

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

THE ASSUMPTION

NEWSLETTER

The history and the heart of the Solemnity of the Assumption



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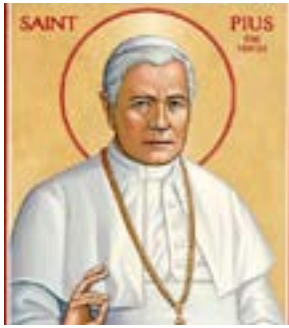
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Why we should offer a two-fold prayer of thanks today. You like me may have encountered a wide diversity of opinions regarding the Mother of Jesus and even traditions. As we know, understandings of **Mary and the Communion of Saints** are some of those beliefs that divide Christians, and the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin** is certainly one of them. While it is true that the Dogma of the Assumption was **officially promulgated by Pope Pius XII** only in 1950, the mystery that inspires this celebration is firmly rooted in the ancient Tradition of the Church and has its foundations in the words of Scripture in the Book of Revelation. What may surprise many is that this celebration is shared with **Orthodox Christians** throughout the world, while many members of the **Anglican Communion** and the **Lutheran Church** also honour Mary on this day.

This **Solemnity** which celebrates the **truth** that, at the end of her earthly life, Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was taken **body and soul** into heaven, evolved from a liturgical celebration of the **“Day of Mary, Mother of God,”** in Jerusalem in the 5th century. Although it was originally a more general celebration of Mary, it soon became a commemoration of Mary's *Natale*, her “birthday” into heaven. Within 200 years, it was being celebrated in Rome. Under Pope Sergius I (d. 701), this day in honour of Mary came to be celebrated as a memorial of Mary's passing from this life and included a midnight procession (during the night of August 14) from Rome's church of St Adrian to the Basilica of St Mary Major. By the end of the century, it had come to be known as the “Assumption of Holy Mary.”

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MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

Sat 15th <i>6.00pm</i>	Vigil Mass Keith Newton (RIP)
Sun 16th <i>9.00am</i> <i>11.15am</i>	The Assumption of the BVM (Solemnity) For the Parish Holy Souls
Mon 17th <i>9.15am</i>	Feria Intention for the living
Tues 18th <i>9.15am</i>	Feria Vittorio Giorgio (RIP)
Weds 19th <i>6.30pm</i>	St John Eudes, Confessor Jim & Beryl Walters (RIP) (Latin)
Thurs 20th <i>9.15am</i>	St Bernard, Abbott & Doctor Private Intention
Fri 21st <i>6.00-6.25pm</i> <i>6.30pm</i>	St Pius X, Pope <i>Confessions</i> Holy Souls
Sat 22nd <i>10.30am</i> <i>-12.00pm</i> <i>2.00pm</i> <i>6.00pm</i>	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am & Benediction 11.50am</i> <i>Wedding</i> Vigil Mass: Thabani Ncube (RIP, Anniversary)
Sun 23rd <i>9.00am</i> <i>11.15am</i>	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Intention for the living For the Parish
Rosary	<i>Mon, Tues, Thurs after 9.15am Mass; Wed, Fri at 6.00pm; First Saturday of each month after 10.00am Mass</i>

Family Mass and Picnic, Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, Sunday 13th September. All welcome. Bring a chair or picnic blanket, and arrive for Mass at 2.00pm, plus Marian Procession and Adoration. More details from jnoakes@englishmartyrs.com

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died
Mary Merwick
Mary Rogers
Claire Gratland-Avern
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Colm Fox
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.

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The fact that there was a celebration of Mary's entrance into Heaven tells us that early Christians believed that there was something special about the end of Mary's time on earth (called her *Dormition* ("falling asleep" in Latin) and that they saw particular meaning in this mystery.

Among the earliest set of prayers, we have for this Feast (from the 8th-century *Gregorian Sacramentary*), is a prayer that reads: *"God, turning your gaze to the humility of the Virgin, you raised her to the sublime dignity of the Mother of your Son and crowned her with incomparable glory."* This theologically ripe sentence tells us what is at the heart of the celebration of Mary's Assumption: Because of Mary's humble and unique cooperation in the mysteries of salvation, she enjoys a **privileged** place in Heaven.

So, on this **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, let us take a moment to offer a **two-fold** prayer of thanks. **First**, for the gift we have received because of Mary's obedience and faith which are at the heart of this celebration and, **second**, for the promise of new and eternal life that God has made to each of us, in Jesus, when we faithfully and lovingly respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, as did Mary. She followed Him from His birth to His death and resurrection. From this life to the life of heaven. Let's continue to do the same and with her rejoice, adore and trust the love, which God bestows upon us day by day.

Fr David Jones, OLV

First Saturday children's catechism class, Saturday 5th

September at 9.00am: The children will learn the Salve Regine then meet with Brother Lawrence to learn about the objects used during the Mass before joining the parish for Mass at 10.00am. You are welcome to stay with your children and join us for Mass or collect them at 10.30am.

Last Rites does not mean Last Minute! As soon as a person begins to be in danger of death because of illness, injury or old age, the time for anointing has surely already come.

Fr Paul

Ride+Stride, 12th

September 2026: Cycle, walk, jog, run, or drive your mobility scooter round some of the 225+ Leicestershire historic churches, including St Mary's, registered for this event. You will be helping raise funds for their repair and improvement. Sponsorship forms available from Elvira.

For more information, see the poster at the back of the church, or visit <https://lhct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

Golden Jubilee of

SPANNED: Our diocesan agency supporting people with additional needs (SPANNED) is 50 years old this year and will be marked by a Golden Jubilee Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick at Saint Peter's Church, Hinckley, on **Saturday 26th September** at 2.00pm. All are very welcome to share this wonderful milestone. If you are contemplating coming please contact Father Frank Daly, on 01455 634443, or hinckleypriory@gmail.com **by 31st August**, to help with catering arrangements.

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.

RCIA: The new RCIA programme will begin in September for adults (over 18) who are interested in becoming Catholic. It is also suitable for adult Catholics who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, as well as for those who would simply like to know more about the Catholic faith. Classes will take place in the parish library at 7pm on alternate Thursdays, beginning on **Thursday 24th September**. For further information or to request an application form, please contact the parish office, or speak to one of the priests.

Fr Paul

Confirmation 2027: Those wishing to be confirmed next year should be in at least Year 7 by September 2026. This is advance notice that anyone intending to apply for the course should be attending weekly Mass now. Those who have not already been attending weekly Mass by the time the application forms become available will be asked to postpone their application until such a time as they are.

Fr Paul

From the Saints

“A man is no true Christian if he has no devotion to the Mother of Jesus Christ.”

St John Eudes (1601-1680)



Free organ recital by Dominic Remedios, 6pm this Sunday 16th August at All Saints Parish Church, Loughborough, with works by Duruflé, Mendelssohn and Howells. Followed by compline at 7.00pm.

We have received a letter from Stella Maris, thanking us for the £248.46 collected for their cause on Sea Sunday. The money raised will help ensure seafarers and fishers worldwide continue to receive the care and support they need.

Last Week's Finance

Collection: £567.57
(of which £60 was G/A)

Standing orders: £942 @ 30/06
(of which £736 was G/A)

Attendance: 475

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