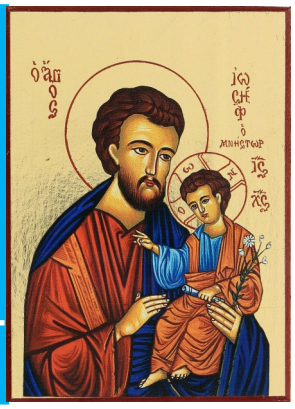


The Parishes of Northwood and Carpenders Park & South Oxhey

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(16th August 2026)



Worship this week

Sunday Readings: *Year A* ***Weekday Readings:*** *Week 20 (Yr 2)* ***Daily Office:*** *Wk 4*

(Saturday)	**6.00pm: Anticipated Mass of Sunday** *- Clifford Yearley RIP*
Sunday 16th *The Assumption of the BVM*	**9.00am: Mass** - *Wendy Hodkinson RIP (Anniv) (St Matthew's)* **11.15am: Mass** - *People of the Parishes (St Joseph's)* **6.00pm: Mass** - *Mary Meehan RIP (St Matthew's)*
Monday 17th *Feria*	**9.30am Rosary** **10.00am: Mass** - *Tony Marano RIP (St Matthew's)*
Tuesday 18th *Feria*	**9.30am Rosary** **10.00am: Mass** - *Alistair & Elizabeth Bell (Wedding Anniv) (St Joseph's)*
Wednesday 19th *Feria*	**NO PUBLIC MASS**
Thursday 20th *S. Bernard*	**6.30pm Rosary** **7.00pm: Mass** - *Terry Ryan RIP (St Joseph's)*
Friday 21st *S. Pius X*	**9.30am Rosary** **10.00am: Mass** - *Those who've recently received Exam Results (St Matthew's)* **12.30pm Funeral Mass of Clarita Padilla Sugue** *(St Matthew's)*
Saturday 22nd *The Queenship of Mary*	**10.00am: Rosary** *(St Matthew's)* **10.30am:Mass** - *Adriana Horton-Mastin RIP (Anniv)* 11.00am - 11.50am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions **ending with Benediction** 5.00pm -5.45pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions *(St Joseph's)* **6.00pm: Anticipated Mass of Sunday** *- Bessie Hennessy RIP*
Sunday 23rd *21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*	**9.00am: Mass** - *Vince Thapermall RIP(2nd Anniv)(St Matthew's)* **11.15am: Mass-** *Baby Michael West(Thanksgiving)(St Joseph's)* **6.00pm: Mass** - *People of the Parishes (St Matthew's*

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to have a Mass intention (or lamp prayer intention) for a particular date.

You can make a donation to either parish by using the appropriate QR code.

St Matthew's Church
32 Hallowell Road,
Northwood
HA6 1DW

Parish Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9.00am - 3.30pm

St Joseph's Church
111 Oxhey Drive,
Watford
WD19 7SW

Parish Office Hours
Tuesday, Thursday: 9.00am - 3.30pm

Lamp Prayer Intentions

(St Matthew's)
Blessed Sacrament
Vince Thapermall RIP (Anniv)
Our Lady
Anne Clifford RIP

(St Joseph's)
Blessed Sacrament
Those who have received exam results

Our Lady
The Sisters of the BVM

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Please join us in praying for those who are sick and those who have died:

Please contact us with any additional names you may wish to be added to these lists which are updated weekly, and accept our apologies for anyone we have omitted.

For those who are sick: Mary Emmanuel, Joe Mullen, Leo McLoughlin, Patrick Coyle, Lourdes D'Silva Torres, Eliana Ost, James Conradi, Anne Paget, Mary Vaughan, Helen Jones, Sinead Ceasar, Gilda Kumarathasan, Siobhan Frost, Leslie Caesar, Mary Elizabeth Thomas, Georgette Gornall, Ann Archer, Kathleen Lynch, Kathleen Andrews, Harry Nandlal, Dawn Tannian, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard, Brendan Davern, Shay Murray, Ruby King, John Wildsmith, Cecil Swampillai, Belinda Plummer, Marilyn Theodore, Veronica Savill, Levan Soloman, Patricia Procter, Philip Wilson, Mary Hyde, King Charles, Moira Montgomery, Patricia Lee, Peter Fitzpatrick, Mark O'Connor, Marie Marron, Carol-Ann Frost, Ron Picardo, Kerry Blackburn, James Wilson, Rafael Pino, Julius Fayiti, Anna Kelly, Justin, Margaret Downing, as well as others for whom we have been praying together recently.

For those who have died recently, Michael McCarthy, Clarita Padilla Sugue, Erma Fernandes, Horace Clarke and all who have died as a result of violence, war and conflict or natural disaster and those who have no one to pray for them.

For those whose anniversary occurs around this time: Maurice Enright, John Gorman, Mary Huggard, Richard Bosworth-Smith, Anne Van Den Berg, David Cooke, Herbert Bailey, Steven Breen, Nora Ball, Nial O'Neill, Elizabeth Murray, Pat Lavender (Greta), Jack Carr, Barbara Callaghan, Michael Cotter, Len Martin, Seamus McGowan, Marie Russell, Barbara Kinehan, Mieczyslan Lustik, Jean West.

Pope's Prayer Intention for August. For evangelization in the city, that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Readings at Sunday Mass

First reading *Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab*

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple.

And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God.

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, 'Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *45(44):10. 11. 12. 16. ℟10b*

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir

The daughters of kings are those whom you favour.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir

Listen, O daughter; pay heed and give ear:
forget your own people and your father's house.

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir

So will the king desire your beauty.
He is your lord, pay homage to him.

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir

They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king.

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir

Second reading *1 Corinthians 15:20-27*

Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For 'God has put all things in subjection under his feet.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Mary has been taken up into heaven;
the host of angels rejoice.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 1:39-56*

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to .Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.'

And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring for ever.'

And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

The Gospel of The Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.