

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

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Charity Number: 234092

THE ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – 15/16 AUGUST 2020

Dear Parishioners,

The Feast of the Assumption is one of the most important feasts of our Lady. Catholics believe in the Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven. We believe that when her earthly life was finished, Mary was taken up, body and soul, into Heavenly glory, where the Lord exalted her as Queen of Heaven. (CCC, # 966). The Assumption is the feast of Our Lady's total liberation from death and decay, the consequences of Original Sin. It is also the remembrance of the day when the Church gave official recognition to the centuries-old belief of Christians about the Assumption of their Heavenly Mother.

In the Orthodox Church, the *koimesis*, or *dormitio* ("falling asleep"), of the Virgin began to be commemorated on August 15 in the 6th century. The observance gradually spread to the West, where it became known as the feast of the Assumption. It was on November 1, 1950, that, through the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII officially declared the Assumption as a Dogma of Catholic Faith. On this important feast day, we try to answer two questions: 1) What is meant by "Assumption?" 2) Why do we believe in Mary's Assumption into Heaven, despite the fact that there is no reference to it in the Bible? "Assumption" means that after her death, Mary was taken into Heaven, both body and soul, as a reward for her sacrificial cooperation in the Divine plan of Salvation. "On this feast day, let us thank the Lord for the gift of the Mother, and let us pray to Mary to help us find the right path every day" (Pope Benedict XVI).

Have a Blessed Week

Canon Niall

MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months' notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information.

Congratulations: Congratulations and every blessings to Antony and Soniya who married yesterday (Saturday).

Gratitude: Thanks again to the parishioners for their donations and gift aid envelopes. If you have not done so, your new box with your name is in the Church porch.

A big thanks to many parishioners who remain for cleaning after each Mass to sanitize the church pews in preparation for the next Mass – Thank you for all you do.

A Day of reflection: A Day to reflect and introduce the Vocation of the Oblates of the Assumption, Missionary Sisters on Saturday 19th September 2020 at the Community, 20Higham Station Ave, Chingford, E4 9AZ at 10.00 am (finishing with Sunday Vigil Mass at 4.00 pm). Contact: 02085310466. Email: mnicannaid@yahoo.ie

Elizabeth Libby Holden, Rest in Peace: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Elizabeth Libby Holden, Rest in Peace. May God comfort her grieving family especially her husband John Holden of 70 years of marriage; whose requiem mass at 11 am on Tuesday 25th August. As directed by the bishops 30 members of the immediate family can join in the Mass.

Mass Intention: If you wish to request mass for a specific date – A month's notice is required.

Happy Birthday and Blessings to Maria.

Guidelines on reopening of the Church

- Please follow one way system, social distancing and the guidance by the volunteers.
- If you have an illness/feeling unwell, please remain at home until you are fully recovered.
- Entrance only through the front door and exit only through the farther right side door near the sanctuary.
- You will be signed into Mass – Name and Telephone.
- Use Sanitizers, gloves and face coverings/masks.
- Please observe all the signs of social distancing regarding where to sit/kneel in the church.
- Keep social distancing.
- No Altar-servers, readers and deacon for the liturgy.
- Very brief homily.

- There will be no offertory procession of gifts and collection during Holy Mass; instead you may drop your contribution at the basket kept at the entrance and exit as well.
- There is no exchange of the sign of peace.
- After the prayer “*Behold the Lamb of God . . . Lord I am not worthy,*” when the priest holds up the host and says “*The Body of Christ*” the congregation respond “*Amen*”. In the same way, when the priest elevates the chalice and says “*The Blood of Christ*” the congregation respond “*Amen*”. The communion will be distributed in silence.
- Communicants may receive Holy Communion, in their hands, palms upwards, one on the top of the other, should be extended as flatly as possible.
- No Extra ordinary Lay ministers of Holy Communion.
- Come to receive Holy Communion only under the guidance of the stewards.
- Come early for weekend Masses - church capacity is only 150.
- It is not a known fact on how many people will attend mass. Consequently one way of managing this is for people to come to the weekday masses in the church.
- Offertory collection and donations to be placed in the baskets as you exit after Holy Mass.
- Priests are told to go directly to the sacristy after mass.
Mass times: Weekday Mass: 9.15 am and 6.00 pm
Saturday: 10.00 am and 6.00 pm
Sunday: 10.00 am and 12.00 pm
- There will be no hand outs (Mass sheets, News Letters, hymn books etc.) for the masses for the foreseeable future.
- Choir returns in September.
- Families or individuals please sit and kneel at the places assigned.
- Neither holy water nor votive candles are available at present.
- Please refrain from touching statues.
- No access to the toilets, but only in emergency.
- Please leave the church promptly.

Counting Rota	16/08E	23/08B	30/08F	06/09E	13/09B
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**Our parish safe guarding officials are Jenny Richmond and Marina Tuddy.
Samaritans 020 8520 9191.**

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

6.00 pm	John Paul Ramsey's Intentions (Betty)
Sun 16 Aug	THE ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – SOLEMNITY
10.00 am	Ram Ramsey (Rest in Peace) (Betty)
12.00 noon	Paul R. Yamson & Sylvia Yamson (Intentions) (Sylvia)
02.30 pm	Syro Malabar Mass
Mon 17 Aug	FERIA
9.15 am	John Baptist (Rest in Peace) (Annet)
6.00 pm	Kathleen's Intentions (Family)
Tue 18 Aug	FERIA
9.15 am	John Baptist (Rest in Peace) (Annet)
6.00p m	Fr. Jim McCormack (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Wed 19 Aug	FERIA
9.15 am	Sr. Anna O'Toole's Intentions (Sr. Joan)
6.00 pm	Kathleen and Frances's Intentions (Family)
Thu 20 Aug	St. Bernard, Ab, D – Memorial
9.15 am	Holy Souls
6.00 pm	Diggins and McCormack Family (Kathleen)
Fri 21 Aug	St. Pius X, P, – Memorial
9.15 am	Percy Christy (Rest in Peace) (Maria & Marta)
6.00 pm	Kathleen (Thanksgiving) (Diggins)
Sat 22 Aug	Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary – Memorial
10.00 am	Special Intentions (James Fletcher)
6.00 pm	Deceased of Diggins & McCormack Family (Kathleen)
Sun 23 Aug	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
10.00 am	Rukevwe Natufes' Intentions (Joy)
12.00 noon	Alice D'Arcy (Rest in Peace) (Family)
02.30 pm	Syro Malabar Mass

Prayer List

Christopher Browne, Rose Dennehy, Carol Hogermeer, Brian Keane, Ignatius Keane, Tony McCarthy, Rose O'Neill, Andrea Roberts, Promise Shinondo, Victoria Wyndham, Christine Conway, Nora Meades, Veronica Nolan, Mr and Mrs Charles, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, Archie Garrod, Martin Keane, Alix Charlery, Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati, Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave., Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Bill Walsh, Bridget Lyons, Kristina Klimasauskaite, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Archie, George and Issac, Luis and Lukas, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton, Gloria and Tracy Joseph, Regina Jose, Kojo Gyebi-Ababio, Thampirajah Baskaran, Linda Campbell, Brid O'Halloran, Hazel Belizaire, Tina Henriques, Neill, Alan and Ross Smith, Stefan, Monica Baugh, Eileen O Kane, Grace McCaley, Jadwiga, Matthias Fredberg, Michael White, Fr. Jean Laurent Marie, Roy and Margaret Bandhu, Alma Willox, John Walsh, Chantale Wildman, Christopher Almeida, Aileen Mensah, Sr. Helen, Pat Howland, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Jennie Richmond, Terry Coe, Stephen Donnelly, Daniel Donnelly, Sruthy, Brendan Mc Donagh (aged 5), Liberee Uwimana, Violet Alahendran, Kagin, Jameela, Shajan, Shahila, Affrin.