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WEEK COMMENCING 15 AUGUST 2021– YEAR B
THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

Divine Office: Week 4

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 15 AUGUST

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (also known as *The Dormition/ the falling Asleep of Mary*) falls this year on a Sunday. Though the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains suspended for now, it is a most beautiful Feast Day to attend, and is the **oldest Feast Day of Our Lady**. It celebrates the teaching that the **Immaculate Mother of God, ever-Virgin, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. Assumption to take up.**

Origins of the Feast: The belief in the Assumption of Mary dates back to the apostles themselves. 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 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*)



From the moment Jesus was conceived, the relationship between the Lord and his mother was unique. *Mary's life and soul were profoundly united to her Son in a bond of love beyond all telling. Because of this great love and her faith in Jesus, Mary's life and destiny were united to His.* As she shared in His life and suffering on earth, so she shared in His glory in heaven that he won for all. ***Mary's Assumption means that at the end of her earthly life, by the power of her Son's resurrection, she was fully united to God in the totality of her existence, body and soul.*** In Mary we see a woman of faith who has reached the destiny promised to her by God where her whole existence is radiant with God's light in the glory of heaven. We see the great plan of the Father fulfilled in her, where Christ, raised from the dead, would be joined in that new life by all who believe in Him. From *'all who belong to him'* Mary holds first place as the first disciple and mother of the Lord. So, it is fitting that she should be the first to share fully in the resurrection of her Son in body and soul.

Medieval Scarborough had a strong devotion to Our Lady. The Parish Church was dedicated to the Virgin Mary (former 12th Century Church on site of St Mary's, Castle Road), and she was the borough patron. Mass of the Virgin was one of the oldest expressions of piety in Scarborough. Several Feasts were commemorated, but the two major ones were **The Purification (2 Feb)** and **the Feast of the Assumption (15 Aug)**, with an indulgence granted to those making Confession on the day. Both Feasts had guilds devoted to their celebration and The Feast of the Assumption had particular civic importance besides, as being the opening of the Scarborough Fair.

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 Aug 2006)

Saturday Vigil	14	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Sunday	15	9.30am	St Joseph's	
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Monday	16	10am	St Joseph's	St Stephen of Hungary
Tuesday	17	7pm	St Edward's	
Wednesday	18	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Thursday	19	10am	St Joseph's	St John Eudes
Friday	20	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	St Bernard
Saturday	21	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	St Pius X / Our Lady of Knock (Ireland)

MALAYALAM MASS is monthly - normally **4pm** on the **3rd Sunday** of the month at St Peter's Church

CONFESSIONS Saturdays 10.30-11am at St Peter's; **Sundays 9-9.20am** and **Mondays 9.30-9.50am** at St Joseph's. Or by request.

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT 30 minutes before each *weekday* Mass in each church

STREAMED MASSES IN OUR PARISH <https://www.scarboroughcatholicparishes.org.uk/> Click button on home page

READINGS AT MASS & Daily Prayer of the Church: Link available on our website

OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL SHRINE at St Peter's is open (gate is unlocked). Take a **free** medal.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION - AUGUST: *for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.*

RECENTLY DEAD Vera Dhondt (*Ostend, Belgium*), † **ANNIVS:** Claire Boyle, Matthew Gilson, Joseph & Alfred Hick, Jeannie Morrison, John Walsh, Nell Stephenson

MASS ATTENDANCE: Vigil St Peter's **55**; Sunday St Joseph's **115**; Polish **54**; St Peter's **92**; **Total 316**

OFFERINGS Loose plate **£427**; Gift Aid envelopes **£508**; Polish **£30**; Average Standing orders **£648**; **Total £1,613**

PLANNED GIVING To sign up for *Offertory Envelope* or *Standing Order giving*, contact the parish office



YEAR OF ST JOSEPH MONTHLY THEMES – AUGUST: *Mirror of Patience - Patience is willingness to suffer. A patient is one who suffers a malady not by choice whereas a patient man is one who suffers volitionally rather than relinquish the vocation given him. Joseph was patient because of his love. He was willing to suffer anything, even the loss of Our Lady and the Divine Child by being the first to die.*

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS to our Mass this weekend. **WE HOPE YOU HAVE A RESTFUL HOLIDAY**

MARIAN PROCESSION *inside* Church at all Masses this weekend, in honour of Our Lady's Assumption.

MONDAY MORNING MASS resumes at St Joseph's with Fr Weir Monday **16 August** (with Confessions beforehand).

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASS will take place **Sunday 19 September** at St Peter's Church, for all candidates (**Confirmation Mass Thursday 4 November 7pm at St Josephs**). Adult's meeting **Friday 17 Sept 6.30pm** in Parish Centre

CONVERTS (RCIA) TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH Anyone wishing to become a Catholic or interested get in touch with Fr Gubbins.

PRAY AND PLAY GROUP (*for 0-9yrs olds*) resumes at St Edward's Hall **Sat 11 September 10.30am -12noon**.

LEGION OF MARY 100TH ANNIVERSARY Mass Wednesday 8 September 10am Mass led by the Legion of Mary members. More details to follow. The Legion of Mary was founded by a layman **Frank Duff in Dublin 7 September 1921**. Duff died in 1980. St Peter's church in Scarborough has an active Legion of Mary Group since 2013 who meet every Saturday in the Parish Centre.

ST JOSEPH'S JUBILEE YEAR BANNER now in place outside St Joseph's Church. The **official prayer for the Year of St Joseph** is in place outside St Joseph's Church too. Thanks to Declan, Molly & Patrick Murray, David Johnson and **blueraptorsigns.com**

ZOOM DIOCESAN VIRTUAL INSPIRATIONAL DAY for **Eucharistic Ministers/ Readers, Catechists, Stewards** & all who would like to be more involved with their parish. **Sat 11 September** via Zoom. Title: *Let us Dream*. With Fr Kevin Hayden OSB, from Ampleforth Abbey. **To register**, contact heidi.cummins@rcdmidd.org.uk before **1 September**. **Sign the list** at back of church, as Fr Gubbins would like to know who is attending from our parishes of Scarborough.

UCM MEETINGS will resume at St Peters Parish Centre at **1.30pm on Tuesday 21 September**. *It will be good to all be together again!* The **AGM** is at St Aelred's Church, York, this year on **25 September**. Mass at **12 noon**, lunch at 1pm and **AGM** at 2pm. Numbers needed for lunch catering. Travel options: train or bus.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE Sat 2 to Sun 3 October led by Bishop Draine. contact Sarah Holmes at bishopsecretary@rcdmidd.org.uk. Please advise on your room and travel requirements. It is anticipated there will be coach pick-ups in Middlesbrough and York (not Hull).

SICK & HOUSEBOUND UPDATE **Special Ministers** can resume taking Holy Communion to the housebound. Let Fr Gubbins know if you are able & willing to bring Holy Communion to the housebound. If you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister, see Fr Gubbins.

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATION *7-day candle* for a loved one or Spec Int. Stat preferred church. Suggested donation **£3**.

FR ALBERT last week became Parish Priest of St George's, Eastfield & St Mary's, Filey as well as Our Lady and St Peter's Bridlington.

SUNDAY SMILE: *From a parish bulletin: Eileen remains in hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of the priest's homilies.*

COVID-19: During the transition out of lockdown we continue as before with **sanitising, social distancing, face coverings** (*unless exempt*) and **signing in** for Test & Trace. **Communion on the tongue** can now resume, with conditions – those wishing to receive on the tongue must come up last, and the priest must sanitise his hands between each communicant. **Singing** is now allowed, but face coverings **MUST** be worn during singing. The **Sunday obligation** will probably resume in November.