

NEWS & INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

WELCOME to all at Mass today—to anyone who is new or is on holiday at this time.

AUGUST MASS TIMES will be the same as throughout the rest of the year. There will be no music during the month at any of the Masses.

DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD gaps may appear in the rotas Readers, Welcomers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Please do look out to see what might be needed and try to fill in if required.

NEWSLETTER—we are in holiday mode so there is a reduced edition for all of August.

THE BIG PICTURE—our bible study course continues during the summer months.

PARISH OFFICE—will be closed on some days during the summer. Please be patient! You may leave a message on the answerphone.

PARISH CENTRE CHAIRS have now been replaced with our new ones. If you are interested in some of the old orange chairs for your garden or home these are available for a donation. Please contact the Parish Team.

FUNDRAISING event for Macmillan Cancer Unit at NWP Hospital on Sunday evening 21st August at The Swan pub in Sudbury.

THIS WEEK: both the Sanctuary Lamp and the Lamp at the altar of our Lady of Walsingham are offered for the intentions of Mary Grace Salazar.

Noeleen Bell RIP - The Bell family are indebted to the many people who attended the funeral and sent their condolences to us since Noeleen's untimely death, as well as for Masses being offered for the repose of her soul. These, and the many kindnesses shown to us at this difficult time, have been a source

SALVE REGINA

Hail, holy Queen,
Mother of Mercy,
Hail, our life,
our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry,
Poor banished children of Eve;
To thee do we send up
our sighs,
Mourning and weeping
in this vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious
advocate,
Thine eyes of mercy toward us;
And after this our exile,
Show unto us the blessed
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15 noon (Solemn), 5.30pm, **WEEKDAY MASS:** Monday – Saturday 9.30am, **HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION:** 9.30am, 8.00pm, **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Saturday 5.15-6.00pm **RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm and any time by appointment, **DIVINE MERCY:** Tuesday 10.30am, **PRAYER GROUP:** Thursday 8.00pm **FRIENDS OF JESUS:** Friday 5.30pm.

W	Sun	14 Aug	THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED LADY	Vigil	6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	Peggy Scannell RIP PRO POPULO John Murphy RIP Micky Mullan RIP Francis Regen RIP
G	Mon	15 Aug	Feria		9.30am	Delia O'Connor RIP
G	Tues	16 Aug	Feria		9.30am	Mary McGuinn Intentions
G	Wed	17 Aug	Feria		9.30am	Brendan McDermott RIP
G	Thur	18 Aug	Feria		9.30am	Michael & Larry Nee RIP
G	Fri	19 Aug	Feria		9.30am	John Welsh RIP
W	Sat	20 Aug	S. Bernard		9.30am	Ron & Sheila Dyer RIP

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Sunday 14th August 2016

THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

Welcome to all at Mass today, especially to any visitors especially those who are here for the first time. Please take this sheet home with you which will tell you about this week's celebration and the activities during the week and also to remind you of our Liturgy today.

TODAY'S MASS

"The Almighty has done great things for me"

The resurrection of Christ is the guarantee that in him God has given us the power to conquer sin and death. Our Lady assumed into glory through the power of her Son and we pray that one day like her the fulfilment of glory will be ours. Her Assumption gives glory to God who has done great things for her.



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

In this vision from the Book of Revelation, we are presented with a woman dressed like a queen with a crown of twelve stars. The stars represent the twelve tribes of Israel, the nation that gave birth to the Messiah. A wild red dragon (evil) tries to destroy the woman's newborn son (the Messiah). But God dramatically saves the child by "snatching him up" to heaven. Today the Church honours Mary, the mother of the Messiah. She was assumed, or taken up bodily, into heaven at her death. Truly God has taken her into "the special place" he had prepared for her from all eternity. Her rising is a "preview" of our own rising, body and soul, into eternal happiness with Jesus.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Christ is risen! He was the first to experience the joy of resurrection. But he is not the last. All of us will also rise from the dead. At the second coming, Jesus will "hand over the kingdom to God" and we will share in his final victory. Mary did not have to wait for the end of time to rise from the dead. Now she waits to welcome each of us to our eternal home.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Wouldn't it be frustrating to have good news, yet no one to share it with? In the telling, good news gets even better, because a friend is responding to it. Luke tells us the beautiful story of Mary sharing with Elizabeth the news of her pregnancy. Elizabeth immediately recognizes that Mary is "the mother of my Lord" and she praises Mary's complete faith in God's word. Bursting with joy, Mary sings her victory song, the Magnificat: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord."



Sunday cycle of readings Year C

Weekday readings
20th Week of year (2)

Divine Office
week 4

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AUGUST
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TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Rev 12: 1

A great sign appeared in heaven:
a woman clothed with the sun, and the
moon beneath her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary,
the Mother of your Son,
body and soul into heavenly glory,
grant, we pray,
that, always attentive to the things
that are above,
we may merit to be sharers of her glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First reading: Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and
the ark of the covenant could be seen inside
it. Then came flashes of lightning, peals of
thunder and an earthquake, and violent
hail.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a
woman, adorned with the sun, standing on
the moon, and with the twelve stars on her
head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in
labour, crying aloud in the pangs of child-
birth. Then a second sign appeared in the
sky, a huge red dragon which had seven
heads and ten horns, and each of the seven
heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail
dragged a third of the stars from the sky and
dropped them to the earth, and the dragon
stopped in front of the woman as she was
having the child, so that he could eat it as
soon as it was born from its mother. The
woman brought a male child into the world,

the son who was to rule all the nations with
an iron sceptre, and the child was taken
straight up to God and to his throne, while
the woman escaped into the desert, where
God had made a place of safety ready, for
her to be looked after in the twelve hundred
and sixty days.

Then I heard a voice shout from heaven,
'Victory and power and empire for ever
have been won by our God, and all authority
for his Christ, now that the persecutor, who
accused our brothers day and night before
our God, has been brought down.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 44:10-12,16

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

1. The daughters of kings are among your
loved ones.

On your right stands the queen in gold of
Ophir.

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:
forget your own people and your father's
house. **R/.**

2. So will the king desire your beauty:

He is your lord, pay homage to him.

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

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Christ has been raised from the dead, the
first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.
Death came through one man and in the
same way the resurrection of the dead has
come through one man. Just as all men die
in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in
Christ; but all of them in their proper order:
Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the

coming of Christ, those who belong to
him. After that will come the end, when
he hands over the kingdom to God the
Father, having done away with every
sovereignty, authority and power. For he
must be king until he has put all his
enemies under his feet and the last of the
enemies to be destroyed is death, for
everything is to be put under his feet.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Mary has been taken up to heaven;
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.
Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Mary set out and went as quickly as she
could to a town in the hill country of
Judah. She went into Zechariah's house
and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as
Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child
leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was
filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud
cry and said, 'Of all women you are the
most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of
your womb. Why should I be honoured
with a visit from the mother of my Lord?
For the moment your greeting reached
my ears, the child in my womb leapt for
joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that
the promise made her by the Lord would
be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the
Lord
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;
because he has looked upon his lowly
handmaid.

Yes, from this day forward all generations
will call me blessed,
for the Almighty has done great things for
me.

Holy is his name,
and his mercy reaches from age to age
for those who fear him.

He has shown the power of his arm,
he has routed the proud of heart.

He has pulled down princes from their
thrones and exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things,
the rich sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his
servant, mindful of his mercy

– according to the promise he made to
our ancestors –

of his mercy to Abraham and to his
descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three
months and then went back home.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this oblation, our tribute of homage,
rise up to you, O Lord,

and, through the intercession of the
Most Blessed Virgin Mary,

whom you assumed into heaven,
may our hearts, aflame with the fire

of love,

constantly long for you.

Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Lk 1: 48-49

All generations will call me blessed,
for he who is mighty has done great
things for me.

Prayer after Communion

Having received the Sacrament of
salvation,

we ask you to grant, O Lord,

that, through the intercession of the
Blessed Virgin Mary,

whom you assumed into heaven,

we may be brought to the glory of the
resurrection.

Through Christ our Lord.