

口语Festival素材:The Feast of the Assumption ( 圣母升天节 )

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The Feast of the Assumption is an important day in the Catholic religion. It is the principal feast of the Blessed Virgin, the mother of Jesus Christ. This feast commemorates two events: the departure of Mary from the soul life and the assumption of her body into heaven. In 1950, Pope Pius (庇护,15世纪以来的历代意大利籍天主教教皇的称号) X defined that Mary "after the completion of her earthly life...was assumed body and soul into the glory of Heaven." Her body wasnt allowed to corrupt nor was it allowed to remain in a tomb. In the early Christian centuries relics (宗教中指圣骨,遗体) of saints and those who gave their lives for the faith were jealously guarded and highly prized. Many cities claim the mortal remains of saints, both famous and little-known. But there are no records of Marys bodily remains being venerated (尊敬,崇拜) anywhere. In the Celtic lands, mid August was harvest time. The festival of Lughnasa was the harvest celebration in honor of (出于对某人的敬意) the God of the harvest Lugh who was responsible for the bounties of the harvest. There was singing and drinking and dancing and story telling in gratitude for the harvest and the promise of food to eat during the winter months. In Christian times it became the festival of Mary at Harvest Time because Mary reflected the life giving, life nurturing love of God. As the Feast of the Immaculate Conception ( 圣灵怀胎) proclaims the grace of Christ in Mary before he was

born, so the Feast of the Assumption points to the fulfillment of that grace, when Mary was taken, body and soul, into heaven to share in the glory of her Sons Resurrection (耶稣复活). Like the mystery of her Immaculate Conception, the Assumption of Mary is significant for all humanity, since she anticipates our resurrection with Christ in glory. 100Test 下载频道开通，各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 [www.100test.com](http://www.100test.com)