



The Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (20TH WEEK OF THE YEAR)

Year B – Sunday 15th August 2021

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 4

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B – Sunday 22nd August 2021

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 1

MASS TIMES

BOOKING NO LONGER REQUIRED!

Monday to Friday - 10am

Saturday - 6pm Vigil

Sunday

9:00am, 10:30am Live-stream &
12:00nn Outdoor (*Indoors in bad weather*)

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 15 - Catholics and many other Christians celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God.

Venerable Pope Pius XII confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the perennial teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950, invoking papal infallibility to proclaim, “that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.” His Apostolic Constitution “*Munificentissimus Deus*” (Most Bountiful God), which defined the dogma, contained the Pontiff’s accounts of many longstanding traditions by which the Church has celebrated the Assumption throughout its history.

The constitution also cited testimonies from the early Church fathers on the subject, and described the history of theological reflection on many Biblical passages which are seen as indicating that Mary was assumed into heaven following her death. Although the bodily assumption of Mary is not explicitly recorded in Scripture, Catholic tradition identifies her with the “woman clothed with the sun” who is described in the 12th chapter of the Book of Revelation.

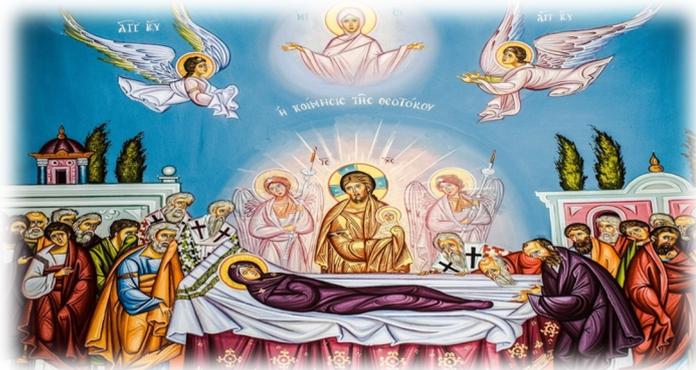
The passage calls that woman's appearance “a great sign” which “appeared in heaven,” indicating that she is the mother of the Jewish Messiah and has “the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.” Accordingly, Catholic iconography of the Western tradition often depicts the Virgin Mary's assumption into heaven in this manner.

Eastern Christians have also traditionally held Mary's assumption into heaven as an essential component of their faith. Pius XII cited several early Byzantine liturgical texts, as well as the eighth-century Arab Christian theologian St. John of Damascus, in his own authoritative definition of her assumption. - *CNA*

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

First Reading – Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6, 10

This vision of the Woman giving birth and of the huge red Dragon is bewilderingly rich in biblical symbolism. The context of the Book of Revelation is the struggle between the Church and the demands of Roman paganism, particularly the demand that all should worship the Emperor as God. The purpose of Revelation is to reassure the faithful of victory, despite the threat of martyrdom. The Woman represents Israel, the people of God, who gives birth to a son, the true ruler of the universe. The Dragon, of great sagacity and immense power, is the Roman Empire. The son is unhesitatingly whipped up to heaven in triumph, frustrating the evil Dragon of its prey and issuing immediately in the hymn of triumph. The perspective is, of course, foreshortened, omitting the details of Christ's earthly life, to show the certainty of the son's triumph. Secondly, tradition sees in the Woman the earthly mother of the Saviour, Mary, mother of Jesus and mother of the Church, who triumphs over all the powers of evil. The secondary symbolism, therefore, is that Mary is the great sign in heaven of triumph over evil. Evil has no hold on Mary, and her children are sure of victory.



Gospel Reading – Luke 1:39-56

This gospel reading ends with the start of Mary's canticle of thanksgiving for God's gifts to her. But it starts with her bodily attention to the bodily needs of her elderly relative. With her own baby on the way, she would have plenty of other priorities, making her long journey a real act of kindness. Her canticle, sung daily in the liturgy of Evening Prayer, sums up God's faithfulness to his promises, focused on his gifts to this simple peasant girl. It combines a wonderful sense of the holiness of God with warmth of gratitude, showing the thoughts that revolved constantly in her mind. As is fitting in the mouth of a girl whose only knowledge of books was the Bible, Mary's song is a texture of scriptural phrases. We cannot assume that Luke wrote it down at Mary's dictation, for putting words in the mouth of his characters is a feature of Luke the historian; but it must reflect her thinking. If any theme resounds again and again throughout the Bible, it is God's care for the poor, the simple and those in need. It is this which sets the Hebraeo-Christian tradition apart from the ways of the world.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading – Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

This final chapter of the Book of Joshua shows Israel settled into the 'land flowing with milk and honey', having concluded the great trek of the Exodus. At Shechem they held a great assembly of all the tribes, and renewed the covenant, with promises of loyalty to the Lord.

The renewal of the covenant was necessary because in the course of their desert wandering a number of various tribes had joined Moses' original group of escaped slaves, and not all of them had been present at the original covenant. This scene at Shechem is put in parallel to today's gospel reading because Joshua challenged them to make up their minds whether or not they intended to remain loyal to the Lord, in the same way as Jesus challenges the disciples at the end of the Bread of Life discourse.

The similarity is not only a challenge to loyalty, but specifically to covenant loyalty, since the Eucharistic context of the discourse puts the failure of some of the disciples and the acceptance by Peter and the others into the context of refusing or accepting the New Covenant made by Jesus at the Last Supper.

Gospel Reading – John 6:60-69

Throughout the Gospel of John a great division is taking place between those who accept Jesus as the Messiah, the Wisdom of God, the Light of the world, the Good Shepherd, the King of the Jews, the Lamb of God, and those who do not accept. The marriage-feast at Cana, where the disciples believe and see the glory of Jesus, is immediately followed by the rejection by the custodians of the Temple. Then Nicodemus comes by night and tentatively approaches the light, while the Samaritan joyfully accepts him and announces him to her fellow-townfolk. Later in the Gospel we will see the stark division growing ever stronger between the sick man at the Pool of Bethzatha and the Man born Blind on the one hand and the Pharisees on the other. Finally the gentile Pilate declares Jesus to be king, while the Jewish authorities reject any king but Caesar.

Now, as the conclusion of the revelation of Jesus as the Wisdom of the Father and the Bread of Life, comes the sad moment of the division between the disciples, when some find the message too fierce and walk away, while Peter in the name of the faithful disciples makes his moving and loving act of faith, 'you have the words of eternal life'. It is the same profession of faith as Peter in the synoptic gospels makes at Caesarea Philippi, but directly in terms of the Johannine gift, eternal life.

In all this, the choice is being put before us too: how deep is our faith, how firm our commitment? It is the ultimate choice in life; there is no sitting on the fence. And the choice must be renewed from day to day.

MASS TIMES, DEVOTIONS & PRAYERS

If you would like a Mass said, please ask for an envelope from one of our ushers or from the parish clergy.

You may also send an email to Fr Jude: jude.belnas@rcdea.org.uk

Saturday 14th August: St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, PM

10am – Holy Rosary

1:30pm – Nuptial Mass **Thomasz & Kinga**

No Confessions

6pm – Vigil Mass, **The Assumption of The Blessed**

Virgin Mary - SOLEMNITY Michael Goodwin+

SUNDAY 15th August: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - SOLEMNITY

9:00am – Mass **Maury Family**

10:30am – Live-stream **Rosa Varone+ and Gabriel Pillai Antony+**

12:00nn – Outdoor Mass **Sr Shiela & Sr Win**

Monday 16th August: St Stephen of Hungary – Memoria (note: earlier time for Mass)

8AM – MASS **Marta Menendez Garcia**

Tuesday 17th August: Feria

10am – Mass **Sr Monica DJ**

Wednesday 18th August: Feria

10am – Mass **Sr Angela Duffy DJ+**

10:30am - Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday 19th August: St John Eudes P - Memoria

10am – Mass **Geraldine O'Mahoney+**

Friday 20th August: St Bernard AbD – Memoria

10am – Mass – **O'Mahoney Family**

10:30am - Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 21st August: St Pius X Pp - Memoria

10am – Holy Rosary

12nn – Baptism **Martina Luisa Padilla**

5pm Confessions

6pm – Vigil Mass, **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Frank Mulholland (F)

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION AT MASS

When receiving Holy Communion please come forward row by row as directed. The approach to the altar is a procession so please maintain prayerful reflection. When you reach the priest or minister please bow or genuflect to the Blessed Sacrament. Place your hands one on top of the other. Step to one side with the host, remove your face covering & reverently and carefully consume the Blessed Sacrament. On returning to our places through the sides of the church we make a prayer of thanksgiving.

SUNDAY 22nd August: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Mass **Luke Maury**

10:30am – Live-stream **Geraldine O'Mahoney+**

12:00nn – Outdoor Mass **Fr Bruce Burbidge**

Monday 23rd August: St Rose of Lima V - Memoria

10am – Mass **Virginia McNamara**

Tuesday 24th August: St Bartholomew Ap - Feast

10am – Mass **Fr Piotr Wygnanski**

Wednesday 25th August: Feria

10am – Mass **Hanna Derecho**

10:30am - Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday 26th August: Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God P - Memoria

10am – Mass **Passionist Congregation**

Friday 27th August: St Monica – Memoria

10am – Mass **Pearl Austria**

10:30am - Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 28th August: St Augustine BD - Memoria

10am – Holy Rosary

5pm Confessions

6pm – Vigil Mass, **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Augustinians**

SUNDAY 29th August: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Mass **Pro Populo**

10:30am – Live-stream **Wisdom & Pamela's Intentions**

12:00nn – Outdoor Mass **Sick/Housebound Parishioners**

REVISED STEP 4 COVID GUIDANCE

Ours is a small but busy building, so please note the following:

*Please use the 'track & trace app' on the door.

*Please continue to wear a mask properly covering the mouth & nose. Visors are acceptable, but offer less protection.

*If medically exempt from face coverings please provide proof from your doctor rather than a badge which can be freely bought on the internet.

Given the size of the building you are strongly advised to only attend the outdoor Mass at 12noon if not able to wear a face covering.

*Please use hand sanitiser on entry or exit.

*Please leave 1 seat free between each individual or group/bubble.

*Please continue to maintain social distancing & try not to mingle.

CONGRATULATIONS....

Best wishes to Thomasz and Kinga on their wedding on Saturday August 14.

Also, we welcome into the family of the Church, Martina Luisa Padilla who will be baptised on Saturday August 21.

TEA & COFFEE

There'll be refreshments available on Fridays after Mass and Adoration & Benediction. Also on Sundays after the 9am and the 10:30am Masses. Biscuits and cakes may be available too!

COUPLES FOR CHRIST

Couples for Christ is an international Catholic movement of families who have taken up Christ's exhortation to spread the Good News and pursues its objectives through family pastoral programs aimed at making the family a "domestic Church". Together with CFC we are inviting you to rediscover the sense of your vocation to marriage and renew your faithfulness to God and your vows which bind you together as husband and wife. The on-line programme will start on 18th September and will take eight sessions over eight weeks. If you would like more information on our Couples for Christ group or sign up, please contact Jolanta via email on:

cfc@saintlukesparish.org.uk

CLEANING

The church is cleaned from 10.45am every Wednesday – more help is needed. Great thanks to all those who keep our church clean and sanitised.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021-22

We intend to run a full First Holy Communion course with classes beginning later in September. Demand will be high and we can probably only accommodate 45 children so please get in touch as early as possible. Children should be in years 3-6 at primary school. Sorry, applications will not be accepted after 1st September, or when we reach capacity. Please contact Rosanna and our team of catechists by email: fhc@saintlukesparish.org.uk. Young people in secondary school who were unable to make first holy communion can instead join the Confirmation classes which will be advertised later.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2021-22

We are now accepting registrations for the next Confirmation course due to begin in the autumn. Please email info@saintlukesparish.org.uk for application forms and keep an eye on the newsletter & webpage for more information about class dates in due course:

ONLINE SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Since his return to the diocese, Fr Paul Maddison has set up an on-line spiritual direction service available for clergy, religious and laity. It can be found at www.divinethread.org and also has some resources to help in the practice of prayer.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Mass on Monday August 16th will be at an earlier time: 8am. Thank you for your understanding.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2021

Saturday 4th September in London. This is an in-person event which will inspire, educate and motivate our nation to value all life from the moment of conception. The Morning: #LifeFest21 10.00 - 13.00 in the Emmanuel Centre, Marsham St, London, SW1P 3D - Pro-Life organisations from around the UK showcasing their work, inspiring speakers, moving testimonies, live music, pro-life merchandise, pro-life tots, kids and teens' activities, selfie stands and much more! The March: 13.30 - 16.00. Pilgrims from the diocese of East Anglia are encouraged to congregate together outside the Emmanuel Centre at 1pm and walk under the banner of Our Lady of Walsingham. Please contact Sarah Ward to let her know you will be attending: sarahcampling@hotmail.com

SPUC PETERBOROUGH

For a variety of reasons St. Luke's does not support or promote 'The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children', preferring instead Right To Life UK, of which our Cardinal recently became a patron & Life Charity which our diocese supports. However, you might be interested in a talk by John Deighan, new CEO of S.P.U.C. on Sat 11th September at St. Peter & All Souls. This will be followed by a buffet in the parish hall. Please contact Christine Conlon if you plan to attend: christine18@tiscali.co.uk

FILIPINO MASS & CELEBRATION

Sunday Mass on September 5th, 12nn will be a Parish English-Filipino Mass. Liturgical music will be ministered to us by Couples For Christ Choir from Norwich. There'll be stalls of food, games, entertainment, BINGO, raffle and many more. All proceeds will go to the parish funds. We thank our Filipino parishioners for organising another community event. Watch the space for more parish activities to follow.

JOIN THE IGNITE TEAM

Interested in working with children and young people? Have you recently left school or university? Deciding what to do next now 'A' Level results are out? In between jobs? Or would like to do something 'different'? The Diocesan Youth Service is looking for people aged 18-35 to join the Ignite Team, sharing the Gospel Message with young people. These are full-time positions initially for either 12 months (September 2021 or September 2022 intake) or 6 months (January 2022 or January 2023 intake), with training, food, accommodation, and a monthly allowance provided.

For more information see www.rcdea.org.uk.

SECRETARY REQUIRED

The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham are looking to appoint someone as an administrator for their growing community, based from their con-vent in Dereham. The person in question would be expected to work 10 - 12 hours per week for up to £12 per hour depending on experience. If you would like further information on the role or wish to apply, please email Sr Camilla COLW at: admin@walsinghamcommunity.org or call 01362 421442. The closing date for applications is 10th September, 2021.

PRAY FOR THE SOULS

Please pray for the souls of Geraldine O'Mahoney+ and Antonio Alicante who both died recently. We also pray for their families. *Eternal rest gran unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*