



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church

16 AUGUST 2020

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS		
SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM		
YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE LIVESTREAMING AT https://www.olionline.co.uk		
15 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Maureen Richardson – RIP
16 Sun	09.00	Patrick Grogan – RIP (<i>P. Grogan</i>)
	11.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
	18.00	
20TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE II)		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
17 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Thanksgiving – James & Loretta Fernandes
18 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Maureen Richardson –RIP (<i>M Tett</i>)
	19.00	Gabriel Taylor (<i>P. Qualter</i>)
19 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Sue Fleming – WB (<i>M. Tett</i>)
	19.00	Ida Rebello – WB (<i>Tessa</i>)
20 Thurs <i>St Bernard</i>	7.00	Jagath, Vincent & Anita – RIP
	9.30	David Sheridan
21 Fri <i>St Pius X</i>	7.00	Joseph C. O – RIP (<i>J Simon</i>)
	9.30	Alexius Yap – RIP (<i>C. Yap</i>)
22 Sat <i>Queenship of Mary</i>	9.00	Maureen Richardson –RIP (<i>D Kidd</i>)
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)		
22 Sat <i>Vigil of Assumption</i>	18.30	Madeleine Graells – WB (<i>D'Aguiar</i>)
23 Sun <i>Assumption of the BVM</i>	9.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
	11.00	<i>Barbara Niedzielak</i> – RIP
	18.00	Gladys Cameron – RIP (<i>Trutwein</i>)
OTHER SERVICES		
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.15pm	
St Anthony of Padua	Tuesday: after AM & PM Masses	
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Wednesday: after PM Mass	
Our Lady of Fatima	1st Saturday of the month	
LIVESTREAMING CONTINUES		
The dispensation from Sunday obligation granted by the Bishops at the onset of the lockdown is still in place till further notice. Livestreaming of all weekday and Sunday Masses will also continue so that those who may not yet consider it safe for them to attend Mass in person, especially over the weekend, can participate virtually		

MARY TAKEN UP INTO HEAVEN: OUR MODEL AND GUIDE







The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is normally celebrated on the 15th of August. Being a holy day of obligation, it is transferred, this year, to the nearest Sunday in England, Wales and Scotland. The belief in the assumption of the Virgin Mary was proclaimed as an infallible doctrine of faith by Pope Pius XII in 1950. In his Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* – the Most Bountiful God (1 Nov 1950), Pope Pius explained, among others, the close connection between the Assumption and the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception (8 December 1854). Actually, the former is a consequence of the latter. Still, both are unique privileges conferred upon the Virgin by the *most bountiful God* who exempted her from the general rules binding all human beings in relation to original sin and bodily resurrection on the last day, respectively. “She,” Pius XII explains, “by an entirely unique privilege, completely overcame sin by her Immaculate Conception, and as a result she was not subject to the law of remaining in the corruption of the grave, and she did not have to wait until the end of time for the redemption of her body.”

The belief in the assumption of the Virgin, body and soul, into heaven at the end of her earthly sojourn is, therefore, first and foremost, a recognition of the “Almighty [God]” who, in the holy Virgin’s own words, “has done great things for me” (Lk 1:49). So, in celebrating the bodily assumption of Mary, the Church offers supreme praise to the Most Holy Trinity to whom Mary remains closely united through her intimate connection with her Son, the incarnate word and second person of the holy Trinity. Of course, Mary’s union with the Trinity is not merely because of her primordial / biological ties to the Incarnate Word. It is, above all, rooted in her conscious openness to and acceptance of God’s word in all its ramifications (see Lk 11:27-28). Hence, in celebrating Mary’s assumption we also acknowledge her heroic cooperation with the grace of God starting particularly with her total self-surrender to God through her *fiat* – “I am the handmaid of the Lord...let it be done to me according to your word” (Lk 1:38) – through her maternal devotion to God’s only begotten Son who also became her son, and through her sharing uniquely in his joys, sorrows, anxieties, pains, especially during the paschal mystery of his suffering, death and resurrection (see Lk 2:34, 48; Jn 19:25-27). Further, belief in the bodily assumption of the Virgin reminds us of the dignity of the human body, especially in the light of its being redeemed by Christ’s death and resurrection. Properly understood, nothing can detract from this dignity. Not even the ravages of disabilities, deformities, age, terminal illness, or death. As a result, it imposes a duty of care upon all and seriously questions and/or condemns any ideas or acts that demean that dignity in any way (see Rm 8:5-13; 1 Co 6:19-20; 15:33-34). Furthermore, the bodily assumption of Mary reminds us of, and reinforces our belief in our own resurrection (1 Co 15:42-57). Lastly, in celebrating the assumption of the Virgin, we contemplate the glorification of the lowly but faithful maidservant of the Lord in heaven, where her Son and our Lord, who dwells eternally in the communion of the Father and the Holy Spirit, has gone ahead to prepare a place for us as well (see Jn 14:1-3). Thus, Mary’s assumption bolsters and renders more effective our belief that our true and permanent homeland is not here on earth but in heaven, from where “comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body” (see Ph 3:20-21).

Beyond merely pious romanticisation, the celebration of Our Lady’s assumption reminds us of the goal of Christian discipleship, namely, to know, love and serve God in this world, and to be happy with him in heaven. After the Incarnate Word, we have no better model and guide along this path than Mary assumed, body and soul, into heaven. **IAE**

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

1ST READING	Isaiah 22:19-23
2ND READING	Romans 11:33-36
GOSPEL	Matthew 16:13-20

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died , especially Leonora D'Mello, Catherine Thérèse Dulac, Diane Mazza, Maureen Richardson, and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen	CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS Sunday (16/08): 2pm – 3.30pm Monday (17/08): 5pm – 6.30pm Tuesday (18/08): 10.15am – 12pm & 6pm – 7pm Wednesday (19/08): 10.30am – 12pm & 3pm – 5pm Thursday (20/08): 6.45am – 11.30am & 1pm – 3pm Friday (21/08): Volunteers needed! Saturday (22/08): 9.45am – 10.45am	
	Please remember and pray for the sick, the housebound and all who care for them, especially those within our own parish community: Vanessa Andrew, Martin Dray, Anthony Durkin, Sue Ewen, Pauline Ferrara, Ann Groves, Thomas Haley, Heather & George Trutwein, Yvonne Norman, Esme Mills, Sharon Kelly, Irene Keane, Frances Cox, Mary Ryan, Betty Harte, Antonio Ciaiola, Joan McGovern, Rita Reginald, Jan Leightley, Elizabeth Saunders, Thomas O'Connor, Jimmy Simon, Ron Malone, Sarah Mills, Samar Staussi, Annita Smith, Ann-Marie Deasy, and Shirlene A.	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST The parish office will be closed from Monday, 3 August till Monday, 31 August . While Father Ignatius is available in the parish and will continue to provide pastoral care to parishioners, he would appreciate if non-essential and non-urgent matters are kept until September. Please, kindly see the parish website www.olionline.co.uk for information on Mass and Confession times, etc. You can also send an email to tolworth@rcaos.org.uk Thank you for your understanding.	
WEEKLY COLLECTIONS		SEASON OF CREATION: 1 SEPTEMBER – 4 OCTOBER This annual celebration takes place from 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to 4 October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Marking <i>Laudato Si'</i> Special Anniversary Year, Pope Francis encourages all Catholics to join our ecumenical brothers and sisters to “work towards the renewal of our Earth and the precious relationships we share.” For more information, click https://seasonofcreation.org	
	<i>Due to current social distancing measures at Mass, the weekly collection will be taken as you leave the church or in an envelope through the Presbytery door.</i> <i>I am grateful to those of you who have started to make your regular contribution to the Church via standing order (form available at olionline.co.uk), or by online banking: RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05.</i> IMPORTANT: If you would normally have given by Gift Aid envelopes, please include your Gift Aid number in your online instruction to your bank. If you are not in the Gift Aid scheme, please include the letters NGA in the instruction to the bank. Any queries? Please contact Allan Cook, email: tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk or phone: 020 8399 4368 Thank you for your generosity to your parish.	FROM THE PARISH LENTEN PROJECT COMMITTEE Due to Covid-19, we are not able to complete the events we had planned. We are still keen to support the charities we adopted this year and so, if you would like to make a donation equivalent to what you would have spent at the events, or on the raffle, you will see below the various methods by which you can do so. Methods of making a donation: 1. Online donation at https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/oliltentenproject 2. Making a donation through the Lenten Boxes. To do this you will need to put the contents of your box into an envelope, carefully flatten the box and place that in the envelope too and put through the Presbytery letter box. The envelope needs to be marked 'Lenten Project Box'. If Gift-aiding the donation the label on the box needs to be completed. 3. Placing a donation into an envelope marked 'Lenten Project Donation' and place through the Presbytery letter box. The Parish Lenten Project began in 1971 as the focal point to assist parish groups with Lenten observances. Many charities have benefited from the £427,300 raised to 2019. Next year is our 50th anniversary. If anyone has any ideas how we can mark our anniversary, please email Phil Townsend at townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk Parish Lenten Project Committee.	
INFANT BAPTISM		DONATIONS TO FOODBANK Please leave your donations in the boxes provided in the following locations: The Old Chapel (9am – 6pm). URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS: cereals, instant mash, juice, tinned meat, fish & spaghetti, biscuits, noodles, rice, pasta, tea and coffee. Thank you for your generosity.	
	Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. Next course: TBA	OLI COVID-19 VOLUNTEER GROUP Please if you need help in this difficult time contact: 07384276821	
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		STEWARDS NEEDED FOR WEEKEND MASSES Volunteers are still needed as stewards for each of the four weekend Masses. Please, kindly send an email to tolworth@rcaos.org.uk to let us know if you can help. Thank you	
	1. Next Children's Session: Next date TBA. 2. Rehearsal: Next date TBA.		
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020			
	Candidates Meeting: Next date TBA		
† MAUREEN RICHARDSON – RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Late Maureen Richardson (mother of Andrew Richardson) who died on 2 August. Our condolences to Andrew, Collette and Matthew. May she rest in peace. Amen			