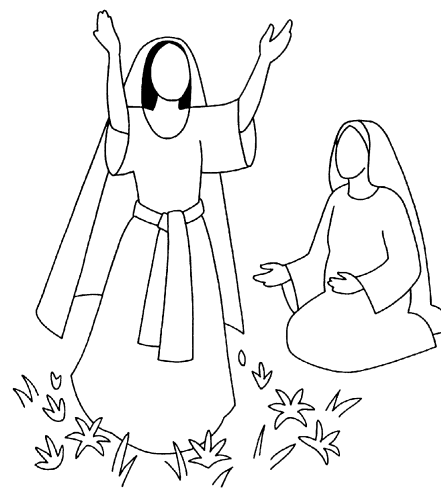


THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (A) Rev. 11: 19, 12: 1-6, 10; Ps. 45; 1 Cor. 15: 20-27; Luke 1: 39-56	
Saturday 15th August 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Holy Souls (Gjoni) and Deacon Philip Gummett RIP	Sunday 16th August 2026 8:30am: William McCormack RIP (Joan McCormack) 10:30am: People of the Parish 12:30pm: Baptism: Michelle Benedicta Orungbamila
Mon. 17th August 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls	Tues. 18th August 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Josie Shandley RIP FM
Weds. 19th Aug. 2026 (Feria) (ST. JOHN EUDES, PRIEST) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Fr John Horn RIP n/s 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Peter Treacy (LSU)	ST. BERNARD, ABBOT AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Thursday 20th Aug. 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Maria Rosario and Quispe Paredes
ST. PIUS X, POPE Friday 21st August 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Private Intention (Gjoni)	THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Saturday 22nd August 2026 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Is. 22: 15, 19-23; Ps. 138; Rom. 11: 33-36; Matthew 16: 13-20	
Saturday 22nd August 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Bernard Gillespie RIP (Social Club)	Sunday 23rd August 2026 8:30am: Marvlyn Edwards thanksgiving and birthday blessings 10:30am: People of the Parish
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH George Aprahamian, Kenneth Parker, Anne Potter, Harriet Rattenbury, Paul Manley, Anne McGagh, Danny Driscoll, Jim Shelley, Kay Hudson, Ingrid Simmons, Mary Shandley, Eloise Wright, Winifrede Brewer, Martyn Byrne, Catherine Hewitson, Valerie Wilson, Donald Bull, Sr. Anita Therese.	
THE ALMIGHTY HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR ME. The resurrection of Christ is the guarantee that in Him God has given us the power to conquer sin and death. Our Lady is assumed into glory through the power of her son and we pray that one day like her the fulfil- ment of glory will be ours. We are all destined for heaven where Mary is now with her glorified Son. Her Assumption gives glory to God the Father Who has done great things for her.	

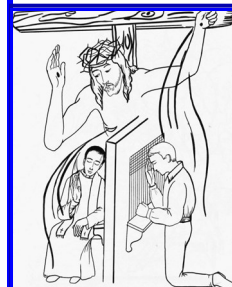


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And Mary said,
 'My soul magnifies the Lord,



and my spirit rejoices
 in God my Saviour,



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As always, **thank you** for your generosity, *Fr. David*.

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY (A)**

The feast of the Assumption marks the end of Our Lady's earthly life. It's a feast day at the beginning of harvest time that has been celebrated for almost fourteen centuries of the Church's history. And how appropriate, because Mary is the first of the great harvest gathered by her blessed. Son. Where Mary has gone we hope to follow.

The Assumption means that Mary, on completion of her earthly life, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven as the fulfilment of her destiny which she achieved by living a life of loving response to God's will. As a young woman she had her own plans and hopes but God put a different proposition to her when the Angel Gabriel saluted her in tones of reverence. She was completely amazed. As a carpenter's wife, quite content with her lot she considered herself unworthy of special treatment. In response to the will of God she meekly said: *'I am the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done to me according to your word.'*



O Immaculate Heart
of Mary, refuge
of sinners,
I beg of you by the
infinite merits of the
Sacred Heart of Jesus,
and by the graces
God has granted
to you since your
Immaculate
Conception,
the grace of never
going astray again.
Mother, keep me,
a sinner, constantly
bathed in the light
of your Immaculate
Heart.
Amen.

100 CLUB

Come and join our
 100 Club. Please see
 Jim Saunders. It is a
 great way to raise
 Parish funds and for
 the Building Fund.
 Your continued
 support is greatly
 appreciated.
 Thank you

CHURCH VOTIVE CANDLES

Please note that from the **1 SEPTEMBER 2026** the suggested donation for the Candles will be **50P** each.

OUR REPOSITORY SHOP

Come and visit our Repository. We have Mass Cards, Prayer Books and many other items. The shop can be open throughout the week before and after Private Prayer and Holy Mass.

CHURCH GARDEN WORK PARTY:

**PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THE DATE
OF THE NEXT CHURCH GARDEN
WORK PARTY.**

**WE REALLY DO NEED YOUR
CONTINUING HELP TO KEEP OUR
CHURCH GARDEN AND GROUNDS
TIDY AND BEAUTIFUL.**

**IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR
DIARY: SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER
INTERNATIONAL MASS AT
10:30AM AND
PARISH CELEBRATION.**

PARISH DIY TEAM

We are looking to set up a **Parish DIY Team** to help to carry out the necessary repairs and renewals in the Church and Parish Centre as and when they occur.

If you have 'Trade', or good DIY skills and would like to be a part of this essential and very important team then please make yourself known to Alex Rees, Alan Hughes and Dexter Pereira.

Thank you.

**SEASON OF CREATION: A JOURNEY OF EDUCATION
AND ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION
WEBINAR: 1 OCTOBER 2026 6-7PM**

Laudato Si' calls for education to promote environmental citizenship; an education which is, by its very nature, a lifelong journey of formation. Pope Francis suggested that education is designed not merely to promote knowledge but also to "*instil good habits*". In this sense, education is a way of shaping how we live in relationship with God, Creation and one another.

Held to celebrate the Season of Creation, this webinar will explore the theme chosen by the World Council of Churches, *"Immersion in Living Water"*, through the lens of education – not as something confined to schools or academia, but as a lifelong journey of formation, ecological conversion, and daily habits and actions. The event is aimed at educators in schools, students, parents, parishioners and all those who wish to respond to the Church's call to care for Creation.

To sign up on Zoom use this code:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tlm34x6bSeyLLDdYfEYURQ#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tlm34x6bSeyLLDdYfEYURQ#/registration)

CHURCH FLOWERS

We have a collection box near the Sacristy to help us to continue to have the beautiful flowers in our Church throughout the year. Any contributions that you could make are appreciated and gratefully received. Thank you.

Please pray for the members of our Parish Family who are sick:

Anita Claridge, Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernie Francis, Bridget Whitaker, Carmella “Nina” Stafford, Catherine Edmeades, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond, Clare Cooney, Erin, Felicity Dyer, Jackie Dawson, Joan Veronica McCormack, Linda Rawlinson, Liz Algar, Lorraine Bradley, Luc Fitzpatrick, Margaret Harrington, Marie Rogerston, Pat McGrory, Patrick Taylor, Pauline White, Richard Hilsden, Sean Tansey, Sue Towers and Tricia Farrelly.

PLEASE, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO, WITH THEIR PERMISSION, OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?