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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Year C) 14th August 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 13th August	Vigil: Assumption	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 14th August	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8.30am	Maurice Rodrigo & John Crowle RIP
		10.30am	Monica de Jonk RIP
Tuesday 16th August	Feria	7.00pm	Roberts family
Wednesday 17th August	Feria	9.15am	Ann Archer Intentions
Thursday 18th August	Feria	9.15am	James Treanor RIP
Friday 19th August	Feria	9.15am	Timothy Anthony Foley Ints
Saturday 20th August	Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	Ann Mary O'Sullivan RIP

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John

Mass Intentions: Please leave plenty of time if you want a special date

Liturgy of the Word: 14th August 2022

Entrance Antiphon:

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
 as we celebrate the feast in honour of the Virgin Mary,
 at whose Assumption the Angels rejoice
 and praise the Son of God.

Responsorial Psalm:

On your right stands the queen,
 in garments of gold.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Mary has been taken up into heaven;
 all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.
 Alleluia!

Next week's Readings:

Isaiah 66:18-21, Psalm 116, Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13, Luke 13:22-30

Gospel Reflection

We celebrate this Sunday the Solemnity of the Assumption and we rejoice that Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven. This belief, going back to the early church, was declared an infallible doctrine in 1950 by Pope Pius XII. "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" Since Mary was without sin from conception to her death, her body did not face the corruption that comes with death.

Our Gospel today is the account of the Visitation of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth. Part of the Elizabeth's greeting has been handed down as the Hail Mary, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." The child in Elizabeth's womb, John the Baptist, leaps for joy at the presence of Jesus in the womb of Mary. Mary's response is the prayer we now know as the Magnificat, proclaiming the greatness of the Lord and all that he has done for her.

Mary's Assumption is a sign to us of what, by God's grace, awaits us. By striving to imitate Mary's obedience to God's will, we can all live in the hope of eternal life in heaven. Like Elizabeth we should strive for holiness: a holiness that allows us to be sensitive to God's presence in our midst, and an awareness of God that moves us to prayer. When we approach the altar for Holy Communion we are truly in God's presence and the closer we get to him, the more our hearts will leap for joy. Like Mary may our souls magnify the greatness of the Lord. May we be always mindful of the great things God has done for us.

"The Mother of Jesus in the glory which she possesses in body and soul in heaven is the image and the beginning of the church as it is to be perfected in the world to come. Likewise, she shines forth on earth, until the day of the Lord shall come." (Vatican II Lumen Gentium)

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Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Led by Cardinal Vincent, this year's pilgrimage takes place on the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, **24th September**. The theme for this year's pilgrimage is *'Mary, Mother of Sorrows, Mother of Joy'*.

St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022

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September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage across England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in a church or cathedral near them. For further details on when the relics will be in the Diocese of Westminster visit

<http://www.stbernadette.org.uk/> or see the poster at the back of church.

It is worth noting the dates/times for *Westminster Cathedral*

The relics will arrive on Saturday 3rd September at 11am, and depart on Monday 5th September at 9:30am. (The Veneration of the Relics is from Saturday at 1pm until Monday at 6am- No booking needed)

Also, the dates/times for *St Joseph's Church, Stevenage*

The relics will arrive on Monday 17th October at 1pm, and depart on Tuesday 18th 8.15am

Anointing of the Sick will take place at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 3rd September at 2:30pm**. This is the only service at the Cathedral that is a ticketed event. Please let us know if you would like to attend as it is on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Vacancy for a full time **ELECTRICAL ENGINEER**—Working for the Diocese of Westminster. Further details on the noticeboard at the back of church or <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/electrical-engineer-aedificabo-ltd/> **Closing date: Friday 26th August at noon**

CAFOD Schools Volunteers needed

This summer are you looking for a new challenge? Do you enjoy working with **children and young people**? Could you help to **inspire and empower** children and young people in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of **global justice**?

Could you visit schools in your local area to deliver assemblies and workshops about our work and encourage young people to take action, fundraise and pray with CAFOD?

Then why not use your skills for the common good and be an active part of creating a world without poverty. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided



CAFOD Schools Volunteers coordinator needed

Are you interested in using your skills to help to help organise visits to primary and secondary schools across the Westminster Diocese? Are you comfortable using databases and communicating with schools and other volunteers? Join us a volunteer to support our busy schools programme. Some experience using databases and IT systems is required but full support and training will be given.

If you are interested in either of the two volunteer roles above, please contact Chris Driscoll at CAFOD Westminster at westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk or call 07776 493162 for further information.

Live saving cancer treatment for Jorge

The family of Jorge Varela have set up a gofundme page to help finance alternative treatments for Jorge's stage 3 pancreatic cancer. If you would like to support this cause then further details can be found in the link:

<https://gofund.me/90f93918>

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially

Helen Birch, Tom O'Connor, Bebe Ryan and Bernadette Cruickshank.

Offertory for Sunday 7th August

Envelopes £ 185.09
Loose Plate £ 199.32
Total £ 384.41

Monthly Standing orders for July 2022- £1,735.00

Many thanks