



St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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Sunday 15th August 2021

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY . . . This Sunday's Feast celebrates the good news that because Mary belonged to Jesus in a special way throughout her earthly life, she now shares in a special way in His risen life. This feast does not celebrate a privilege of Mary alone, because where Mary now is, God wants all of us to be. We are all destined to share fully in the Lord's risen and glorious life.

Mary embodies what we, as disciples of the Lord, are called to become. She was a woman of faith; she entrusted herself to the Lord's word, "let it be to me according to your word." We are all called to entrust ourselves to the Lord's word so that it shapes our lives, as it shaped the life of Mary. The second half of the gospel reading shows us that Mary's faith also found expression in prayer. It reached out to others in love and it reached out to God in prayer. Mary comes before the Lord as his lowly servant, ready to receive from God all the great things that God wants to give. Mary teaches us that when we pray we always come before God in our need, with open hearts ready to receive all God has to offer us. Today's feast celebrates Mary as one who not only shows us the glorious destiny that awaits us at the end of our life's journey but also how we are to travel that journey as disciples of the Lord.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have taken up body and soul into the heavenly glory the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Your Son: Grant, we beseech You that, ever intent upon heavenly things, we may be worthy to be partakers of her glory. Through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, guide and support all bishops, priests and deacons with her maternal love. **Lord hear our prayer**

We pray for our young people as they receive their examination results. May the Father grant them the vision of the fullness of life that he offers them through the following of his Son. **Lord hear our prayer**

We pray for the faithful departed that they may come to dwell with Our Lady in the presence of the risen Lord. Lord, hear us. **Lord hear our prayer**

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for August . . . Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
15	Sunday	9.00am	Joan Southgate
16	Monday	9.15am	Melvyn Ritchie (SVP)
17	Tuesday	12 Noon	Requiem Mass Tom Walker
18	Wednesday	1.15pm	Requiem Mass Enid Henry
19	Thursday		
20	Friday St Bernard	9.15am	Joe Gallagher
21	Saturday <i>The Dedication of St Mary's Cathedral</i>	nb .9.15am	Special Intention
21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
22	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Anniversaries:		John Blackburn	
		Billy McGuinness, Pat Jackson, Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Mary Talbot, Veronica Connors, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno, Teresa Carrick, Nicky McGee	



Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .

- **First Reading ~ Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6, 10**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 44:--12, 16**
- **Second Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 15:20-26**
- **Gospel ~ Luke 1:39-56**



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Walsingham. You can join the live stream of the following using www.walsingham.org.uk and selecting 'watch livestream'

Saturday 14th August: 2.15pm – Concert: 3pm – Lecture: 8.15pm – Ecumenical Torchlight Procession.

Sunday 15th August: 9.30am – Mass at the Chapel of Reconciliation, Catholic National Shrine: 3pm – Divine Mercy Devotions, Vespers and Benediction.

FIRST STEPS – Exploring the Catholic Faith Online. Please pass on the following information to anyone who might be interested.

Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? Join us on a journey this autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you. It may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. We gather weekly via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more. Starts Wednesday 22nd September at 7pm.

If you are interested to find out more, you can enquire/register by emailing adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk. For more details please see the at the back of church.



SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1st September and finishing on the feast of St Francis, 4th October.

Writing about the season in 2019 Pope Francis said, "This is the season for letting our prayer be inspired anew," a season "to reflect on our lifestyles," and a season "for undertaking prophetic actions ... calling for courageous decisions ... directing the planet towards life, not death."

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you with all your creatures and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of Your hands. We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility that You give us as stewards of Your creation. Through faithfully following your Son guide and direct us to prepare for a better future. Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of You. Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all You have created, using wisely all that is entrusted to us. Holy Spirit, who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos help us to build your Kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty where the poor of the earth are crying out.

You can read more about the Season of Creation by visiting www.cbcew.org.uk and selecting 'What's on'

The 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church was celebrated on 8th December 2020. To mark the occasion, Pope Francis proclaimed a 'Year of Saint Joseph' to run from 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021. Below is a prayer to St. Joseph on the Feast of Our Lady's Assumption into Heaven.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you, God entrusted his only Son; In you, Mary placed her trust; With you, Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage and defend us from every evil. Amen.





Clothes are still desperately needed for children aged 1–14 years old and also for adults, male and female. They are desperately needed for Asylum seekers, refugees and needy families. If you can help please contact Veronica Lindo anytime on Mob: 07523077656 or see any St Patrick's SVP member.

(For safety please do not leave bags of clothing at the back of church. Please arrange for collection with Veronica or SVP members)

Upcoming Events

Events taking place at Ushaw ~ Ushaw Events [<mailto:tickets@ushaw.org>]

- We are excited to welcome Animals About Town to Ushaw Historic House. A brilliant opportunity for little ones (and bigger ones!) to meet, interact and learn about a selection of friendly farm animals. **17th August 10am – 1pm.** £3 per child, plus a free slushie.
- Classic Car Show - **28th August 9am - 5pm.** Free with admission, featuring: Fords, Vauxhalls, Austins, Leylands and so much more from the yesteryears.
- Guided Tours - Various dates throughout Summer (£5), plus price of admission to Ushaw. Discover the breath-taking Chapels and beautiful rooms of Ushaw, and its vast history with one of our knowledgeable and engaging guides on an entertaining and enlightening tour.

Opening times: The Gardens, Grounds & Bounds Cafe open daily, 9am - 4pm
Main House, Chapels & Exhibitions open Thursday to Sunday, 1pm - 4pm

Adult Annual Pass	£19.00 per ticket
Adult Day Pass	£9.00 per ticket
Child Annual Pass (5-18 years)	£12.50 per ticket
Child Day Pass (5-18 years)	£6.00 per ticket

THANK YOU to all St. Patrick's parishioners who are delivering bulletins, providing treats and for all other acts of kindness during these difficult times.

Please forward any prayers, thoughts, poems, news, anniversaries or any item that you would like to share and they will be included on the bulletin. Thank you.

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