

20TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME The Cathedral of 16th August 2020 St John the Baptist

Year A · Weekday II · Psalter Week 4

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The Cathedral is open daily 0730 until 1830		Celebrant's Intention
Sunday 16 th August ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (TRANSFERRED)	0900 · Mass 1100 · Mass 1300 · Mass (<i>in Polish</i>) 1630 · Vespers & Benediction 1645 · Confessions 1730 · Mass	Banham + For the people Thomas Leverage
Monday 17 th August Feria	0730 · Mass 1000 · Mass	Holy Souls Silvia Bauldin +
Tuesday 18 th August Feria	1000 · Mass 1900 · Mass (<i>followed by adoration</i>) 1930 · Confessions	Private intention Gladys Ward +
Wednesday 19 th August S John Eudes	0730 · Mass 1000 · Mass	Holy Souls Margaret Monni
Thursday 20 th August S Bernard	1000 · Mass 1900 · Mass	Bernadette Yuen + Holy Souls
Friday 21 st August S Pius X	0730 · Mass 1000 · Mass	Bishop Francis Amherst + For the Pope
Saturday 22 nd August Queenship of Mary	1000 · Mass (<i>followed by adoration</i>) 1030 · Confessions 1745 · Confessions 1800 · Mass 1845 · Confessions	Daniel Justin Duff Family +
Sunday 23 rd August 21 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	0900 · Mass 1100 · Mass 1300 · Mass (<i>in Polish</i>) 1500 · Holy Qurbana (<i>in Malayalam</i>) 1630 · Vespers & Benediction 1645 · Confessions 1730 · Mass	The parish sick & housebound Mike & Mary Spragg (<i>anniversary</i>) For the people

Prayers for the sick: Canon Paul, Fr John Warrington, Margaret Monni, Peter Warrington, Paul Horan, Liam McKenna, Philippa Barnes, Anthony Preston, Nancy Horner, Joan Marshall, Wood Family, Eleanor Bray, Lily Reid, Joe Heaney, Nina Strivens, Mary Ward, Dianne Yeadon, Chris Gillham, Peter Willets, Justina Adamska, Reece Sales, Nicholle Sales, Amanda Caistor, Patrick Campion and Brian Whitlam [GDPR compliant]

Going into hospital? Please let us know. Fr Leo is the hospital chaplain.

Last week: £2586.30 Thank you!

Donate at the pillar box in the Cathedral or by contactless in the Rotunda

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

At the moment in England, when the Assumption falls on a Saturday (or a Monday), the liturgical celebration of the feast is transferred to the Sunday.

The liturgical celebration of the Assumption makes incarnate our Catholic belief that, at the end of her earthly life, the Blessed Virgin was taken up – “assumed” – body and soul into heaven. This is why, of course, she has never had a tomb. While this belief was formally described as late as 1950, the earliest evidence for the Christian devotion to this mystery dates back to at least the 4th century.

It is no co-incidence that the declaration of this specific dogma took place in 1950, after the Shoah and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction: our belief in the Assumption exults the divine gift that is human nature, that every human life is precious in the eyes of God, and has an inalienable dignity, because each of us is made in his image and likeness, no matter our circumstances, appearances or faults. The Blessed Virgin is the perfect human being, but her perfection is entirely God’s gracious gift, not her own doing. What God has done in her, he desires to accomplish in us, in a way, like her, which is unique to each one of us.



The civil law obliges parishioners and visitors in the Cathedral Church and Narthex to wear a **face covering**.

Persons under 11 and other persons for reasons of disability, physical or mental illness or for other reasons are exempted from wearing a mask. Some disabilities are invisible; it’s important that we are all welcome in God’s Holy House.

A face covering – or face mask – is a covering of the mouth and nose which remains in place without the use of hands.

The priest celebrant himself is exempted from wearing a mask for the liturgy, except if he is to distribute Holy Communion, when he will wear a mask.

Gift aid envelopes are available at the back of the Cathedral Church, for those signed up for gift aid.

You can put everything into one or two envelopes, rather than using each envelope from the previous few months, if you would like to make any back-payment donations for missed weeks. Donations made online on our website and in the Rotunda may also be subject to gift aid. Donations can be made at any time by putting your offering in the pillar box at the back of the Cathedral Church. You do not have to make your Sunday offering on Sunday itself, especially if you are going at a different day of the week at the moment.

Thank you for your continued support!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We continue to pray for our children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion at Masses over the coming months on Sundays and weekdays.

If you would like to register your child to receive their first Holy Communion **next year**, please look up our News section on the parish website, or, if you’re reading the newsletter online, click this link: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSlkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAN_tJTMAsUQ1VKRDhLNkJXQkpIODFVOE1VWjc1VDRRNi4u

The deadline for registration is 15 October. Thank you to our catechists who have worked so hard, especially this year, to ensure all our children are able to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

Baptisms are taking place as usual at the moment (with a limit of 30 persons).

Telephones – as you may know, we experience a considerable amount of difficulty with our phone and internet systems in Cathedral House. We believe that the updated phone numbers for each individual priest shown on the front of the newsletter are now correct.

Narthex Shop – the Narthex remains closed at this time for obvious reasons.

The **Justice and Peace Group** invite you to pray with us this month for our twinned project in

Tambogrande, Peru. As a country, Peru has been hard hit by Covid 19. Many people in Tambogrande have little access to healthcare and running water into their homes, which can make infection control much more difficult. For further information about the group please feel free to contact Sarah Ebelewicz on scmebelewicz@hotmail.com.

The **Duckett Library** is closed to visitors but there is a box for returned books outside the library door. If you need to borrow books, please contact us by email (duckettlibrary@sjbcathedral.org) with details and we can arrange issue and collection. We hope to reopen in September.

CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirus to help CAFOD scale up its coronavirus response through our global Church family. Or use CAFOD’s Summer of Hope fundraising ideas with your family and friends to transform lockdown and raise money for the appeal: cafod.org.uk/summerofhope

This past week, Richard and Antonietta Hayhoe and James and Laura Palmer have both celebrated their weddings at the Cathedral. Please keep them and all recently married couples, and couples about to be married, in your prayers. How lovely it is to see our Cathedral Church in full operation again!