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WEEK COMMENCING 11 AUGUST 2019

Divine Office: Week 3

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This 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**. 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)

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION IS ON THURSDAY 15 AUGUST 2019

IT IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION (SEE MASS TIMES INSIDE THE BULLETIN)

MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 11 AUGUST 2019			19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
SATURDAY VIGIL	10	6.30pm	St Edward's
SUNDAY	11	9.30am 10am 11.30am 5pm	St Peter's (<i>Polish</i>) St Joseph's St Peter's (<i>LIVE STREAM</i>) St Peter's (<i>LIVE STREAM</i>)
Monday	12	6.30pm	St Edward's <i>St Jane Frances de Chantal</i>
Tuesday	13	1pm 6.30pm	St Joseph's <i>Ss Pontian & Hippolytus</i> St Peter's (<i>LIVE STREAM</i>)
Wednesday	14	9.30am	St Peter's (<i>LIVE STREAM</i>) <i>St Maximilian Kolbe</i>
<i>Holy Day Vigil</i>		7pm	St Peter's (<i>LIVE STREAM</i>)
Thursday <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	15	10.30am 7pm	St Joseph's <i>FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION</i> St Edward's <i>OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>
Friday	16	9.30am	St Peter's (<i>LIVE STREAM</i>) <i>St Stephen of Hungary</i>
Saturday	17	9.30am	St Peter's (<i>LIVE STREAM</i>)

SYRO-MALABAR MASS: normally 3rd Sunday of the month at 4pm at St Edward's Church Avenue Victoria

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (*Confession*):

Saturdays St Edward's 5.45 - 6.15pm
Sundays St Joseph's 9.15 - 9.45am
Saturdays St Peter's 10 - 10.30am



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Tuesday St Joseph's 8.30 - 9.30am
Thursday St Edward's 6pm-6.30pm
Saturday St Peters 10 - 10.30am



OFFERTORY COLLECTION (3 churches) Loose plate: £1,216; Av, **Standing orders** £524; Polish: £30; **Total £1,770.**

MASS ATTENDANCE St Peter's 166 & 56; St Joseph's 174; St Edward's 74; Polish 100 (est); **Total 470.**

RECENTLY DEAD: Michael Walsh

ANNIVERSARIES: Betty Rose, Brenda Lightfoot, Margot Smith, Beatrice Penny, Fr Joe O'Mahony, Fr Tom O'Connell (2 July)

MASSES RECEIVED: see printed copy

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS THIS WEEK: see printed copy

300 CLUB WINNERS: No.98 **£100.** Spaces available in 300 Club for **new members £1.**

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST *That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human development"*

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD EXHIBITION It is still possible to view the miracles we had on display by visiting <http://www.miracolieucaaristici.org/en/Liste/list.html>

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON WEDNESDAYS begins in **September** at St Peter's in the Sacred Heart Chapel between **10am and 5pm.**

SCARBOROUGH WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 13-16 August. We keep our **28 Pilgrims** in our prayers. Safe travel.

CHILDRENS LITURGY FORMATION TEAM MEETING 7.15pm Tuesday 13 August in St Peter's Parish Centre to enrol as a member of the children's formation team. **Catechists are encouraged to attend,** but anyone prepared to commit to sharing their love of God and the Church are welcome. We need a working **rota of volunteers at St Peter's Sunday Masses.** Please consider helping our children. Contact the parish office for more info.

ASSUMPTION MASS at Mount Grace, Osmotherley **Sun 18 Aug: Rosary 2.30pm, Mass 3pm. Note: coach cancelled**

'CHANSON DU SOIR' Two of our young parishioners are in concert at St Joseph's Church **4pm Saturday 31 August.** Celebrating Sacred, Classical and Contemporary song. **Free entry.** Retiring collection.

COFFEE MORNING/RAFFLE 10am on Saturday 7 September in St Peter's Parish Centre to raise funds for the Altar Servers who will attend the Altar Servers Mass in Liverpool on 21 September. Raffle prizes needed.

PADRE PIO PILGRIMAGE TO PANTASAPH North Wales. Sunday 22 Sept by Bus. Names to List in the porch.

MASS INTENTIONS Give a 2nd date choice. **Put in collection bag** Avoid calling to Office. Try to attend the Mass

WAR MEMORIAL INSCRIPTION ADDED TO THE BACK OF THE MEMORIAL CROSS (St Peters) in memory of our 'Soldier' **George Wilson** is now complete. Inspect and offer a prayer for him and his compatriots.

SUGGESTED CHANGE OF MASS TIMES *Fr Albert leaves at the end of September* Attached to the **newsletter** & on notice boards are **suggested changes to weekend & weekday** Mass times. **Submit** your considered views by post or email by the **end of August.** Keep **ALL** in mind, including **shop & hotel** workers & hotel meal times.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU from the family of the late **Bridget Barker** (Avenue Victoria) to Fr Gubbins and Fr Albert and Eucharistic Ministers for their kindness, visits and a beautiful Requiem Mass; the organist for playing for us; to the **'Church Family'** for all their help and kindness to mum and for all the Masses & condolence cards received; and to all the ladies who put on such a delicious spread. Mum would have said *"You have done me proud!"*