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## Newsletter for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week 3

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### Devotion to Our Lady

This Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven**. Venerable Pope Pius XII defined this as a dogma of the Faith on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1950 when he said,

*“By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be **a divinely revealed dogma**: 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.”*

Although Our Lady's Assumption is not explicitly recorded in Scripture, the Church, as far back as we can remember has always believed it and celebrated the feast. So when Pope Pius XII defined the dogma, he was merely confirming what the Church had always believed for nearly 2,000 years. By doing so, he put to rest any doubts about it, and therefore, as Catholics, we must believe it.

Note that the Pope said Mary was taken up to Heaven **body and soul**. The saints in Heaven at this moment do not have bodies, although there will be the bodily resurrection at the end of time. Mary was conceived without Original Sin and so she is the **Immaculate Conception**. She is God's masterpiece and never committed a sin during her earthly life and so her body suffered no decay. The tradition is that after her death, St Thomas arrived in Jerusalem too late to see Our Lady buried in her tomb, but he really wanted to see her body. When the tomb was opened, nothing was found there except her grave clothes because she had already been taken up to Heaven. It is notable that while there are many relics of the bodies of the saints, no one has ever claimed to have relics of Our Lady.

Mary is the **Mediatrice of All Graces** which means all graces come through her. We need her if we are to get to Heaven, so we must have a devotion to her. Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903) said, “Nothing at all of that great grace which the Lord brought to us is imparted except through Mary.” This is quite logical because JESUS who is the source and author of all grace came to us through Mary. So pray to her. Say her Rosary, wear her medal, wear the Brown Scapular and have a statue or picture of her in your homes. The devil has no power over Mary because she has already crushed his head. Make sure you are under her protection. “Hail Mary, full of grace.”

*Fr Paul Gillham, IC*

## MASS TIMES AT ST MARY'S

<b>Sat</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass
<b>Sun</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Parish Mass
		<i>10.30-10.55am</i>	<i>Confessions + on request</i>
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parish Mass
		12.45pm	Polish Mass
		<b>NO Italian Mass</b>	
<b>Mon</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	St Jane Frances de Chantal, religious
<b>Tues</b>	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	St Pontian, pope, and Hippolytus, religious
<b>Weds</b>	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	St Maximilian Kolbe
<b>Thurs</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	<b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
		7.00pm	<b>(Solemnity)</b>
<b>Fri</b>	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	St Stephen of Hungary, priest & martyr
<b>Sat</b>	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Saturday Mass of Our Lady
		<i>10.00-11.00am</i>	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
		<i>12.00 noon</i>	<i>Marriage</i>
		<i>5.30-5.55pm</i>	<i>Confessions + on request</i>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass
<b>Sun</b>	18 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Parish Mass
		<i>10.30-10.55am</i>	<i>Confessions + on request</i>
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parish Mass

## THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

<b>Mon</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am-1.00pm	Grub Club Activities – Hall
<b>Tues</b>	13 <sup>th</sup>	6.45-7.15pm	The Rosary – Church
<b>Thurs</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am-1.00pm	Grub Club Activities – Hall
<b>Sat</b>	17 <sup>th</sup>	11.15-12.15pm	Baptism Class – Library

**NB: Due to the new government regulations regarding personal data (GDPR), we are only able to publicise the Mass intentions in the printed edition of the newsletter.**

**GRUB CLUB:** Parents, children and volunteers surpassed themselves at Grub Club this week with their creativity and enthusiasm to produce figurines, pots, flowers, and some wonderful mother and child sculptures out of clay. Jed was back with his ballet classes which the children really engaged in. The grass heads were styled, and also by popular demand we made more paper pom poms. Outdoor football, indoor games, painting, crafts and lego completed the rest of the activities. It's been a fun and engaging week with lots of great conversation and laughter. In the kitchen we prepared pizzas with various toppings on Monday and sausage pasta bake Thursday. Lots of fruit salad and ice cream with chocolate sauce, marshmallows and other toppings. Regular parents help out now with activities and tidying up. It all takes a lot of effort but it's worth it. 97 meals were served this week. *The Grub Club team*

**GRUB CLUB THANK YOU AND GET TOGETHER:** **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 7-9pm** in the parish hall to thank all those who have volunteered, contributed financially or been part of this parish initiative in any way. We go from strength to strength, friendships are being made and it's all such good fun.

**MASS TIMES:** As you come into the church you will see there is a new notice board with the *correct* times of Mass and other services on the wall. I had held off doing this earlier as there was talk in the Deanery about reviewing Mass times to accommodate the shortage of priests, but it turns out we don't need to make any changes at St Mary's for the moment. The new notice board also has the Papal insignia on it. The crossed keys symbolise the Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven which Our Lord gave to St Peter, and the triple crown symbolises the authority of the Papacy. The Papal insignia also appears on the facade of the church above the four columns. *Fr Paul*

**UCM OPEN GARDEN:** Unfortunately, on the day (last Sunday) the weather wasn't kind to us but we had an Open House instead. The afternoon tea was scrumptious, provided by the UCM members and friends. Thanks to all of you who braved the weather and contributed to making it a joyful occasion. I am so pleased to say we raised £339.50 for Kwediboma. *Dorothy and Terry*

**FATHER PHILIP SCANLAN HAS MOVED:** His new address is St. Joseph's Presbytery, New Zealand Road, Cardiff CF14 3BR. Tel: 02920 411819. Email: philscanl14@gmail.com.

**FATHER CHARLES' 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY:** We are going to make a large card or small booklet to be presented to Fr Charles on his birthday, **5<sup>th</sup> September**. If you would like to write a message for him, please pick up a piece of paper from the repository. The papers can be returned to Jane Monaghan, Bernie McEnery, Emily Vu or the parish office. As soon as possible please, thank you. The 9.15am Mass at St Mary's that day will be celebrated for him.

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**Please pray for those who have died: May they rest in peace.**

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Robert Fadesc, Mary Brooker, Antonietta Albiniano, Elizabeth Tivey, Erroll Starbuck, John Colardo, Hannah Bell, Alf Cooper, Antonia Wosniak, Edna Hudson, Elizabeth Mallon, Anna Madge, Kathleen Flood, Norah Fay and Maria Camara

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

- LEADER:** Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy Priests to His Holy Church and Brothers and Sisters to Religious Orders.
- ALL:** O God, we earnestly beseech You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers and sisters, who will gladly spend their entire lives serving Your Church and making You known and loved.
- LEADER:** Bless our families. Bless our children.
- ALL:** Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work.
- LEADER:** Mary, Queen of the Clergy!
- ALL:** Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

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**PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL:** Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

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**FROM THE SAINTS:** “God has committed to Mary the treasury of all good things in order that everyone may know that through her are obtained every hope, every grace and all salvation” (*Blessed Pope Pius IX, 1846-1878*).

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**THE RCIA GROUP** (for those who are thinking of becoming Catholic) will have its first meeting on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September** at 7pm in the library. Anyone interested, please speak to Fr Paul.

**THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY** falls this **Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> August**, and is a Holyday of Obligation, which means all Catholics are bound to attend Mass unless a *serious* reason prevents you from doing so. Masses will be at 9.15am and 7pm. *Fr Paul*

**CARMELITE DAY:** Heather Ward will be coming to St Mary's on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August** to talk about Carmelite Spirituality. The title of the day is "In the Company of Our Lady of Mount Carmel - the Carmelite Way of Prayer." The venue is the Parish hall and the day will run from 11.15am finishing at 3.45pm. All are welcome to attend. *Fr Paul*

**SHEILA RISTE CLEMERSON - SOLO ART EXHIBITION - ABOVE THE FINIAL:** Old Rectory Museum, Old Rectory Place, Loughborough, LE11 1UW, weekends of **24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> August** and **31<sup>st</sup> August/1<sup>st</sup> September**, 11am - 3pm. Donations invited for **Kwediboma**.

<b>LAST WEEK'S FINANCE</b>	
First Collection: <b>£ 693</b>	UCM Open Garden: <b>£305 of which £138 was Gift Aided</b>
Standing Orders: <b>£ 667 @ 30/06</b>	<i>Thank you</i>