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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:** Corinthians 15:20-26

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

**Gospel:** Luke 1:39-56

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**Dear Parishioners**

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. 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**

# St Mary's Roman Catholic Church

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Benedictine Monks of Douai Abbey

Parish Priest: Fr. Benedict Thompson O.S.B

Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary(C)  
Week commencing Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

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Masses**

Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	5.00pm	Assumption (C)	Max Stoddart RIP
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.30am	Assumption (C)	Michael Wall RIP
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug			
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug			People of Ukraine
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug			
Thur 18 <sup>th</sup> Aug			
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug			Private Intention
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug	5.00pm	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Year (C)	56 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Ann. Of Deacon Peter & Veronica
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	10.30am	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Year (C)	Zita & Harold Sollis & family RIP

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

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, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.

**Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:**

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Alan Clatworthy, Anthony Woodhouse, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell,

**Those who have recently died:** .

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, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons, Michael Russell, Mary Cross, Agnes McIlravey, Helen McCarthy,  
Patricia O'Brien, Pauline Burton, Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt), Wyn Varley, Raimondo Gemeli.

## Information

### Weekly Second Collection

The weekly second collection will normally be for help towards the payment of the diocesan levy and the upkeep of the house and church buildings. Both the church and the house are Grade II listed so any work done has to be to a high standard as set by the requisite authority. Here are a few of the expenses for the coming year:

- Diocesan Levy £5,500 p.a.
- Building's upkeep £36,000.00
- Insurance £3,744.77 p.a.

At times the second collection will be for other charities and the details of these will be placed in the bulletin.

### Gift Aid

We are attempting to update our Gift Aid records. At the back of the church there is a form to sign up for Gift Aid if you wish to join. Also, could those who are already members sign the form. You can Gift Aid by Standing Order or weekly envelopes which we will be issuing to those who request them. To that end, please tick the relevant box on the form. Thank you.

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