

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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W/E of 15th/16th August
6.30pm – Felicia Ogunnowo
9.00am – Stephen Kiely
11.00am – A Okoro

W/E of 20th/21st August
6.30pm – Michael McInerney
9.00am – Anne Minoli
11.00am – O Okoro



READERS ROTA – *Would readers kindly notify any swaps to Roy Vidal at* olgcreaders@gmail.com
It would be appreciated if readers would be kind enough to jump in and cover absences (even if you are not on the rota to read that day). Thank you!

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 15th	6.30pm	Ann Kelly (A)
Sunday 16th	9.00am	Evette Rowe (RIP) & People of the Parish
	11.00am	Bernie Bradley (INT) & Aonghus Leydon (RIP)
Monday 17th	10.00am	Charlene McDonagh (INT)
Tuesday 18th	10.00am	Sarah & Family (INT)
Wednesday 19th	10.00am	For peace in the world
Friday 21st	10.00am	Michael, John & Bridget McDonagh (RIP)
Saturday 22nd	6.30pm	Kate Doyle (RIP)
Sunday 23rd	9.00am	Marie Magdalene Joseph (A)
	11.00am	People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS Saturdays, 5.30pm to 6pm in the Repository



First Holy Communion 2027 -
Application forms are now available from Fr Martin.
Please note that:
* Children should be in year 3 of primary school or over (from September) and families should be registered at this parish.
* Parents and children should be attending regular Sunday Mass at this parish! If you attend another parish or church or live in another parish, please make your application there.
* Please include a baptism certificate with your application (unless baptised at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church). The fee is £40.

Hackney

Support with School Uniform

You or someone you know may be eligible for a School Uniform Grant from Hackney Council. They support families preparing for the new academic year in buying school uniform if they are transferring from primary (Year 6) to secondary school (Year 7). For more information, including eligibility, please visit Hackney Council website.
https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/school-uniform-grant-age-11

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
16TH AUGUST 2026



THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Father of the Word made flesh, all creation sings your praise for You raised the sinless Virgin Mary body and soul into the glory of heaven. May we reflect your holiness in our lives by imitating Mary's response of trusting Faith. And when our journey on earth comes to its end, may we reach our final goal of heaven and come to share in that glory which is the joy of all your saints. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All the feast days of Mary mark the great mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption. The central mystery of her life and person is her divine motherhood, celebrated both on Christmas Day and on the feast of Mary, Mother of God. The Immaculate Conception marks the preparation for this, so that she had the fullness of grace from the first moment of her existence, completely untouched by sin. Her whole being throbbed with divine life from the very beginning, readying her for the exalted role of mother of the Saviour. The Assumption completes God's work in Mary, since it was not fitting that the flesh that gave life to God himself should undergo corruption. The Assumption crowns God's work in Mary as she ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over. The Church's feasts are not just commemorations of historical events; they do not look only to the past. They look to the present and to the future and give us an insight into our own relationship with God. The Assumption looks to eternity and gives us hope that we, too, will follow Our Lady when our life on earth is ended.

Terminally ill Adults (End of Life) Bill

A new attempt to push this Bill through has been launched. A debate and vote in the Commons could come as early as 11th September. During the in-depth and essential scrutiny of the Bill in the previous Parliamentary Session, there were warnings from several bodies and individuals, including Royal Colleges, the Equality and Human Rights Commission, the Former Chief Executive of NHS England and most critically, people with disabilities. Archbishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, is calling on people of goodwill to join in work and prayer to prevent this flawed bill from succeeding.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES AND DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH

NEW PARISHIONERS. ***All new parishioners are welcome to this parish*. Please complete a parish registration form which you can obtain from Fr. Martin (or Luisa at the parish office), together with all other forms for Gift Aid & planned giving. Thank you.** If you wish to change over to standing order, please see details below, and ***please let the parish office know.*** Alternatively, you can contact the parish office and we will send a standing order form out to you. Our account details for standing order are: Account Name: **WRCDT Stoke Newington Our Lady of Good Counsel,** Acct Number: **11258087** Sort Code: **40-05-20**
Please note – for all donations to the parish! If you have previously signed a gift aid declaration, but are no longer paying tax, please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible. Thank you!

FIRE WARDENS!

Can we ask that those that were unable to make the last round of training, please let the parish office know when you are available for training - if you haven't already done so. Thank you.





Collection 2nd August

Envelopes	£210.70
Loose	£150.00
Total	£360.70

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to offer a mass for someone, you can do so by speaking to Fr Martin after mass or email Luisa in the Parish Office. We are advised that the Diocesan suggested offering is £10.

CALLING ALL BINGO LOVERS!
NEXT BINGO WILL BE ON **FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER**, IN THE DOWNSTAIRS HALL, £5 PER BOOK. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED. COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME FUN!