



NEWSLETTER

Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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Week 4

THIS WEEK



14th August **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6pm*: Crohan O'Shea+
 8.30am: Elio Marcangelo+
 10.30am: Bernard Smith+
 6.00pm: Tommy Maloney+

Monday 15th

6pm: Julie Loh+

Tuesday 16th **St Stephen of Hungary**

9.30am: *Morning Prayer*
 10.00am: The Bradnum Family (ints)

Wednesday 17th **No Mass**

Thursday 18th

10.00am: Sean Trehy+

Friday 19th **St Jude Eudes**

9.30am: *Morning Prayer*
 10.00am: Martin Harrisson (thanksgiving)

Saturday 20th **St Bernard**

6pm*: Elody Murchison+

21st August

8.30am: Rosie Fernaroli-O'Sullivan+
 10.30am: Cathriona McLoughlin+
 6.00pm: Clyde Roberts+

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

We celebrate this Sunday the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady instead of the normal Sunday of the year. When the feast is near, the previous or the following day to the Sunday, the local church considers appropriate to change the date and invite all churchgoers to join the joy of the Church.

We give great importance to our saints. We don't "adore" them as some Christian can object, but we recognise that they have lived a proper Christian life, that they have imitated Christ in different ways, and they rejoice on God's presence. They encourage us in our individual life, and they make simpler our following of Christ by the example of their virtues and their intercession. They are much closer to us through their writings, portraits or sculptures.

Well. Our Lady is the first among all the saints. As the Second Vatican Council states: "Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, imitates in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the faith. And when she is the subject of reading and worship, she **prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father**". No wonder the real image of Our Lady is not a beautiful girl, but a caring mother who points lovingly to her son in her bosom as you can see in most icons.

Being made by Jesus the mother of every Christian in his words to St. John: "woman here is your son" and "Here is our mother", we come today to honour her memory in this feast of her Assumption. And we come with a joyful disposition, seeing our Mother exalted and glorified by her son Jesus in her Assumption. He, also, will be happy that we acknowledge the greatness of his mother, chosen by God, the Father, to become **the mother of Jesus and the mother of God**, as well, as declared by the Church, as early as the IV century in the council of Ephesus.

This solemnity of the Assumption was defined a dogma in 1950 by Pope Pius XII when he declared that "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, **was assume body and soul into heavenly glory** upon the completion of her earthly sojourn. She was exalted by the Lord as Queen of all, in order that she might be the more thoroughly conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and the conqueror of sin and death.". The Oriental churches speak of this feast as the "Dormition" of Our Lady, as if she had passed from this life into the other in a sort of dream. Just to indicate with delicacy her privilege of not having her body spoiled.

May She guide us, pilgrims in this aggressive and indifferent world, with her motherly touch, and help us to increase our satisfaction for being chosen to follow Jesus Christ, to look for our future proper life in heaven and to extend our satisfaction to our fellow brothers and sisters all around us.

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Hail Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen

2022 WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE DAY

**"Mary Mother of Sorrow,
Mother of Joy"**



The Westminster's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham this year is on Saturday 24th September, 2022. Further details will be available soon.

First Holy Communion Form & Dates September 2022.

Please visit the First Holy Communion section of our website to enrol. If you have any questions, please email anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk

NOTICES

WELCOME

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR PARISH?

Please visit the parish website on [parish.rcdow.org.uk/ barnet](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/barnet) where you will find information on the parish, parish groups and much more. Information is available at the back of the church or on the website under 'news'. If you would like to register yourself and/or your family, please email the parish office with your details to barnet@rcdow.org.uk

NEED TO TALK?

If you would like to speak to Anita pastorally and in confidence, Anita is available on Tuesdays after 10am mass. Please knock on the presbytery door or email anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk

BIBLE STUDY GROUP St Peter RC New Barnet

A new Bible Study Group will begin in the Centre of Mary Immaculate & St Peter RC Church in New Barnet.

Starting on Saturday 17th September from 10am - 4pm with a session entitled "*Jeff Cavin's Bible Timeline: Overview of the Bible*",

Followed by 4 Sessions on consecutive Thursday evenings from 6.30pm - 8pm starting on Thursday 22nd September. There will be a reading of one book of the Bible in those 4 sessions.

Thank you from CAFOD

CAFOD, is a member of Caritas Internationalis, working with some of the poorest and most marginalised people in 165 countries. Our local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. Find out more www.cafod.org.uk.

CAFOD Gap Year Programme for 18-30 year olds

Step into the Gap is a great opportunity. For Young Adults aged between 18-30 to immerse themselves in interactive experiences, develop leadership skills while exploring their faith, and meeting new people. This is a time to reflect on global society while spending a year inspiring others to act for the poor and most marginalised. Based in the UK in a retreat centre or Catholic Secondary School with accommodation, travel and stipend included. Take the first step and apply for September 2022.

www.cafod.org.uk/gapyear

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers the Sick and Homebound including:

Rosemary Chester, Paul Reed, Marian Darby, Ken Quigley, Mary Geraghty, Edel O'Sullivan, Linda Quilter, Sean Kelly, Emanuele & Carlotta Brunelli, Linda & Stuart Atkinson, Pat Cosgrove, Bernadette Hunt, Roberto Lusignani, Elaine Brennan, Mark O'Brien, Rita Rawlings, Joe Connolly, Mary Harris, Eric Power, Michael Keyes, Eileen Robbins, John Chuter, Marlene Hollocks, Margaret Greaney, Veronica Soosay, ohn Thompson, Lucretia Olivier-Hall, David John Hall, Suzanne Greig, Paul Stephens, George Buhagia and Paul Dempsey

Recently Deceased: Catherine Malone

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