

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

It wasn't until 1950 that Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of the Church, *ex cathedra*. Scriptural evidence for this dogma was taken from Genesis 3:15, the Letters of Paul, 1 Corinthians, 15:54, Psalm 132 and Revelation 12:1-2. .

The Church teaches that Mary was without sin. She accepted God's will for her life and freely and perfectly obeyed. She served God, and followed her son, Jesus Christ. She was present at his death and resurrection. As a just reward for her goodness and devotion, she was assumed into heaven where she resides today in the company of God, and all the saints.

Mary can hear our prayers. She has a special connection to Jesus Christ as His mother and she can intercede for us. Countless miracles are attributed to her intercession. The Virgin Mary remains one of the most important figures in the Catholic faith, as well as for most Christians around the world. All people are encouraged to follow her example and to emulate her devotion.

*Father in heaven,
all creation rightly gives you praise,
for all life and all holiness come from you.
In the plan of your wisdom
she who bore the Christ in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.
May we follow her example in reflecting
your holiness
and join in her hymn of endless love and
praise. Amen.*



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ASSUMPTION

15TH AUGUST 2021

PSALM RESPONSE

On your right stands the queen,
in garments of gold.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary has been taken up into heaven;
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All generations will call me blessed,
for the almighty has done great things for me.

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, the moon beneath her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head. Let us rejoice in the Lord and celebrate this feast in honour of the Virgin Mary, at whose assumption the angels rejoice, giving praise to the sun of God. (Roman Missal)



Ordinary (B1)	Psalter week 4	Intention/Info
Sunday 14th/15th Assumption	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	People of the Parish Tess Healy Valerie Leedham
Monday 16th		
Tuesday 17th	10am Mass OH 10.30am-11am OH	Harold Leedham Adoration
Wednesday 18th	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Paul Bac Adoration
Thursday 19th		
Friday 20th	10.30am-11am KF 11am Mass KF	Adoration Joseph Dao
Saturday 21st		
Sunday 21st/22nd 21st Sunday of the Year	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	Viv Clark Paddy Healy People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently, especially Mary Feeney, those on our August deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they all rest in peace.

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 16th August 2pm to 4pm in Parish Centre
KINGSWINFORD: Friday 9.30 - 11.30am Foodbank .

Please pray for all those who are sick including Garry Partridge, Dorothy West, Margaret Gilroy, Jess Shaw, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Barbara Masterman, Margaret Shipley, Tess Barnsley, Steve Dunn, Lynsey Cooper, Alec Huffer, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris Rylands, Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Peggy Tromans, Rob Bryan, Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Lily Petford, Connie Birch, Stella Jones, Margaret Marlowe, Don Neale, Anne Peters, Jackie Spittle, David Barnsley and Dawn Russon. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

FOODBANKS - both our foodbanks have now reopened to help those in need. If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations - the need is growing and donations are much needed at this difficult time for so many people

Collections: BH GA £337.00, Loose £3510.87, Hall hire £60.00, Sisters £72.63, Candles £135.37

Votive candles - there are now two boxes marked used and unused for the spills to light the candles. Please take a spill form the unused box, light the candle, then place it I the used box. This will be in place at all three of our Churches.

Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Sunday 12th September - Mass at 3pm please take own chairs and any refreshments as these will not be available this year. There will also not be any guided tours of the hall itself.

Part-time vacancy for Donation Support Officer

The Missionary Society of St. Columban in Britain is seeking a part-time Donation Support Officer to join its team, based at St. Columban's in Solihull. This is an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic and self-motivated professional to contribute to the mission work of the Columbans in Britain. For more details about the position and to apply, please contact or email the HR Advisor at 07562 657 382 or hr@columbans.co.uk or visit: www.columbans.co.uk. *Deadline for applications: Midnight on Sunday 22nd August 2021*

March for life Saturday 4th September - MARCH FOR LIFE will take place on Saturday 4th September in central London from approx. 10am – 4.30pm. A coach will be leaving from the Oratory, Hagley Road, Birmingham at 7.30am and will arrive back at approx. 8pm. (Adults £18. Under 12's £10. Under 5's free). To book a seat please contact alice.grennan@gmail.com or phone 07845 706362. We recently had the highest ever annual abortion figures in the UK (last year saw 210,860 abortions in England and Wales) as well as the introduction of home / DIY abortions. Let's do our part in turning the tide in our nation. More information is available at marchforlife.co.uk or from Isabel on 07773 501721 or email at izzyvs@gmail.com. More importantly please pray for the work they do in being a voice for the voiceless. The work they do is for the Glory of God and we can do nothing without his help!

Eucharistic ministers - if you are, are or were, taking Communion to any house-bound parishioner can you please speak to Fr Shanju after Mass. He wants to check what is happening and see when he needs to visit the sick. Thank you.

Pope's prayer intention for August:

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel. Amen.