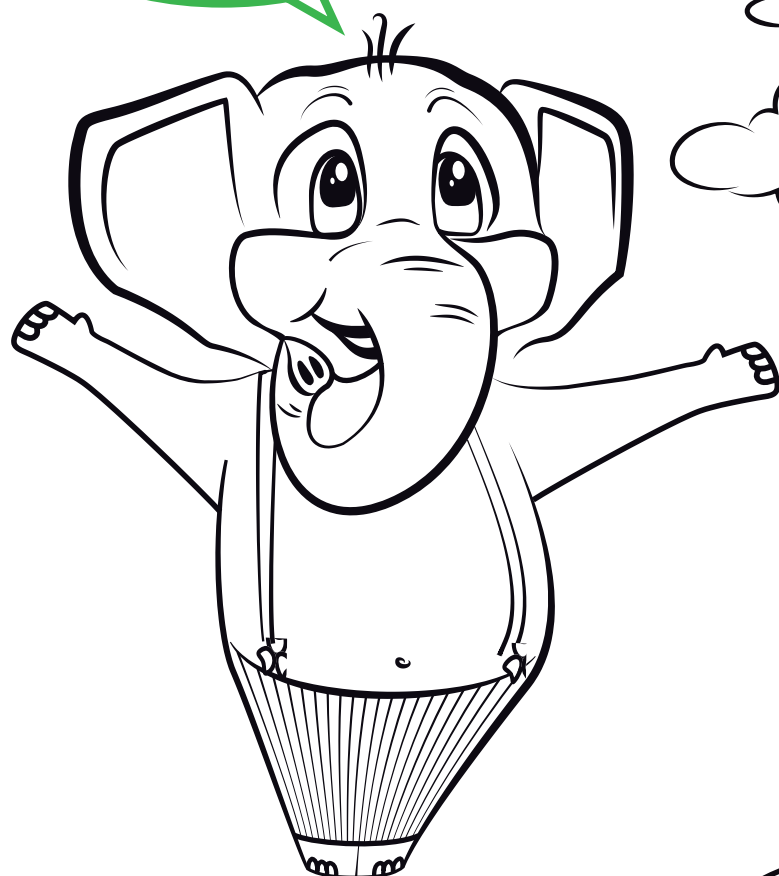




**The feast of the**  
**Assumption**

hello children



This month we are celebrating the Feast of the Assumption on Tuesday, August 15th. Every year on this date, Christians celebrate when Our Blessed Mother was taken up into Heaven, body and soul at the end of her life. The celebration of this special feast day is a time for us to reflect on the hope for a future united with Christ, both in this life and in Heaven.

The word 'assumption' comes from the Latin word *assumptiō* which means "taking up".

In many countries this feast day is a holy day of obligation which means everyone should go to mass on this day. However, in Ireland that is no longer the case. It is traditional in some countries such as Germany, to bless herbs on the feast of the Assumption using the Blessing of Fruits and Herbs. This prayer acknowledges how God created plants for our use as food and medicine but recognises them also as his gift of beauty.

To celebrate this special day, you can say the Glorious Mysteries of the rosary together as a family, or just the decade focused on the Assumption. You might like to draw a picture of Mary.

Please send your questions to Toby's page, **c/o Salesian House, 45 St. Teresa's Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12, D12 XK52** or email them to me at **toby@salesiansireland.ie**.

I am looking forward to hearing from you soon!

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