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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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“Happy are those who hear the word of God and keep it.”

Luke 11, 28

TRACK AND TRACE INFORMATION

Stewards may ask for your telephone number when you come to Mass. If we find out that anybody has tested positive for COVID 19, this number will be passed on to the government track and trace organisation. By giving your number, you are giving the parish permission to share your number for this purpose.

You don't have to share your number but if you don't nobody will be able to contact you in the unfortunate event of a member of the congregation testing positive.

MAKING A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE PARISH

For everybody's safety, offertory collections are not being taken during Mass at the moment. Cash passes through many people's hands and can help to spread the virus. Many people have asked how you can continue giving to the parish during the pandemic.

We recognise that many parishioners may be struggling financially, and there is no expectation to give where you are unable to do so but for those who would like to know:

- click on this blue donate button by pressing CTRL and clicking at the same time. It is a live link.

Donate here

- this takes you to the Archdiocese of Birmingham site
- you can set up standing order or make a single donation.
- if you click on making a donation..

Making a donation

- ...on the second page of the donation you can select Caversham to make sure the money comes to the parish
- **the company administering the donate button charge a small admin fee (a % of the donation) so it is more cost effective to set up a standing order and gift aid for the parish particularly if you are making a large donation**



To set up a regular standing order (preferred option if possible) from home if you use online banking just ring the office for account details. We can also send you a form for setting up a gift aided declaration if you are a tax payer.

NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS

As of 1/08/2020 we will be using our new Diocesan wide email system. The new parish office email address will be ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk Please adjust your contact list if you are in regular contact with the office. We will continue to monitor the o.l.a.s.a.office@gmail.com but the o.l.a.s.a.priest@gmail.com is no longer active.

BOOKING FOR SUNDAY MASSES

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/our-lady-and-st-annes-rc-church-caversham-30676591436> or ring the office by the end of Thursday.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gill Harrison who died recently. May perpetual light shine upon her and those who grieve her find comfort and solace in their loss.

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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Sunday 20 in Ordinary Time – Year A Matthew): There are many feasts of Mary in the liturgical calendar but today's Solemnity of the Assumption is the greatest of all the Marian feasts. It salutes a fully human life lived to the highest degree of virtue. Mary had a unique role in the history of salvation, she was the mother of Jesus and, as the Church's faith in her son's divinity grew so too did its conviction that Mary deserved the title Mother of God (*Theotokos*), which we honour on 1 January. The doctrine or Church teaching at the centre of today's feast is one of two which have been declared by the Pope *ex cathedra* and are infallible, i.e. binding as matters of faith on all Catholics. Pope Pius XII hedged his bets a little! We are told that immediately her earthly life reached its term, Mary was assumed directly into heaven. The pope does not specifically say she *died* nor does he deny it either. But what makes this doctrine of such significance for us is that, in Mary, a human being like us is declared by the Church to have successfully transferred from this world to heaven. So, our faith in life everlasting is not in vain. And if Mary is definitively present with God in heaven, then it is also possible for those whom we love and who have gone before us to also be assured of a place in heaven. The Solemnity of the Assumption marks Mary's present heavenly state but, given that it marks the end of her earthly life it also salutes the unique qualities of that life. So, it offers us an opportunity to give thanks for the witness offered to us by Mary: her all too human struggle to understand and accept God's will (the Annunciation, the missing child in the temple, the defeat of Calvary), her difficulty in accepting the implications for the life of her family of Jesus' public ministry, and perhaps her relationship with his disciples after his resurrection. The picture the scriptures offer to us of Mary is quite complex, but very human and one with which we find we can identify.

First Reading (NT): Revelation 11, 19; 12, 1 – 6. 10: Because Mary is the achieved likeness of what the assembly of believers should become, what the Book of Revelation says of the Church can truly be said of her: saved by God, the attacks of the evil one cannot prevail against her.

Second Reading (NT): 1 Corinthians 15, 20 – 26: The resurrection of Christ announces the glorification of all who belong to him through faith. Mary will not be alone, she has singly gone ahead of us.

Gospel: Luke 1, 39 – 56: As David danced before the Ark, so John in his mother's womb leapt for joy at the presence of Mary, bearing the Saviour in her womb. Mary's hymn of praise is offered to all who await redemption. Considering her assumption, they understand that in very truth God has exalted the lowly. This hymn which like phrases on the lips of the Virgin Mary also articulates a vision of what the kingdom which he soon will inaugurate entails for ordinary people. It has been such a source of inspiration for the Church as she has developed her social doctrine. This hymn is sung each day by the Church at Vespers.

Masses and Intentions

Week Twenty of Ordinary Time

Fr Patrick celebrates most of these Masses on his own.

Tues, Thurs and Sun Masses are open for up to 26 households to attend.

Saturday	15 th August	10.00	Father Joseph Tynan [pro clero defuncto]
<i>Feria in Week 19 of Ordinary Time</i>		<i>(Exposition – church closed)</i>	

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Year A

Saturday	15 th August	17.30	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
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Sunday	16 th August	10.00	Caridáde Correia RIP
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Monday	17 th August	09.15	People of the parish
<i>Feria in Week 20 in Ordinary Time</i>			

Tuesday	18 th August	<u>09.15</u>	Int. of Fisher family
<i>Feria in Week 20 in Ordinary Time</i>		[church open for public Mass]	

Wednesday	19 th August	09.15	Holy souls
<i>Memorial of St. Jean Eudes, Priest</i>			

Thursday	20 th August	<u>08.00</u>	Holy souls
<i>Memorial of St Bernard of Clairveaus, Abbot & Doctor</i>		[church open for public Mass]	

Friday	21 st August	12.30	Holy souls
<i>Memorial of St Pius X, Pope</i>			

Saturday	22 nd August	10.00	Holy souls
<i>Memorial of the Queenship of Our Lady</i>		<i>(Exposition – church closed)</i>	

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Year A

Saturday	22 nd August	17.30	People of the parish
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Sunday	23 rd August	10.00	Terry Colehan RIP
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