of Mary's Assumption, or see much of its significance. Even among Catholics, if it weren't a Sunday, few, probably, wd. be aware of the celebration of Assumption.

<sup>(think, tho)</sup>

This shd't be equated, (though), with any lack or decrease of devotion to our lady in the Church. There are ups & downs in the patterns of religious devotions & practices, and there've been a lot of changes recently. But this doesn't affect the basis of devotion to Mary: and her Assumption into Heaven is one of the important facts about her and in the saving plan of God, which is a basis and reason for the position of honour she's given in the Church. So this is an occasion that shd. be used for prayerful reflection on <sup>our personal</sup> ~~the~~ devotion to Mary and on the meaning of what we celebrated <sup>this week</sup> ~~yesterday~~ <sup>(tomorrow)</sup>. The Assumption itself of course

→ MP 215 (P1 last line)