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## St. Paul's, Harefield

Mass daily at 9.15am ... Sunday Vigil Mass Saturday 6.30pm  
Sunday Masses ... 9.00am and 11.00am  
Holy Hour Monday ... 9.45am - 10.45am  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ... Friday 8.30am, Saturday 8.30am  
Rosary each weekday morning after Mass ... Confessions 6.00pm Saturday  
Online Morning Prayer 8.00am Online Night Prayer 9.00pm

**Please note: this church is live-streamed 24 hours per day**

### 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ... 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023

#### Mass intentions

Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	6.30pm	Patricia Burke
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	9.00am	Phyllis Sinnott
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	11.00am	Harry Conway R.I.P.
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	9.15am	Margherita Zoltowska R.I.P.
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	7.00pm	Mollie Moohan R.I.P.
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	9.15am	Maria Dores Fernandes R.I.P.
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	9.15am	Holy souls
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	9.15am	Sean Gainfort R.I.P.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	9.15am	Special intention
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	9.15am	Anthony Joseph R.I.P.

### Pilgrimage for the Planet

The Season of Creation is celebrated by all Christians worldwide from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October (feast of St Francis of Assisi) The theme for this year is "***Let Justice and Peace Flow ... like a Mighty River***"

You are invited to take part in a ***Pilgrimage for the Planet*** along our mighty river, the River Thames. *We will walk along the Thames Path from the Cutty Sark in Greenwich to the Thames Flood Barrier. During the walk there will be an opportunity to reflect and pray:*

- *listen to Creation's Song (the beauty of nature along the Thames path, and stopping at the Greenwich Ecology Park)*
- *listen to Creation's Cry (the damage we are doing to the Earth, symbolized in the Thames Flood Barrier which is being used far often than it was ever intended to be, due to rising sea levels)*
- *listen to Creation's Call (how is God calling us to become part of a mighty river of humanity to protect God's creation?)*
- *reflect on the Message of Pope Francis for this year's Season of Creation*

**DATE: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023 STARTS: 10am from Our Lady & St Catherine's church, Bow or 11am from the Cutty Sark DLR ENDS: 4pm Prayer at the Thames Flood Barrier \***

**WALKING DISTANCE: 7km (4½ miles)**

***Please bring a packed lunch ... For more details please contact Kate [kate-midgley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kate-midgley@hotmail.co.uk)***

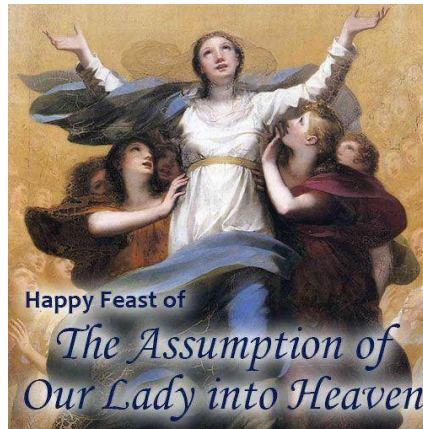
# SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August

Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass ... 7.00pm Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

Mass of the Solemnity of the Assumption ... Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> 9.15am



On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory. Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

## MONTHLY MISCELLANY AUGUST 2023

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/harefield/wp-content/uploads/sites/148/2023/08/A-MONTHLY-MISCELLANY-August-2023.pdf>

## Carmel-in-the-City

2 September 2023, 11:30am - 3:30pm

Lamb's Passage, London EC1Y, UK

Carmel-in-the-City is a Carmelite Spirituality Group gathering people from London and surrounding areas. It brings together local parishioners and ecumenical friends, lay Carmelites (3rd Order - O.Carm) and others inspired by the Carmelite tradition. It meets at St. Joseph's Church, Lamb's Buildings, off Lamb's Passage, London EC1Y 8LD, 11.30, on the first Saturday of the month for quiet prayer, Mass, faith-sharing and Lectio Divina.

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**The 7-Day sanctuary candle and the 7-day candle for Our Lady's Chapel are sponsored this coming week by the Sinclair family.**