

# SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES



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FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

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This is the oldest Feast Day of Our Lady and celebrates the teaching that **the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.** The word *assumption* is from the Latin meaning *to take up*.

**The origins of the Feast:** This belief is an ancient one, dating back to the apostles themselves. From the beginning, there were no relics of Mary to be venerated, and an empty tomb stood on the edge of Jerusalem near the site of her death. The Patriarch of Jerusalem, after having been asked by the Emperor at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 to bring the relics of Mary to Constantinople to be enshrined, explained to that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusalem, that *"Mary had died in the presence of the apostles; but her tomb, when opened later ... was found empty and so the apostles concluded that the body was taken up into heaven."* That location of the tomb became a place of pilgrimage and today, the Benedictine Abbey of the Dormition of Mary stands on the spot. The teaching on the Assumption of Mary was declared a defined doctrine of the Church by **Pope Pius XII on 1 November 1950** in the papal bull, *Munificentissimus Deus* (Latin, *Most Bountiful God*)

**Biblical Background:** Although examples of 'assuming' by God exist (see accounts of Enoch in Genesis 5:24 and Elijah in 2 Kings 2:11), the Bible **does not explicitly affirm Mary's Assumption.** But it does offer a basis for it, as it strongly emphasises the Blessed Virgin's perfect union with Jesus' destiny. Theologians also see certain Old Testament passages as pointing to the incorruption and glorification of Mary, such as the words of the psalmist: *"Arise, O Lord, into your resting place: you and the ark, which you have sanctified"* (Ps. 131:8): The Ark of the Covenant was built of incorruptible wood and placed in the Lord's temple. It is seen as a type of the most-pure body of the **Virgin Mary**, who is the **Ark of the new Covenant**. Also, pointing to the Assumption is the **woman clothed with the sun** whom John the Apostle contemplated on the Island of Patmos (Revelation 12:1ff). Indeed, the mystery of the Assumption is seen as the fulfilment of the **perfect grace** granted to the Blessed Virgin and the special blessing that countered the curse of Eve.

**Applying this teaching to our everyday lives:** According to Pope Benedict XVI: *"By contemplating Mary in heavenly glory, we understand that the earth is not the definitive homeland for us either, and that if we live with our gaze fixed on eternal goods we will one day share in this same glory and the earth will become more beautiful. Consequently, we must not lose our serenity and peace, even amid the thousands of daily difficulties. The luminous sign of Our Lady taken up into Heaven shines out even more brightly when sad shadows of suffering and violence seem to loom on the horizon. We may be sure of it: from on high, Mary follows our footsteps with gentle concern, dispels the gloom in moments of darkness and distress, reassures us with her motherly hand."* (General Audience, 16 August 2006)



*Assumption of the Virgin Mary, fresco painting  
San Petronio Basilica in Bologna, Italy.*

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**ROSARY 11.15AM AND A VERY SIMPLE PROCESSION IN CHURCH BEFORE MASS  
THIS SUNDAY 16 AUGUST 2020 AT ST PETER'S IN HONOUR OF MARY'S ASSUMPTION**

<b>SATURDAY VIGIL</b>	15	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	16	<b>9.30am 11.30am</b>	<b>St Peter's *POLISH*</b> <b>St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)</b>	<i>ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY</i> For Mass intentions see printed copy
Monday	17		<i>NO MASS</i>	
Tuesday	18	<b>11.30am 7pm</b>	<b>St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)</b> <b>St Edward's **</b>	<i>Requiem Mass</i>
Wednesday	19	10am	<b>St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)</b>	<i>St John Eudes</i>
Thursday	20	10am	<b>St Joseph's **</b>	<i>St Bernard</i>
Friday	21	10am	<b>St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)</b>	<i>St Pius X</i>
Saturday	22	10am	<b>St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)</b>	<i>Queenship of Our Lady</i>

**STREAMED MASSES IN OUR DIOCESE:** <https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/streamed-masses-in-our-diocese-2/>  
**MASS BY TELEPHONE** Fr Cunnah: **Sundays & Holy Days at noon.** Phone 01642 130120 (*Remains available after*)  
**SIGNED MASS for the Deaf: 10.30am Sundays** from Cardiff [www.sphilpevans.co.uk/f.k/signed-mass](http://www.sphilpevans.co.uk/f.k/signed-mass) and **6pm Saturday Vigil** - from Potters Bar: [churchservices.tv/pottersbar](http://churchservices.tv/pottersbar)  
**READINGS AT MASS & DAILY PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** Links for these are available on our website & in porch.  
**POPE'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION:** *that families may become "schools" of true human development*

† **RECENTLY DEAD** Jeannie Morrison (Kidderminster), Bill Murray † **ANNIVS** Peter Tindall, Bernard Critchley, Michael John McCauley, Josephine North, Ethel Storey **MASSES RECEIVED FROM** see printed copy  
**MASS COUNT** last weekend: Sat 5.30pm **50**; Sun 9.30am (Polish) **51**; Sun 11.30am **70**; **Total 171**; weekday average **18**  
**OFFERINGS:** Loose plate **£325**; Gift Aid envelopes **£492**; average weekly Standing Orders **£614**; total **£1,431**  
**PLANNED GIVING** To sign up for *Offertory Envelope or Standing Order giving*, contact the parish office.

**CONFESSIONS AT ST PETERS** at Sacred Heart side altar on **Saturday mornings after Mass until 11am** or by request  
**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT/PRIVATE PRAYER 30 minutes** before each weekday Mass, except Mondays

**WELCOME ALL OUR HOLIDAY MAKERS AND VISITORS** to our church.  
**FUNERALS, WEDDINGS AND BAPTISMS** Contact Father Gubbins for guidance.  
**REQUIEM MASS of Bill Murray: 11.40am on Tuesday 18 August.** Reception of his body into St Peter's: Monday **6.30pm**. Parishioners welcome if you book in advance.  
**LIGHTING OF CANDLES** Lighting of 2 hour & 7-day votive candles is now permitted, but you must bring your own lighter and take it away with you afterwards.  
**SUNDAY OBLIGATION** continues to *be suspended* until further notice. Do consider shielding or coming to Mass during the week instead of the weekend, when there are fewer people.  
**CONGRATULATIONS to all A Level student** on their results last week  
**VOLUNTEERS FOR THE ROTA NEEDED FOR STEWARDING AND SANITISING** at St Josephs for Thursday morning Mass.  
**USEFUL PAGE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE** Information and links for the following: Government Regulations on **face coverings** (mandate & exemptions); NHS how to book a COVID-19 test, Government Test & Trace Regulations, Bishop Drainey's Guidance to Parishes on celebrating Mass, Directory of Advice & Helplines in the Coastal Deanery of the Diocese of Middlesbrough. We can print on request if you do not have access to the internet.  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** do keep in touch with parishioners who are shielding.  
**OUR LADY'S GROTTTO** at St Peter's church is **open every day** to light a *free* candle.  
**FOGGING MACHINE & SANITISING LIQUID** to sanitise the churches cost £900.00. **Donations welcome**  
**RAINBOW CENTRE** needs donations of non-perishable food for needy families.  
**SATURDAY & SUNDAY MASS at ST EDWARDS & ST JOSEPHS** continue to be suspended for the moment.  
**SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS** can now be made at each of our churches. Suggested donation £3.



**SUNDAY SMILE:**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING MASS**

- **No need to 'book'** in advance
- Adults attending for the first time **must** fill in a Test & Trace form
- The number of children is included as extras under adults' names
- On arrival, give your name to the steward who will mark your attendance on the list
- We cannot admit those unwilling to provide their full name and contact details (this is a legal matter)
- Try to arrive early to avoid crowding
- Observe 2-meter & sanitising rules
- Face coverings are now **mandatory by law** in public places of worship (see Government website for exemptions (links are on our website))
- Toilets & meeting rooms remain closed
- Do not touch statues or light candles

**TEST & TRACE** We are **obliged** to comply with Government Test & Trace, which states we must keep a record of **full names and contact details** of everyone attending church. Your details will be used only by the NHS in the event of an outbreak. Forms are kept for 21 days from the date of the last Mass attended, after which time they will be destroyed.

**REMEMBER TO PRACTICE SAFE DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES**