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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Welcome to our 'On Line' Newsletter It should be easier to read and to download and print if you so wish. Please use the readings and reflection as part of your spiritual Communion and with any streamlining Masses in which you may be watching and participating.

Sunday Cycle
Readings Year A

Weekday Readings
Year 2 Week 19

Divine Office
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For children,
download a weekly sheet:
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sundayliturgy/](http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/)

THIS WEEK

Sun 16 August	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
6.15pm (Sat)	Valencia Rogers RIP
8.30am	Henry Bernard de Silva
9.45 am	Anthony Rozario Ints.
11.15am	Mark Burton RIP
5.30pm	The People of the Parish
Mon 10 August	feria
9.30am	Joe Maddigan RIP
Tues 11 August	feria
9.30am	Donal O'Sullivan RIP
Weds 12 August	feria
9.30am	Ane Pollard RIP
Thurs 13 August	S. Bernard
9.30am	Mary Grace Salmon Ints.
Fri 14 August	S.Plus X
	Michael Griffin RIP
Sat 15 August	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9.30am	Richard Canadian RIP
Sun 16 August	21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
6.15pm (Sat)	The People of the Parish
8.30am	Farrell Valmond RIP
9.45 am	Yolanda Dias RIP
11.15am	Leslie Waddington RIP
5.30pm	Evelyn Taylor

TODAY'S MASS



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: *Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6, 10*

A woman adorned with the sun standing on the moon.

Second reading: *1 Corinthians 15:20-26*

Christ as the first fruits and then those who belong to him.

Gospel: *Luke 1:39-56*

The Almighty has done great things for Mary, he has exalted the lowly.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."

--Saint Maximilian Kolbe

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Michael Fahey, Anne Hull, Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Edith Geissler, Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Germaine Duffner, Patrick McDonagh, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes,.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: William McCauliff, Mary Craddock, Mary Mallatt, Wendy Smith

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Jack Murphy (39th anniversary), Mark Burton

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR:

- ◆ Our Parish and its renewal after this difficult time;
- ◆ Our Children waiting for first Holy Communion;
- ◆ Our young adults waiting for the Sacrament of Confirmation;
- ◆ For all preparing for baptism;
- ◆ For those still required to self isolate;
- ◆ All who find themselves unemployed;
- ◆ All who remain housebound or in quarantine;
- ◆ For honesty and integrity in the media;
- ◆ For those travelling and going on holiday;
- ◆ For the sick and those who care for them;
- ◆ For the faithful departed.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR AUGUST

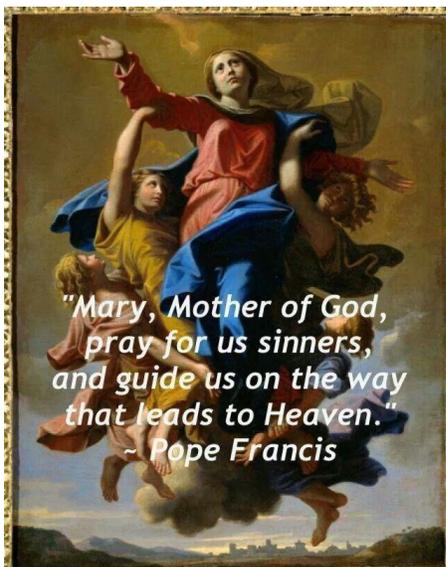
The Maritime World: We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

SANCTUARY LAMP

has been sponsored this week
In memory of Mary Craddock RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

has been sponsored this week
In memory of Mary Griffin



*"Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
and guide us on the way
that leads to Heaven."
- Pope Francis*

One glance at a daily newspaper or a television news show will tell you that some people do not value human life. But this is not news. During the Holocaust of World War II, millions of people were tortured and killed. This terrible tragedy led many people to wonder about human life. How valuable is a single human life? How valuable are the lives of the elderly, the unborn, the terminally ill? Are their lives worth as much as those of people who are healthy and active, working, and raising families?

God creates human life and gives it value. And Jesus gave his life on the cross to redeem each individual human person. By doing this, Jesus said, "Your life is worth my dying to save you." Through his own Resurrection, Jesus showed us the glory of our resurrection and of our living in the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised that the body and soul of a person, separated at death, will be joined together again in glory at the Last Judgment. The person will be whole for all eternity.

The feast of Mary's Assumption is a preview of what our lives will be. At the end of her earthly life, Mary was assumed, or taken up, into heaven body and soul. She did not have to wait for the end of the world, as we do. God granted her this special privilege because of her sinlessness and her fullness of grace.

The Church has always believed in Mary's assumption into heaven. But on November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII focused the attention of the whole world on the Assumption of Mary as a dogma and mystery of our faith. This mystery shows us that God wants every human person, body and soul, to be in glory forever, just as Mary is now. This dogma shows how important every single human life is. Pope Pius XII hoped that by thinking about Mary's Assumption, people all over the world would develop a deeper respect for their own lives and their own bodies. He also hoped that people would grow in respect for the lives of others.

NEWS UPDATE



WELCOME BACK TO ANYONE WHO IS RETURNING TO MASS AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME AFTER THESE PAST MONTHS. YOU'LL NOTICE THINGS ARE A BIT DIFFERENT (BUT NOT TOO DIFFERENT!). PLEASE FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF THE STEWARDS AT THE DOOR. PLEASE ALSO WEAR FACE COVERINGS.

We are now keeping our traditional Mass routine for both Sundays and weekdays. i.e. Sat 6.15 (Vigil), Sunday 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am & 5.30pm.

The church will open on:

Saturday Open at 5.45pm close at 6.45pm

Sunday: Open at 8.00am close at 9.00am

Open at 9.15am close at 10.15am

Open at 10.45am close at 11.45am

Open at 5.00pm close at 6.00pm

Weekdays:

Open at 9.00am close at 10.00am

After each closure the church must be cleaned.

Needless to say this will involve a huge undertaking on the part of volunteers and cleaners. Could you help? Maybe one mass each fortnight. Volunteers must be under 70 years of age and have no underlying health conditions. If you can help either with cleaning or stewarding can you email Fr Jeremy on:

jeremyfairhead@rcdow.org.uk

CONFESSIONS on Saturdays from 5.45pm-6.15pm.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT with BENEDICTION Fridays 9.00-9.30am

TEST AND TRACE. To help NHS Test and Trace, should we have a case of COVID- 19, we have been asked to keep a record of who attends church each day. These contact details will be kept in a secure place and destroyed after 21 days. You can opt out of sharing your name and contact details. No one will be compelled to provide their name and number if they do not wish to do so. As our numbers for Mass are increasing, we may need to introduce a requirement to reserve a place for Mass. Please look at our website for updates.

COMING ON TIME FOR MASS During this period when we are following strict guidelines it is really important to try to get to Mass in good time. As always this is a good thing to do but at the present moment, doubly so. One or two of us are habitually late for Mass. Maybe this is the moment to correct that reality. Please do set off in good time in order to arrive in good time—and you will have time also to spiritually prepare before Mass.

AFTER MASS whilst we are doing what is in the guidelines known as "Option 2" in the giving of Holy Communion at the end of Mass, and outside,

many have found it helpful to pause and give thanks in the front garden, especially under the trees. Please respect this and **DO NOT TALK AND GOSSIP** which interrupts the silence and is not good in itself.

NEWSLETTER. Now that our church is open a paper copy of the weekly newsletter will be available in the church for you to pick up and take home with you (**you must not leave it behind**). The newsletter will continue to be posted on the parish website as normal.

FUNERALS are now possible in church together with a Requiem Mass but the numbers are **limited to 30 persons**. If you wish to attend any funeral you will need to be in contact with the family who will gather a list of names.

STEWARDSHIP & CLEANING - **Thank you** to all who have already come forward offering to help with stewarding at Mass and the cleaning of the church. We **urgently need more stewards/cleaners** so if you, or you know of someone (under 70 with no underlying health conditions), able to help please contact Fr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES - All being well, the FHC Masses from this year's Programme should be taking place after the children return to school in September. All this year's FHC Parents/Carers should have received an **email on 16th July** with details of their new **FHC Mass & Rehearsal**. If, for any reason, you did not receive this email please contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT 2020-21 - Enrolment Packs, for the coming year's FHC Programme, are **now available at the back of Church**. One of many measures to keep us as safe as possible this year relates to the **FHC Enrolment Evening on Tuesday 22nd September**. Only **one Parent/Carer is to attend (wearing a face covering) and absolutely no children are permitted to attend**. Enrolment will be from **7.00-8.00pm (Sumames A-M)** and from **8.00-9.00pm (Sumames N-Z)**. Once you have read the details & guidelines in the pack, if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator. Thank you.

WELCOMING - Although, for the time being, the 'Welcoming Ministry' at Mass remains suspended until further notice, 'Welcomers' would be welcome to join the Stewarding Team currently taking care of the well-being & safety of those attending Mass. For further details please see the Newsletter Insert about Stewarding & Cleaning.

READERS - All should have received information from those responsible for their Reading Rota with current guidelines. Readers are reminded to please 'check in' with the priest before Mass and ensure disposable plastic gloves are worn for the duration of the reading to help keep us all safe.

ALTAR SERVING - In line with current guidelines, to keep us all safe the regular Altar Servers Rota is suspended until future notice and the Mass will only be served by a few experienced Altar Servers. We shall be back in touch with all those on the rota as soon as the guidelines make it possible for all to serve once again.

UPDATE ON HALL BOOKINGS: Sorry, we still have no start date as yet regarding the resumption of meetings for hall groups. Of first importance will be the use of the halls for preparing our young for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The Covid Secure requirements for halls have been published but they are complex. Some of the activities of our hall users involve physical exercise, so this is an additional complication. Like other churches the loss of revenue from hall rents and hire is having an impact on our parish income but we can only open when it is safe to do so for all. Please bear with us.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL USERS OF ST. GEORGE'S PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: It has come to our attention that some of the planned giving envelopes, which were posted in April, have made their way to the wrong address! **PLEASE** check that the box of envelopes you have received has your name and address on the label. **It is vital that the correct names correspond to the correct donation** particularly for all who have gift aided their donations.

If your box does **not** have your name on it we would be very grateful if you would please return it to the parish office as soon as possible. You can contact the office by email at sudbury@rcdow.org.uk or by letter.

If you are not in our planned giving scheme and wish to donate by envelope or standing order or wish to gift aid or make any changes please contact the parish office at the above email address or by letter. You may leave a message on the answerphone (020 8904 2552 Option 2) but remember the parish office is closed at the moment and all of August. This is important – thank you for your co-operation.

ALL YOUR OFFERINGS ADD UP! A huge thank you to the generosity of those who have faithfully filled their giving envelopes each week and also those who have contributed during this time via Direct Debit.

YOUNG PARISHIONER REQUIRES WORK: Call Ajay Esteves 07459 872486 if you are able to help him.

THE PARISH OFFICE remains closed. If you wish to book a Mass and for a Mass Card, the best way to get one is to give us all the details, your offering and an SAE and we will post it back to you ASAP.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND ENDURING FAITH DURING THE PAST MONTHS.

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

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 childbirth. 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.