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14/15 AUGUST 2021

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B
(THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)**

The church is open for communal worship but book before coming; email/phone call/text

The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday	14th	5.00pm		Mrs M. McGreal
Sunday	15th	9.00am		Teresa Enwonwu
		11.00am		People of the Parish
Monday	16th	9.30am	St. Stephen	Gavina & Restituto
Tuesday	17th	9.30am	Feria	Atunwata Enwonwu
Wednesday	18th	9.30am	Feria	Myriam+Leon & Nicky Vollaire
Friday	20th	9:00am	Exposition & Mass (St. Bernard, Abbot)	Alberta Cudjoe BD

21st Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

Saturday	21st	5.00 pm
Sunday	22nd	9.00 am
		11.00 am

Reconciliation – please telephone the presbytery for an appointment

We pray for the sick in our Parish especially Gina, Mary Bernard, Maria Keith, Alba G, Julia Abimbola, Peggy, Martin, Ramasaway and Jane Boswell. We pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially, Anesta, Annesley, Betty Addison, Eileen Morley, Sarafina Spadofara, Benedetta Catarinicchia, Tim Sullivan, Bernard Turner, Daphne Xavier, Richard Collison, Ann Neary, Father John Miller and Brian Stephenson. We also remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10 The woman and the dragon depicted the persecuted church; but came to include the Assumption of our Lady

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-25 Christ is "first fruits" of the resurrection. His Mother already shares the fullness of redemption

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-56 During her visit to Elizabeth, Mary recites the Magnificat

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- The fairest of creatures

Every individual of the human race, male and female, is made in the image and likeness of God. (Genesis 1:26). We can celebrate Our Lady's Assumption in light of this basic principle from the creation story. Mostly we are tempted to reverse this process and try to shape God in our own image and likeness. Naturally we have a limited concept of our Creator. How we cling to the notion of a docile God, who will grant our wishes if only we ask him in the right way; or an indulgent God who will turn a blind eye on the double standards in our lives; or a vengeful God, whom we obey only out of fear. To test the quality of our faith we might wonder, Do my ideas resemble Mary's vision of God, especially as in today's gospel when she says, "My soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

PARISH WEBSITE

Please note that the address of the Parish website has changed to <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/cheshunt/>. This now replaces the two former websites you may have accessed in the past.

JUSTICE AND PEACE DIARIES

26th August, 3.30-5pm: Diocese of Westminster Quarterly Meeting of Homeless Projects. Online. An opportunity for all parish and school homelessness projects to meet together, share best practice and ideas, receive training and agree main advocacy issues. Register with Caritas.

1st September – 4 October: Season of Creation. Theme - 'A Home for All'. Diocesan Season of Creation Video Competition for all schools and parishes Deadline for entries 1st October.

3-6 September: Living Laudato Si' Retreat Online from Boarbank Hall. Includes talks from Cardinal Vincent Nicholas and Bishop Paul Swarbrick. Voluntary donation. No fee for weekend. Members of the Dioceses of Westminster and Lancaster are especially encouraged to attend. To apply, simply email Sr Margaret Atkins margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk

MASS ATTENDANCE

Westminster Diocese has decided that **we should continue to proceed with caution** and so we will continue to ask that you **sanitise your hands on entering the church and that you wear a mask**. We will not have to follow the 2-metre rule for movement around the church, but we ask that you still continue to respect people's space and not get too near anybody.

Booking continues to be essential for all the weekend Masses so that we can easily **track and trace** if necessary. To book to attend Mass please email allensusan73@gmail.com or cheshunt@rcdow.org.uk or text 07939436482 or ring 01992 639878. If you are attending Mass regularly, you will have been put onto the regulars' list and only need to contact us if you are unable to go to Mass. From this week we will be able to return to a longer Mass with the Second Reading, the Gloria and the Creed reinstated. However we will still **not shake hands** for the 'Kiss of peace and **Communion** will still be received across the table. It is hoped that the obligation to attend Mass at the weekend will be restored by the First Sunday in Advent (November 28 2021) Meanwhile all Catholics are asked to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church and to pray that all may soon be able to fully celebrate weekly Mass by attendance at church.

UPDATE ON THE ABORTION UP TO BIRTH BILL

Thanks to the support of people like you, on Monday 5 July, a major attempt to hijack the UK Government's flagship Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill with two extreme abortion proposals failed, in a major pro-life victory. Now we need MPs to support the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. Please take time now to email your MP asking them to support the Bill which will stop abortion being available up to birth for cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. The link www.righttolife.org.uk gives you more information and tells you how to lobby your MP.

SCHOOLS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for a new challenge? Could you visit schools in your local area to deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work and encourage young people to take action, fundraise and pray with CAFOD? No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided. We are especially in need of volunteers happy to visit schools in Hertfordshire, Ealing, Brent, Hounslow and Camden.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED (VOLUNTEER POSITION)

CAFOD Westminster is looking for a well-organised and friendly person to help coordinate their school visits programme from September. This role would suit someone who is comfortable speaking to other volunteers and schools and also in using spreadsheets and databases. If you are interested in either of these volunteer roles, please contact Chris Driscoll at westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk or call 07776 493162

APPRECIATION:

Thank you for your continuous support to the Parish in these challenging times especially to our stewards and all of you, for your generous giving and all the work you did in welcoming Bishop Paul into our midst.