

# St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

19th SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

# NEWSLETTER

## The Assumption of Our Lady



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*Served by the Rosminians*

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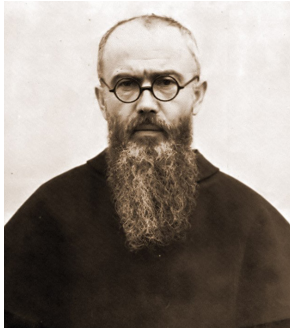
**O**n Tuesday we celebrate the glorious Feast of **Our Lady's Assumption into Heaven** and it is a Holyday of Obligation.

As far back as the Church can remember we have celebrated the fact that Mary, at the end of her earthly life, was taken up **body and soul** into Heaven – not just her soul, but her body also. This dogma was solemnly defined as **an article of faith** in the Papal Decree "*Munificentissimus Deus*" (The Most Bountiful God) by **Pope Pius XII** in 1950. So within the lifetime of many of you reading this, a dogma which has been believed from the beginning of the Church and has been celebrated with great joy and solemnity throughout the centuries, was finally proclaimed '*de fide*' (of the Faith), and must therefore be believed by all Catholics.

The event of Mary's Assumption is not described in the Bible, but there are accounts of others who were taken up into Heaven; the most famous being **Elijah** who went up in a whirlwind, and you can read about that in the Second book of Kings (2:11). However, there is an important passage from Scripture which the Church gives us as the First Reading of the Feast: "*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 out aloud in the pangs of childbirth...*" (Apocalypse 12:1-2). Now the woman described is unquestionably Mary, because it is a beautiful woman who gives birth to a child who can be none other than JESUS, and they are both in Heaven, and it is clear from the inspired text they both have bodies.

When Pope Pius XII defined the dogma, he didn't indicate whether Mary had died as we don't know for certain one way or the other. What is important is the fact she was taken up to Heaven body and soul. And in fact there is some difference between the Eastern and Western Churches as to how exactly it happened. The Eastern Churches actually refer to this feast as the "**Dormition of Our Lady**". Dormition is a word for 'sleep' and refers to her death, whereas the Western Church tends to portray her as being taken

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*St Maximilian Kolbe*

**Please pray for those  
who are sick**

**for those who have  
recently died**

Issa Salem  
John Wilbram  
*May they rest in peace*

**and for those whose  
anniversaries occur at  
this time**

Alf Cooper  
Elizabeth Mallon  
Anna Madge  
Norah Fay  
Maria Camara  
David Taylor  
Joan Van Ristell-Brown

### **PLEASE NOTE**

Due to government regulations regarding personal data (UK-GDPR), we are not able to publish name details of Mass intentions for the living in this online version of the newsletter.

## **MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S**

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**Sat 12th**      **Vigil Mass**  
*6.00pm*      For the Parish

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**Sun 13th**      **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*9.00am*      John and Andrew Marples (RIP)  
*11.15am*      Augustine Vu (RIP, Anniversary)  
*4.00pm*      **No Italian Mass**

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**Mon 14th**      **St Maximilian Kolbe (Memoria)**  
*9.15am*      Ken Anderson (RIP)  
*5.30-7.30pm*      **Day for Life Exposition & Benediction**

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**Tues 15th**      **Assumption of Our Lady (Solemnity)** Holyday of Obligation  
*9.15am*      Intention for the living  
*12 noon*      Marian Kotarba (RIP) (Latin)  
*6.30pm*      For the Church

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**Weds 16th**      **St Joachim, Father of the BVM**  
*6.00-6.25pm*      *Parish Rosary*  
*6.30pm*      In Reparation (Latin)

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**Thurs 17th**      **Feria**  
*9.15am*      Sam Priestley (RIP)

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**Fri 18th**      **Feria**  
*6.00-6.25pm*      *Confessions*  
*6.30pm*      José Evaristo Riva Diaz (RIP)

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**Sat 19th**      **Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
*10.00am*      Issa Salem (RIP) **NO PUBLIC MASS**  
*10.30am*      *Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*  
*-12.30pm*      *with Confessions 10.30-11.30am & Benediction 12.20pm*  
*6.00pm*      **Vigil Mass:** Family Intention

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**Sun 20th**      **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*9.00am*      For the Parish  
*11.15am*      Deceased of the Brookes Family  
*4.00pm*      **No Italian Mass**

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**The Italian Mass will resume at 4pm on Sunday 27th August.**

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alive at once body and soul into Heaven, although there is a tradition in the West too that she first died, was carried to her tomb by the Apostles, and then three days later was taken up to Heaven. It is also significant that whereas we have the tombs and relics of every Apostle and the bones of many early saints, there is nowhere on earth that claims to have the body of Mary.

But how does this affect us and what does it mean for us? It means that what happened to Mary in a very profound and preliminary way will also happen to us. As Mary was assumed body and soul into Heaven, so we will be in Heaven one day, both body and soul. But for now, when we die, our **soul**, after any necessary purification in **Purgatory** goes to Heaven, whereas the **body** remains in the tomb. But on the last day we will be raised up, and the body will join again with the soul. **With God all things are possible.** As Scripture says, *"He will change our lowly body to be like His glorious body"* (Philippians 3:21). Mary is our hope, and she will surely help us achieve this end.

*Fr Paul Gillham, IC*

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**Interested in becoming Catholic?** If you are and you're over 18, you can join the RCIA course (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) which will begin towards the end of September. We meet alternate Thursdays at 7pm and study the Catholic Faith. If you enrol on the course there is no obligation to become a Catholic at the end of it. The course is also suitable for already Catholic adults who would like to be confirmed. Please contact Fr Paul or send an email to the parish office.

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**The Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life is tomorrow, Monday 14th August** and you are invited to pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. See the poster at the back of the church. We will have **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Monday at 5.30pm concluding with **Rosary and Benediction** at 7pm, and finishing at 7.30pm. Please come and join us if you can in this important apostolate.

*Fr Paul*

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**Are you being called to a year of mission, formation and service at the Briars?**

We work with thousands of young people every year from schools and parishes across the diocese and beyond. **We have two spaces left to join the Briars team 2023-24, starting at the end of August.** This opportunity would suit young adults aged 18-24 who want to share their faith with young people whilst living in a community of other likeminded young adults. A year on team will help you grow as a person, develop skills in group work and leadership, and help you to grow in your faith. You will receive high quality professional training and support to equip you for youth ministry in a fun, vibrant and faith filled setting. Applications for next year are also now open (2024-25).

**The Youth Service is also advertising for an apprentice to start this month.** The closing date for applications is **14th August.**

For any of these opportunities, apply at [www.ndcys.com](http://www.ndcys.com) or email [director@ndcys.com](mailto:director@ndcys.com) for more information and a conversation.

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## 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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**The great Feast of The Assumption of Our Lady** is celebrated by the Church this **Tuesday 15th August** and is a **Holyday of Obligation**, which means we are obliged to attend Mass unless prevented by a serious reason. Masses will be at 9.15am, 12 noon (Latin) and 6.30pm.

*Fr Paul*

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**Carer needed:** The Sisters in Rosmini House, Garton Road are seeking a qualified carer for a small Care Unit in the Convent. If you have the ability to deliver an excellent standard of care and are willing to work as a member of a small team, they would love to hear from you. For more information, contact the Sister in Charge on 01509

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## From the Saints

*"By her Assumption is meant that not only her soul, but her body also, was taken up to Heaven on her death, so that there was no long period of her sleeping in the grave, as is the case with others, even great Saints, who wait for the last day for the resurrection of their bodies."*

(St John Henry Newman, 1801-90)

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## Safeguarding at St Mary's

Within the next few weeks I will be distributing a registration form to all volunteers who do not meet the criteria for a full DBS check. It will be accompanied by a letter from Bishop Patrick. This is a one-off exercise enabling the Diocese to meet the standards outlined by The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency. Would you kindly return your forms to me or leave them in the sacristy labelled for my attention. Thank you all for your cooperation.

*Jane Monaghan*

*Parish Safeguarding Representative*

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## Fr Simon's new address:

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## Last Week's Finance

**Collection:** £863 of which £156 was gift-aided

**Standing orders:** £667 @ 31/07, of which £573 was gift-aided

**Attendance:** 379

*Thank you*

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