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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6. 10

**Response to the Psalm:** On your right stands the queen, in garments of Gold.

**Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John: 6:41-51



**Dear Parishioners**

First of all, we should not be fazed that the Assumption was only declared official dogma in 1950. It is not the case that the belief and practice were first conceived in 1950. The official declaration in 1950 was the culmination of long held beliefs and practices. In England, pre-reformation art in the York Minster depicts the Assumption. There are multiple apocryphal accounts of belief in the Assumption dating back to at least the 4th century. St John Damascene writes that the Virgin's empty tomb was attested to at the Council of Chalcedon in 451. Pope Saint Leo IV confirmed the feast of the Assumption in the 9th century, but it had already been celebrated for centuries.

The Assumption was clearly supported by important church people across a wide area from just after the time in which the books of the bible were written. It may even be that the writers of the gospels were aware of the doctrine, but simply didn't express it explicitly in their writings. It is certainly the case that the Assumption complements what is found in the bible. It doesn't contradict the bible. In today's gospel we have a description of the blessed life of the Virgin Mary. A blessed life to which the assumption is an appropriate end, and perhaps the only logical conclusion. It makes sense, that she should be assumed into heaven, as a representative of humanity, where she intercedes for humanity. Our Lady was born without sin and was perfect in virtue. It is only proper then, that at the end of her earthly life, that she should be raised to heaven, to share in her Son's victory: an assumption that is on offer to the entire human race. Jesus tells us that he has gone to prepare a place for us. Surely, it is right to believe that the Blessed Virgin already has that place.

God Bless,  
Fr. Benedict OSB

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**Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths**



**The Assumption Year (B)  
Week commencing Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

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## Masses

|                              |     |                                        |                          |
|------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> August  | 5pm | <b>The Assumption</b>                  | Alan Clatworthy          |
| Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> August  |     | <b>The Assumption</b>                  | People of the Parish     |
| Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> August  |     |                                        |                          |
| Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> August |     |                                        | Private Intention        |
| Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> August  |     |                                        |                          |
| Thur 19 <sup>th</sup> August |     |                                        |                          |
| Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> August  |     | St Bernard (Mem)                       | Fr. John Fallon RIP      |
| Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> August  | 5pm | <b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday (Year B)</b> | Susanna Westmeath<br>RIP |
| Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> August  |     | <b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday (Year B)</b> | People of the Parish     |

**Mass is celebrated daily except on Mondays.**

**If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery.**

**Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:** Faith Lyons, Steve Smith, Jane-Christina Thomson, Joan Smith, Derek Sollis, Michael Hall, Christopher Hurd, Edward O'Neill, Michael Smith, Barbara Wall, Mick Sollis, Margaret Birkett, Annie McHugh, Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Carol Shuck, Tony Lyons, Jackie Ingrams, Brian Arthur, Michelle Norton, Melvin Probyn, Peter Sollis, Fred Chadfield. Mary Cross, Alan Clatworthy, Anthony Woodhouse, Maurice Andrews, Bud Sollis, Max Stoddart. Chanel Mullings

**Those who have recently died:**

Jill Smith, Paula Brookes, Jean McCarthy, Joe Brennan, Paul Bunn, Richard Flynn, Denis Charlton, Mary Gardner, Charles Maries, Sheila Hall, Donald Newell, Helen Meaney Bridget Clarke, Sylvia Flanagan, Robert McCarthy, Pamela Young, Norah O'Neill-Thomas, Susanna Westmeath, Nell Bridge. Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton.

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## **PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present  
in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.  
I love You above all things  
and I passionately desire  
to receive You into my soul.



Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,  
come spiritually into my soul  
so that I may unite myself wholly to You  
now and forever. Amen

*Based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori*

## **INFORMATION**

Following the guidelines from the government and the diocese and after completing yet another Risk Assessment, we would like to welcome you back to 5pm Mass on Saturdays. We would ask you to please support our wonderful stewards, by following their guidance so that we can continue to keep everyone safe.

**We are encouraging all those attending Mass to:**

- Wear a face covering
- Use the QR code or complete a paper Test, Track and Trace form. These are located in the porch **or can be downloaded from our website to be completed before you arrive.**
- You are free sit where you wish but no more than 4 adults and 2 children under 12 years to a bench please. (Total 96)
- Please do not attend if you have symptoms of Covid 19
- **The toilets remain closed.**

These guidelines will remain the same for weddings, funerals and baptisms. I look forward to seeing you. God Bless.

**Fr. Benedict OSB**