



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE LIVESTREAMING AT <https://www.olionline.co.uk>

14 Sat <i>Vigil of the Assumption</i>	18.30	James Burke – RIP
15 Sun <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.00	Patrick Grogan – RIP (<i>P Grogan</i>)
	11.00	Anna Szymanska – 94 th BD (<i>Fam</i>)
	18.00	Bernard Chan – WB/BD (<i>C Yap</i>)

TWENTIETH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE 1)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

16 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Celine Yeow – RIP (<i>R Lee</i>)
17 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Justina Joseph Edet – WB
	19.00	Holy Souls
18 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Sebastian Vincent Perrin – RIP
	19.00	Sommerlinck & McDonnell Families – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
19 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	
	9.30	Holy Souls
20 Friday <i>St Bernard</i>	7.00	
	9.30	Monica Tett – WB
21 Sat <i>St Pius X</i>	9.00	Holy Souls

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

21 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Tommy Burke – RIP (<i>J Friel</i>)
22 Sun	9.00	Dennis Fecci – RIP (<i>J Thornton</i>)
	11.00	Clare & Colin Stevens (<i>Szymanski</i>)
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People

OTHER SERVICES

Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.15pm
St Anthony of Padua Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Tuesday: after morning and evening Masses Wednesday: after morning and evening Masses
Our Lady of Fatima	1st Saturday of the month

SUNDAY OBLIGATION / LIVESTREAMING

The dispensation from Sunday obligation granted by the Bishops Conference will end from the First Sunday of Advent (28 November). 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.

Saturday Clean-Up: Thank you to all who volunteered to clean our Church grounds this weekend. God's blessings!

A SIGN OF HOPE FOR OUR FUTURE GLORY

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. The belief in the bodily Assumption of Mary dates to the early Church and is commonly held by both Catholics and Orientals among whom it is called the Dormition (falling-asleep) of the Mother of God and is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to the 15th of August. In the West, the Assumption was solemnly declared a dogma of faith by Pope Pius XII with his Apostolic Constitution, *Munificentissimus Deus* (1 Nov 1950). In the dogmatic definition of the bodily Assumption of Mary, Pius XII called attention, among others, to its link with the dogmatic declaration of the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of Mary by Pope Pius IX (8 Dec 1854).

Though not recorded in the New Testament, the liturgy of the word in both the Vigil Mass and the Mass of the Day provides resourceful scriptural background for the feast as well as its significance for the Christian life and mission.

Mary's role in the economy of salvation is closely connected to the mystery of the Incarnation. For by virtue of her conceiving and bearing in her virginal womb the *eternal Logos*, the word of God whom she gave birth to in the person of Jesus Christ, the God-man, Mary is likened to the Ark of God spoken about by the chronicler in the first reading of the Vigil Mass (1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2). By harbouring the *Tablets of the Decalogue* (Ex 25:10-22), the Ark served as a perpetual reminder of God's abiding presence with the people of Israel (see 1 Sam 4:4-8). That is why it was particularly revered and occupied a prominent position among them during their sojourn in the wilderness (see Jos 3:3-17; 6:6-16) and finally in the Temple in Jerusalem (1 Kgs 6:19). Likewise, Mary is venerated in the *Litany of the Virgin Mary*, among others, as the [new] *Ark of the Covenant*. The first reading of the Mass of the Day, from Apocalypse (11:19, 12:1-6, 10), recalls this image in the vision of the apostle John about the triumph of the new people of God over the powers of evil.

Mary is similarly exalted for her being the Mother of God. This privilege is ultimately a gift of grace, the fact of which is abundantly acknowledged by her in the gospel reading (Lk 1:39-56) of the Mass of the Day, where she echoes the *Song of Hannah* in the Old Testament (see 1 Ch 2:1-10) in her *Magnificat*: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid." Yet, unlike the Ark of God, Mary was not merely a passive receptacle for the word of God. She was actively engaged with the Word throughout her entire life. She actively surrendered to the Word at the annunciation when, through her *fiat*, her yes, the "Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (Jn 1:14). She placed herself completely at the disposal of the Word, not only as 'the womb that conceived and bore him and the breast that he suckled,' but also as his first disciple, who contemplated him in the depths of her heart, always pointed others to him, and faithfully associated herself with him in the paschal mystery (see Lk 2:34), up to his final moments on earth (Jn 19:25-27). Indeed, as both mother and preeminent disciple, she is, indeed, the model of "those who hear the word of God and keep it" (Lk 11:28).

Having shared so intimately and faithfully in the mystery of the Incarnation and the work of salvation wrought by the paschal mystery of her Incarnate Son, Mary now shares fully in the victory of Christ, "the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep" (1 Co 15:20-26) over the power of evil – and death. The bodily assumption of Mary into heaven is, therefore, not only a divine gift and privilege enjoyed by Mary and a reward for her faithfulness, but also a sign of hope to us, of the glory that awaits all who, following her maternal admonition, "do whatever he [Jesus] tells you," are, like her, open to the grace of God and strive to "hear the word of God and keep it" (Lk 11:28). ©JAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18
2ND READING	Ephesians 5:21-32
GOSPEL	John 6:60-69

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Ivanyi Serencne, Audrey Swallow, Elizabeth Saunders, and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.



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, George Trutwein, Yvonne Norman, Esme Mills, Frances Cox, Mary Ryan, Betty Harte, Antonio Ciaiola, Joan McGovern, Rita Reginald, Elizabeth Saunders, Thomas O'Connor, Jimmy Simon, James & Sarah Mills, Samar Staussi, Annita Smith, Ann-Marie Deasy, Shirlene A., Ida Rebello, Kathleen & Chris McGuinness, Kathleen O'Connell, Claire Pender, Alison Vale, Christine Howey, Terence O'Driscoll, Hazel D'Aguiar, and Monica Tett.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £337.24

Gift-aid: £305.38 **Total: £642.62**

Donations (x3): £350.00

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR JULY 2021

A. Cash / cheques – 3,398.98

1. Gift-Aided – 1,584.00

2. Non-G/A – 1,814.00

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – 3,404.00

1. Gift-Aided – 2,563.00

2. Non-G/A – 303.00

C. Contactless Machine – 361.00

D. Single Donation – 1,000.00

Total = £7,625.96

PETER'S PENCE: £599.78 (£83 Gift-aided)

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: £357.88

Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

Kindly consider making 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.

IMPORTANT: Please include your Gift Aid number in your online instruction to your bank. Non-Gift Aid donors, please include the letters NGA in the instruction to the bank.

Any queries? Please contact Allan Cook: tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk or 0208 8399 4368

INFANT BAPTISM



Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course.

Next course: TBA

CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS

Contactless payment machines are available in the narthex whenever the Church doors are open:

Select the amount you wish to give, tap your payment card on the reader, and the payment will come through to the parish.

You can also Gift-Aid your donation directly on it.

Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

LIFTS TO CHURCH: MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have a few parishioners who would love to come back to Church on a regular basis at the weekends, but do not have any transport to get themselves there. Some parishioners are already helping, but it would be great, as a community, to help as many as possible who are unable to get to Mass to be able to take part in person. **WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!**

We would like to compile a list of those who have a car who could join a rota to bring one or two people to Mass and take them home again. Like all rotas, the more people we have, the more flexible it becomes.

If you feel you can help, or would like to find out more, please contact the parish office (email preferably) with your name, contact phone number, and the Mass you normally attend. In the coming weeks we will contact you to take this forward but thank you in advance.

NOTICE FOR READERS AT MASS

We are looking at drawing up a rota for readers from September. All readers who would like to come on the rota should please notify Mareen. Kindly indicate at which of the four weekend Mass you would like to exercise this very important liturgical ministry.

New readers are also welcome – and training will be offered.

Please email Mareen at tolworthreaders@rcaos.org.uk or telephone the parish office on Tuesday and Thursday, 10am – 2pm. Thank you.

VISIT & COMMUNION TO THOSE AT HOME

As we gradually emerge from the lockdown, Fr Joseph and Fr Ignatius would like to visit and bring Holy Communion to those who are still unable to come to Mass in person because they are housebound or still shielding. Please, if you would like to be visited, kindly contact the parish office to book a date / time.



UPCOMING EVENT:

SRI LANKAN NIGHT – 11TH SEPT

Saturday, 11 September, 7.30pm – 11.30pm. Please, come and enjoy a variety of Sri Lankan food and entertainment. Tickets are on sale after Mass or contact Joe & Antionette on 07956 891504 or 0208 399 6491: Adults - £10; children 7-12 years old - £5 each. All proceeds go to the Lenten Project.

SPONSORED WALK

Together with Frs. Ignatius and Joseph, many Parishioners and their families have walked / ran / cycled 3,106 miles, which is almost 5,000 kilometres! What an outstanding result!

If you would like to sponsor us, please either pop some money in an envelope and post through the Presbytery door, or use the following Justgiving site:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Our-Lady-Immaculate-Church> Many thanks for your support!

DONATIONS TO FOODBANK

Please leave your donations in the boxes provided in the **Old Chapel** (9am – 6pm). **Urgently Needed Food Items:** cereals, instant mash, juice, tinned meat, fish & spaghetti, biscuits, noodles, rice, pasta, tea, and coffee. Thanks.

NEED A CARER?

Experienced carer (30+ years' experience) seeks new clients & can offer personal care. For more information, please contact Raje on 07917 156016.

† ELIZABETH SAUNDERS – RIP

Please, remember in your prayers Elizabeth Saunders of Princess Avenue, who died peacefully at home on Monday, 9 August. Aged 86 years. Our condolences to the family. **Funeral:** TBA. May she rest in Peace. Amen