

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Year A – 16th August 2020

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	Feast Days this week
Sat 15th	6:00pm - Public Mass in Church Winnie Logan RIP (MH)	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 16th	10:30am - Public Mass in Church and live-streamed Intentions of Miriam McCarthy	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mon 17th		
Tue 18th	9:30am - Mass without a Congregation (live-streamed) Emma & Peter Burke RIP	
Wed 19th	9:00am - 9:30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am - Public Mass in Church and live-streamed Edward McVay RIP	St Oswin, King St John Eudes, <i>Martyr and Priest</i>
Thur 20th	9:30am - Mass without a Congregation (live-streamed) Jonathan Peter Wright RIP	St Bernard, <i>Abbot and Doctor</i>
Fri 21st	6:00pm - 6:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30pm - Public Mass in Church and live-streamed Norah Chadwick RIP (MK)	The Dedication of St Mary's Cathedral
Sat 22nd	6:00pm - Public Mass in Church Danuta & Richard Szubert	The Queenship of Mary
Sun 23rd	10:30am - Public Mass in Church and live-streamed Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	21 st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation – located at the Lady Altar, near the organ

Friday 21st August

6:00pm – 6:30pm

Saturday 22nd August

5:30pm – 6:00pm



Parish Family Stockton Mass by Phone Service You can now listen to Father Jeff celebrating Sunday Mass. This is available after 12:00 Noon by telephone on 01642 130032. Calls are charged at local rate. There may be a short delay so please be patient; the recording will then start to play.

If you would like to reserve a place at the Saturday Vigil Mass or the Sunday Morning Mass, please ring or text 07716 944610 by 7.30pm on Wed 19th August. Please leave your name, contact number and the number of places requested; you will be informed if there is a place available for you by Thursday evening.

Bulletin Items: If you would like a notice included in the next bulletin, please email parishnewsletterstockton@gmail.com by Tuesday evening at the latest.

Alternatively, post through the letterbox at English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's Presbytery, Redhill Road, Roseworth, Stockton-on-Tees TS19 9BY.

Please remember to add your contact details in case we have a query.

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Clergy

Parish Priest: Fr. Jeffrey Dodds

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The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The commemoration of the death of the Blessed Virgin Mary (the Dormition, or falling asleep, as it was known in the East) is known as the Assumption because of the tradition that her body did not decay but that she was raised up, body and soul, into heaven. This tradition was already present in the sixth century; by the beginning of the twentieth century it was widespread; and after consulting the views of bishops all over the world, the Pope formally and infallibly declared the doctrine of the Assumption to be part of the authentic and ancient doctrine of the universal Church.

Opening Prayer for Mass

Almighty ever-living God,
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary,
the Mother of your Son,
body and soul into heavenly glory,
grant, we pray,
that, always attentive to the things that are above,
we may merit to be sharers of her glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen

Parish News

Sick and in Need of Prayer

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family who are ill.

Recent Bereavements

Please pray for Pat Kearns and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Opening of Churches in Stockton Permission has been given by Bishop Robert to open English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul. Details of days and times of Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are on the back page. If you would like to volunteer to be a Marshall, please contact the Parish Office on 01642 806469 for further details. Please note that you must ring 07716 944610 to secure a place at the Saturday Vigil or Sunday Morning Masses; full details on the back page. There is no need to book for weekday Masses or to attend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Partnership News – taking in Hartlepool, Billingham and Stockton

St Patrick's Fairfield is also open for Mass.

Please check the St Patrick's newsletter on www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk

Holy Rosary Church in Billingham will now be open for Mass Monday, Friday and Sunday 10:00am and Wednesday at 7pm.

St. Joseph's Church in Hartlepool is also open for Mass.

Please check the website for details: hartlepool.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk.

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for August: The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Prayer and Liturgy News

Prayer of Saint Teresa of Avila

Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.

Prayer of St Julian of Norwich

Lord, let not our souls be busy inns that have no room for thee or thine, but quiet homes of prayer and praise, where thou mayest find fit company, where the needful cares of life are wisely ordered and put away, and wide, sweet spaces kept for thee; where holy thoughts pass up and down and fervent longings watch and wait thy coming.

A prayer for those staying at home

Lord, at this time I must stay with you at home. I make of my home your house and of my heart a sanctuary in which you ever dwell. Give me patience and joy, Lord Jesus, and grant those who visit you in Church and in the Blessed Sacrament to value so great a gift and cherish so great a love that leads you to choose to be with us now and always. Amen.

Father, bless this house in which you keep me safe. Let your light shine in every corner of this place. May your Son, raised in an ordinary home, come to me in the ordinary things of each day. Send your Spirit to anoint my heart and give me wisdom to accept your will. Amen

...and now for some Light Relief...

Jamie's Paws for Thought

The only difference between a flower and a weed is a judgement.

Source unknown



Readings for Mass – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Year A

First Reading

Book of the Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

Psalm:

44:10 – 12.16

Response 'On your right stands the Queen, in garments of gold'

1 The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Listen O daughter, give ear to my words:

Forget your own people and your father's house.

2 So will the king desire your beauty:

He is your lord, pay homage to him.

They are escorted amid gladness and joy;

They pass within the palace of the king.

Second Reading

First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:20 – 26

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

Gospel

Luke 1:39 – 56

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? From the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord

and my spirit exults in God my saviour;

because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.

Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed,

for the Almighty has done great things for me.

Holy is his name,

and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.

He has shown the power of his arm,

he has routed the proud of heart.

He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy

– according to the promise he made to our ancestors –

of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

Readings for Next Sunday

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

First reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

Psalm 137 1-3.6.8

Second reading

Romans 11:33-36

Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

Spiritual Communion Prayer - My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as already being there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.