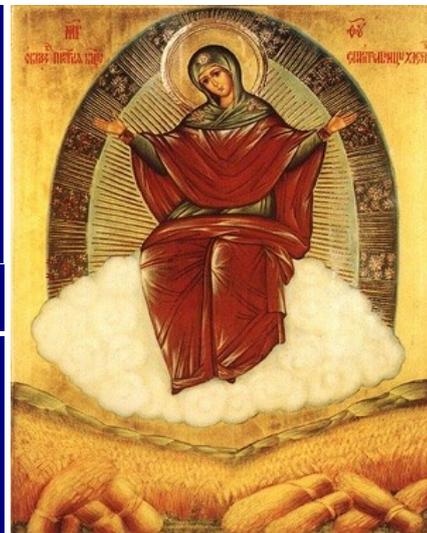


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The Assumption of the Blessed Mary: (Year B) 15th August 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 14th August	Vigil: The Assumption	6.00pm	Hannah & Pat O'Gorman
Sunday 15th August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8.30am	People of the parish
Thursday 19th August	Feria	10.30am	John Crowle RIP
Friday 20th August	Feria	9.15am	Theresa Coyle RIP
Saturday 21st August	Vigil: 21st Sunday	9.15am	Martina Molloney RIP
		6.00pm	Catherine O'Sullivan

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30, or see Fr John.

Intentions are now booked until September please leave plenty of time if you want a special date

Liturgy of the Word: 15th August 2021

Entrance Antiphon:	<i>A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	<i>On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!</i>
Next week:	<i>Joshua 24:-2,15-18, Psalm 33:2-3,16-23, Ephesians 5:21-32, John 6:60-69</i>

Fr John writes:

On 1st November 1950, Pope Pius XII proclaimed "for the joy and exultation of the entire Church;" that it was a divinely revealed truth that the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.

But the belief in Our Lady's Assumption has been evident in the Church from very early times. Whilst attending the Council of Chalcedon in 451, the Patriarch of Jerusalem received a request from the Roman Emperor to be given relics of Our Lady to be reserved in a Church built in her honour. The Patriarch advised that that would not be possible, since it was settled tradition in the East that three days after her death, Mary's tomb was found to be empty by the apostles.

The circumstances of Mary's death are not recorded in Scripture, but from the earliest times the Church has interpreted the vision of St John at Patmos, recorded in the book of the Apocalypse, as a description of the glory of the mother of God in heaven.

St John sees the very sanctuary of God in heaven opened and can see the ark of the Covenant. For the Jewish people, the ark was the very presence of God amongst them, it was carried with them when they were in the wilderness, borne before them in battle and once the Temple was built, the Ark, made of wood which would not decay, was placed in the Holy of Holies in the Temple.

Mary becomes the chosen vessel to carry the glory of the presence of God which was Jesus, she is the ark of the new covenant and her obedience to the will of God becomes the perfect example for us. The only human to be without sin, the new Eve prepares the way for us to be united with God and imitates her beloved Son's resurrection by being assumed into heaven.

The Mother of God has taken her place in heaven and intercedes for us. She will always protect us and guide us on our own journey to share, with her, eternal joy with Christ.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - BOOKING for MASS To Book log into carpenterspark@rcdow.org.uk and then select EVENTS.



A big thank you to **Fr Dominic and Fr Tom** who are covering for Carpenters Park South Oxhey whilst Fr John is on holiday.

The Financials....

Total offertory for weekend 8/8/21

Envelopes £238.65

Loose Plate £138.20

July Virgin Money Donations via website £56.25

July Monthly Standing Orders: £1249.50

Last Years Standing Orders for July: £681.50



LOTS OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES STILL TO BE COLLECTED PLEASE!

Ask a Steward for yours or call in at the Parish Office.

PLEASE CONSIDER HOW YOU CHOOSE TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING ST JOSEPH'S

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Thank you to all of you who support St Joseph's by giving a manageable amount regularly. We need to share with you our current financial situation.

As advised by the Diocese St Joseph's converted the presbytery into two dwellings with the intention of securing the future of the parish by bringing in a steady income. The Diocese supported this work financially and we still have the outstanding loan which is to be paid back by the rental income.

We are sure you will appreciate the coronavirus pandemic and with this outstanding debt has left St Joseph's in a vulnerable position financially. The Church belongs to the people and like any home it carries the same expenditure - which currently is much higher than our income.

It reinforces the notion that the best way to give to St Joseph's is by standing order. All you need to do is fill in a form, return it to us & let us do the rest.

**Covid Vaccination Clinic South Oxhey
Wednesday 11, 18 & 25 August
5pm—7pm**



**TO BOOK YOUR JAB:
01923 278181**

MONDAY –FRIDAY, 9AM–7PM

OR JUST WALK IN

**PARISH COUNCIL
HALL,
OXHEY DRIVE,
SOUTH OXHEY**

*Pfizer clinic—First dose for over
18s, or your second dose if 8
weeks since first jab.*

SUNDAY OBLIGATION The Bishops of England and Wales have released a statement which reads 'it is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church.'

The Bishops of England and Wales have advised us that a gradual easing of restrictions is suggested with some ongoing mitigation of risk.

Care has to be taken to ensure that churches continue to be places where people feel safe to gather to worship. Churches should continue to provide hand sanitiser at entrances and exits and face coverings are strongly recommended to be worn by those in church. The advice from Public Health England is that risk is significantly lower with good ventilation and a face covering. There are key actions which churches and parishes have been doing, and should continue.

As long as the NHS Test, Track and Trace system is in operation, churches should continue to make available the means for people to sign in for acts of worship using the NHS app and the associated QR codes (or other means of attendee identification). If an online Mass Booking system is in place, this should continue to be used so that attendees are known.

It is no longer necessary to have one-way systems or other restrictions on movement in churches from this time onward. People should exercise good responsible behaviour especially when moving to receive Holy Communion during Mass and should avoid getting too close to each other.

The **offertory collection** can be resumed in church with baskets and pouches, however, it is encouraged to promote online or contactless giving in the churches if possible

- It is recommended that the physical **Sign of Peace** remain suspended as it is not an integral part of the Mass, and its omission will help to reduce physical contact between people during the celebration.
- **Holy Communion** will continue to be under one kind and the ministers will continue to sanitise their hands beforehand and wear a face covering whilst distributing. Communion is recommended to be distributed in the hand.