

Saturday Morning we celebrated the feast of the Assumption. The church rightly honours Mary for her unique place in God's plan of salvation. Our own spirituality is deepened when we turn to Mary to help guide us to Jesus her son. There is an ancient adage, *ad Jesum per Mariam* (to Jesus through Mary). This simple little phrase contains more wisdom than mountains of learned books.

Among Mary's many titles is *Domus divinae Sapientiae* (House of divine wisdom). In today's first reading we hear how "Wisdom has built herself a house." This personification of wisdom as a woman has often been associated with Mary. We read in one such ancient text,

Philosophy is called the pursuit or love of wisdom. Mary is, therefore, the philosophy of Christians for whoever desires to find true Wisdom must direct his/her love and endeavour to Mary.

(Theotokos, 368)

Despite great strides in technology and learning, our world is grossly deficit in wisdom. We are in a very dangerous place. And to me it seems evident that human folly is the main culprit for many of our woes.

For this reason I believe that there is an urgent need to revive a Christian philosophy that will guide and school us in *the art of living*. We are fortunate in this parish to have a substantial library and I would encourage parishioners to make good use of this facility.

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***