

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day	Time	Date	Intention
SAT	5.30pm (SM)	14	Veronica Fogherty R.I.P.
ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	8.30am (SM)	15	George L (special intention)
	10am (HN)		Fr Robert Pollock
	11.30am (SM)		John Bollingburne
MON	No Public Mass	16	Private intention
TUES	9am (HN)	17	Andrew Cunnings R.I.P.
	10am (SM)		Lynsey O'Reilly R.I.P.
WED	10am (SM)	18	Alex Mazs
THU	9am (HN)	19	Liz Canning R.I.P.
	10am (SM)		Hugo Donaldson (Anniv.)
FRI	10am (SM)	20	Marilyn Silver
SAT	10am (SM)	21	Norman Gouch

PSALM: ON YOUR RIGHT STANDS THE QUEEN IN GARMENTS OF GOLD

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass celebrated for a particular intention please get in touch by email, phone or drop a note through the letterbox or, if at a service, pop into the box for offertory collections.

If you wish a Mass card, write your name and address and one will be posted.

Thank you to all those requesting Masses for their intentions over the last year.

LEVEL -0

Notification from Bishop's conference of Scotland allows us to return to close to normal for seating in the Church.

We still have to take names for 'track and protect', your help with this is still appreciated but you will **no longer have to book for the following week.**

As some people may not be comfortable with sitting close to others please be mindful of the people around you, especially in front of you – if they are not kneeling, please do not.

Signs asking for others to be mindful will be available for people who do not wish others to sit close to them to place beside you and will be found at the main door entrance.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



'My Jesus, I Believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. Although You have
already come,
I embrace You & unite myself entirely to You;
never permit me to be separated from You.'

ST. MARGARET'S CAR PARK WORK – 4 WEEKS

As part of the final works associated with our Legacy Project, the Church Car Park will undergo a significant amount of restoration work over the next 4 weeks, commencing Monday 2nd August.* *(The dates are subject to change due to Contractor commitments).

Please take care and observe all warnings, notices and signage during this period. Where appropriate please use the 'Temporary Car Park'

COURSES AT GILLIS CENTRE, EDINBURGH

Applications are now open for variety of courses run by St Mary's University, Twickenham, at our Gillis Centre Campus in Edinburgh starting in September. Why not improve your knowledge of the faith with an MA in Theology? Visit stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh

SAFEGUARDING WEBINAR

The Bishops of Scotland invite clergy, religious, church employees and volunteers across Scotland to a national safeguarding webinar at 11am on Saturday 2 October. Go to bit.ly/3gQRdPu

RCIA

Parish RCIA course commences in September. If interested please speak to Fr Isaac or George Toal (georgetoal@btinternet.com).

VOCATIONS

The monthly Mass for Vocations will be at 6:30pm on Monday 6 September at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh (EH9 1SN).

CARFIN GROTTTO

The National Pilgrimage in honour of St Joseph will take place on Sunday 5th September at 3pm

SHAKESPEARE – A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

This 6-week course commences 6th Sept via Zoom.

Book for this thought-provoking course, journeying through the Scottish Play to Romeo and Juliet, via the Archdiocesan website.

Local churches

The Holy Father wants the Synod of Bishops to begin in local churches. A document approved by him states: "The fullness of the synodal process can only truly exist if the local churches are involved in that process."



Key Date

A period of consultation and discernment for dioceses begins on **Sunday 17 October**. In our diocese it will take place under the direction of Archbishop Cushley.

MARY'S ASSUMPTION: OUR SURE HOPE OF RESURRECTION.

A school master once remarked that he had one ultimate test by which to judge the basic goodness of a man. This test he asserted is valid however rich or poor a man may be and no matter what his other circumstances are. It is the test of how he treats his own mother, with what gratitude he repays her goodness to him. Well, Jesus being a good son of Mary certainly repaid his mother for all that she did for him.

Consequently, Mary says in her Magnificat: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my saviour, He looks on his servant in her lowliness behold henceforth all generations shall call me blessed" (Lk. 1:46-48) Mary is the one who had been chosen in a special way to be the mother of the Lord and of the church. The church calls her "The Blessed Virgin Mary" for many reasons but these final exaltations: her assumption and coronation; are what culminate her blessedness in all generations. (Cf. Lk. 1:48)

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven is one of the dogmatic teachings of the church: "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death" (Pope Pius XII: *Munificentissimus Deus*)

Mary was the first to share Christ resurrection. Today's feast reminds us of our victory over death. It reassures us of our victory over the grave. Though the forces of death manifested in different phases like hatred, betrayal, fear, solitude, depression, oppression, diseases, social and economic injustices and death itself; yet, life will emerge victorious at the end of the day. Today Mary, the Ark of the Covenant, celebrates the triumph of life over death. In her and through her we can say "Death is swallowed up in victory!"

We human beings have found in Mary our goal, our end for which we are called and destined. Her Assumption gives the clearest evidence of fullness of grace in her, brings her spiritual presence closer to us than ever before and serves as a preview of our own transformation after death into a life of glory.

The solemnity of the Assumption celebrates the completion of God's triumph in Mary. "Her virginal body, is altogether holy, altogether chaste, altogether God's dwelling so that it can never know dissolution into dust. It is transformed to the glory of incorruptible life" (St. Germanus of Constantinople) - "through you, O Mary, we have a most sure pledge of our resurrection". (St. Ephraim)

Remain Blessed, Happy Sunday to you.