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SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



"From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly."

- Lk 1:48b-49, 52

Observances for the week of 15th August, 2021

Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. John Eudes, Priest
Friday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Pius X, Pope
Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Good mothers have a way of bringing their children hope. When we fall and hurt ourselves, our mothers can help us walk the path of healing. There is hope that we will get better and the trust that we have in mom's comforting assurance allows us to move forward. Mothers know instinctively what we need and what we are capable of doing. They can be one of our biggest cheerleaders in life, and even when facing despair, can point the way to a brighter tomorrow. Our Blessed Mother does precisely that for us today. As one closest to our Lord, she cheers us on with the hope of what life will be for all of us. Although given the unique distinction of being raised in both body and soul, she nonetheless points to our true eternal destiny. Achieving this inheritance overrides any disappointment and her intercession and example inspires us to pick ourselves up when we fall. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given as we persevere even in the midst of life's challenges and failures.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: What are we celebrating on the feast of the Assumption of Mary?

Answer:

The Assumption, along with the Immaculate Conception, are two Marian dogmas that have been infallibly defined by the church. The Assumption proclaims the reality that Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven. This was God's special gift to her in response to her total giving of self to God's plan and will.

The church believes that Mary was immaculately conceived, that is, conceived without original sin. This led the church to believe that she did not suffer one of the key consequences of original sin, death and corruption. The Orthodox Church celebrates the Dormition of Mary, the belief that Mary did not die but rather fell asleep and was thus assumed into heaven.

What significance does this feast have for our lives as Christians today? This feast is above all an assurance and hope of our continued life with God. Modelling ourselves on Jesus and living the Christian life moulded by Jesus' values is certainly the sure path to God. As a result, God will not leave us orphaned or alone to suffer the emptiness of death. Rather, we believe that death is merely a transformation of our present state into an even more glorious and eternal relationship with God. This is the hope and assurance that Mary's assumption celebrates. It is a celebration of our assumption as well. She is one of us, providing a model of what God has in store for all who love and give of themselves to God.

MASS SCHEDULE

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From Monday 9th August,

BOOKINGS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO ATTEND MASS

PLEASE JUST COME TO MASS!

OUR WELCOME TEAM WILL HELP YOU WITH GIVING US YOUR DETAILS FOR TEST & PROTECT

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass

5pm

(Confessions from 4.20-4.50pm in the hall)

Sunday

10am, 12 Noon, 5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday (except Thursday)

Mass at 10am

Thursday

Mass at 7pm

(Confessions from 6.30pm in the hall)

Saturday Morning (now also a public Mass)

Mass at 10am

(Confessions 9.20-9.50am in the hall, unless the Mass is a Funeral)

CHECK-IN AT MASS

You are free to come to any Mass now. All our Masses are Public Masses.

We are still required to take people's details for Test & Protect. If you can, please check-in by smartphone, using the QR code which is at the entry to every bench. *If you have a problem just give your details to the Welcome Team as you leave.*

Otherwise, we ask you to give our welcome team one name, a contact number and the number of people in your group as you come in.

While there is no requirement for physical distancing, please do spread out through the whole church.

THANK YOU!

For your continuing donations to support the parish.

Donations can be made in various ways -

- many people have started using Standing Orders, the forms are available on our website and should be returned to Fr. Jim.
- envelopes can be posted in the white collection box at the entrance to the church
- Online donations can be made through online offertory button on our website
- Or through the Church House letterbox.

DONATION ENVELOPES

Some people may still wish envelopes to help with their donations. These will be available from next weekend. The following are available:

- Boxes for all collections for those who GIFT AID
- Boxes for all collections for those who DO NOT GIFT AID
- Boxes with SPECIAL COLLECTION envelopes for those who have a standing

order but who wish to Gift Aid these extra collections.

CARFIN DAY

The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Carfin, led by Bishop John Keenan, will take place on **Sunday 29th August 2021**. Mass of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at 3pm followed by the Rosary Procession which will take place at 5:30pm. Catering facilities are available at the shrine.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Our fourth and fifth St Joseph evenings will take place on **Wednesday 25th August at 4.00pm in St Mirin's Cathedral**, and on **Thursday 26th August at 4.00pm in St Mary's, Greenock**.

Mass will be celebrated at both evenings for all those involved in Education, asking the intercession of St Joseph on the new academic year.

All are welcome to attend and pray for our young people, the teaching and support staff involved in all levels of education.

Please use the Eventbrite link to book your tickets.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/diocese-of-paisley-33712912941>

Alternatively call Angela to book a place on 01412373584

NET MINISTRIES

This September NET Ministries Scotland will bring over 10 young people from the USA and Wales for 10 months to minister in our schools and parishes and encourage our young people in their faith and belonging to the Church. 'Host Homes' are essential for these young missionaries to rest, pray, eat and participate in home life. In return, they provide a strong Christian witness in the host homes. Could you provide a (bed/couch/

sleeping bag) for a one-week time frame for a minimum of 2 people, with breakfast, packed lunch and dinner? They usually leave in the morning and return at dinner time. Please email maryshields@netscotland.org or call Mary Shields at +44 7720 969390.

VOCATIONS

"The Almighty has done great things for me." Mary praises God for his power at work in her life. Say "Yes" to God as she did: let God work in your life for the good of his people! Speak to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison e-mail: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel 01418895056.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE SEPTEMBER

Our final marriage preparation course for 2021 takes place in September. Two Zoom sessions will be held at 7pm on the **1st and 8th September**, followed by a Relationship skills workshop in the Diocesan centre on 18th September from 12 until 3pm. Couples should attend all three sessions. Cost per couple is £30, including lunch at the workshop and information/resources pack. Booking is open via the Marriage and Family page on the Diocesan website, <https://rcdop.org.uk/marriage-preparation-day-registration-form>

ONLINE MARRIAGE COUNSELLING AVAILABLE DURING COVID 19 CRISIS

Our diocese has a Counselling Service for Catholics Married in the Catholic Church with our dedicated Catholic Marriage Counsellor. If you are concerned about your relationship and feel you are both unable to reach a conclusion alone, it is likely that you will benefit from marriage counselling. The counsellor is there to maintain a neutral, non-judgmental position. For information or

advice please email in confidence counselling@rcdop.org.uk

MARCH FOR LIFE UK

This will take place on **Saturday 4th September** in Central London from approx. 10.00am – 4.30pm. The Diocese of Paisley together with SPUC Glasgow are organising an overnight coach which will leave from St. Mirins' Cathedral at midnight on Friday 2nd September picking up at St Andrew's Cathedral and Gretna Green. The coach will return from parliament square at approx. 5.30pm with an ETA of midnight. The cost per person will be £30. To book a seat please use our Eventbrite link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/march-for-life-september-2021-coach-tickets-163611601705> We recently had the highest ever annual abortion figures in the UK. Let's do our part in turning the tide in our nation. More information on the days' event is available at [Home - March for Life UK](#) For all other enquiries please contact Marianne by email at curia@rcdop.org.uk or Louise at lgrant@spucscotland.org thank you.



The Assumption of Our Lady

Today we are celebrating the feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. When her life on earth was over, Our Lady was assumed- taken body and soul- into Heaven to be with God.

When we die, our bodies will be buried and break down. This happens because of original sin. When Adam and Eve committed the first sin, people could no longer live forever on earth. But Our Blessed Mother was kept free from original sin so that she could be the perfect mother for Jesus. Our Lady suffered from some of the effects of original sin, but God would not permit her body to decompose in the tomb.

At the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel brought Mary the message that God wanted her to be His mother, she gave herself totally to God. All through her life, even when He died on the cross, she did everything for Jesus. So God decided that instead of being buried like everyone else, His holy mother should come, body and soul, into Heaven.

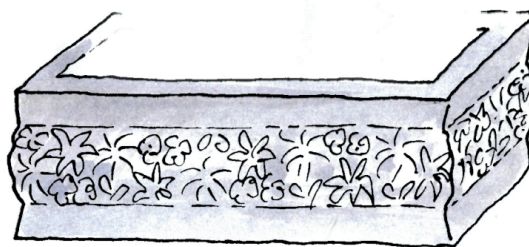
Our Lady is now in Heaven with Jesus, waiting in happiness for us to come and join her in loving and praising God forever.

Answer to Queen of Heaven Word-Find:
Queen of my heart

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The Kids' Bulletin

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 15, 2021*



*Today we celebrate Our Lady's Assumption into Heaven.
When Mary's life was over and the disciples came to bury
her body they found that it was gone and
her tomb was full of flowers.*

Can you draw enough flowers to fill Mary's tomb?

Pope Saint Pius X

August 21

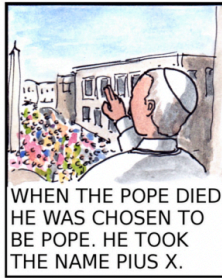
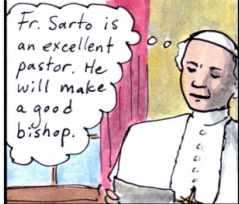
JOSEPH SARTO WAS BORN IN 1835 IN ITALY. HIS FATHER WAS A MAIL MAN. WHEN JOSEPH WENT TO SCHOOL TO BECOME A PRIEST HE WAS SO POOR THAT HE WENT BAREFOOT FOR MILES TO SAVE HIS ONLY SHOES.



AS A PRIEST, FATHER SARTO LOVED THE POOR AND GAVE EVERYTHING HE HAD TO HELP THEM.



FATHER SARTO BECAME A BISHOP AND THEN A CARDINAL.



WHEN THE POPE DIED HE WAS CHOSEN TO BE POPE. HE TOOK THE NAME PIUS X.

POPE PIUS X ENCOURAGED PEOPLE TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION OFTEN.



WHEN WORLD WAR I BROKE OUT HE WAS VERY SAD.



POPE SAINT PIUS X DIED ON AUGUST 20, 1914. RIGHT UP UNTIL THE END OF HIS LIFE HE GAVE EVERYTHING HE HAD TO THE POOR.

SAINT PIUS X WANTED EVERYONE TO BE ABLE TO RECEIVE JESUS IN HOLY COMMUNION. HE ALLOWED YOUNGER CHILDREN TO RECEIVE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, WHEN BEFORE THEY HAD TO BE AT LEAST 12. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION OFTEN AND WITH GREAT LOVE.

Queen of Heaven Word-Find

Find the words in CAPITALS and use the letters left over to fill in the blanks at the end.

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When Our Lady's life was over, JESUS took her, body and soul, into HEAVEN. There He honours her as the Queen of Heaven and EARTH. She is the most PERFECT of all the SAINTS. MARY is the QUEEN of the APOSTLES, MARTYRS and PROPHETS. She rules beside her Son Jesus on His THRONE in Heaven.

But Our BLESSED MOTHER does not forget us. She is full of LOVE and CARES for us, and will always LISTEN when we PRAY to her. She is OUR greatest HELP and prays to God for us.

Here is a name that you can give Our LADY to remember how much she loves you:



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Feast of the Assumption 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Pastoral Letter: Solemnity of the Assumption and Lifting of Restrictions

This Sunday we gather for the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother into Heaven and celebrate our faith that Mary was assumed body and soul into Heaven to share in the fullness of the Resurrection of Her Son, Our LORD Jesus Christ.

The joy of this Feast is only increased with the news that Covid restrictions in Scotland have been lifted. After eighteen months in which the Pandemic has dominated our lives, the Scottish Government has judged now is the right moment to return the care for our wellbeing into our own hands, with almost all Covid measures removed, including the requirement of physical distancing. Though it recognises there will still be nervousness around, it has reassured us that the vaccines are now giving significant protection.

At this point I want to recognise particularly the tireless commitment of our elected leaders in endeavouring to keep us safe according to their best judgement in ever changing circumstances. I hope they will now be allowed some well-merited rest and reflection before retaking the more normal business of government.

Nor can we forget those doctors, nurses and health and care workers on the frontline, as well as volunteers in key posts, who risked their lives to serve and save others. We thank GOD, too, for those in scientific research who have found effective solutions for overcoming this virus. I personally want to thank our priests who were there for us throughout this crisis with pastoral support in our hospitals and gravesides, our parishes and schools, as well as online with spiritual nourishment. May GOD bless all of those who were there for us at great cost and in an heroic spirit of service.

Of course, we cannot look forward without acknowledging those who suffered most through the Pandemic: those who mourned loved ones who died, at times buried in a way that grieved them deeply; those who accompanied sick relatives and friends but who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, could not be close to them; those who suffered the fallout of the economy and employment. We do not forget any of them and keep them all in our prayers as we begin to move on.



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At this point, as we return to some sense of normality, I want to thank especially our diocesan Infection Control Working Group of Mgr. Gerry Gallagher, Fr. Paul Bady and Cn. Tom Boyle, as well as our clergy and their teams of infection control volunteers, who have been quite exemplary in ensuring that our churches are the safest public spaces of all. I know you are especially grateful to them for their faithful care.

Now, as we enter a new context where we no longer ask ourselves what we cannot do but begin to look to what we can do, I want to assure you that we, together with your parish priests, will continue to do all in our power to keep you both safe and feeling safe and to keep all risk at its lowest level.

With that assurance, I now want to encourage you to return to your parishes for Sunday Masses and to encourage your friends and family to return too. As our society looks to begin again with a new normal that recognises what truly matters, it is important that we put GOD and His living Presence in the Eucharist at the heart of our attempts to rebuild our society.

Of course, those with underlying health conditions can feel content to continue to avail themselves of the wonderful online provisions we have been able to put in place, but I hope that all hale and hearty Catholics will now want to return to Sunday Eucharist and take up again your unique place in the living Body of Christ.

We place all our concerns and hopes for our Church in these months ahead into the hands of Our Lady, *the Woman who brought into the world the Son who was to rule all the nations*. Just as the LORD made *a place of safety for Her*, may He look after us, and may we eventually join again in our Churches in the great cry from Heaven: *Victory and power and empire to our God, and all authority for his Christ.*

With prayers and best wishes,



Bishop John