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**15<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

Sat 14 Aug	5.30 pm	St George's	Tom O'Reilly RIP
Sun 15 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	Teresa Beck RIP
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Bernadette McCaulay RIP
	6.00 pm	St George's	People of the parish & clergy
Mon 16 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving, St Anthony of Padua
Tue 17 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Wed 18 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	For cancer sufferers, especially those we know.
Thu 19 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Fri 20 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	Holy souls and friends suffering souls
Sat 21 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	Bill Eadie, birthday memories
	5.30 pm	St George's	For peace in Afghanistan
Sun 22 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	The Clayton family RIP
	6.00 pm	St George's	Gary Cassidy RIP



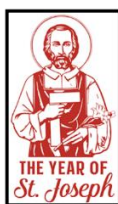
**THE MYSTERY OF THE ASSUMPTION:**

The Magnificat shows us that Our Lady recognises her lowliness and thus she gratefully rejoices in the greatness of God's love. How does this play out in her disposition, in her attitude towards life? She continually ponders things in her heart, such as the visit of the shepherds or the finding of Jesus in the Temple. She ponders in her heart, because she does not already know. She

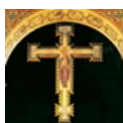
truly waits on and trusts in God's will without fear, and this allows her to live in openness and wonder. At Cana, for instance, when she informs Jesus, "They have no wine," we see that for her every circumstance becomes a dialogue, a prayer. And her prayer is always sincere, because she does not dictate what God's response should be. She is open to God's ever-new and ever-surprising presences. And so, with what openness and wonder must she have lived the mystery of her Assumption! Even her experience of her trust towards the Father and of his life-giving and undying affection for her and for every aspect of her being. May we approach the mystery of the sacraments with the hope and wonder with which Our Lady receives and welcomes her Assumption. With Mary, let us be ever amazed at the ever-echoing ramifications of the incarnation, and the Father's unfathomable love and affection for our humanity.

**YEAR OF ST JOSEPH 2021, PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH**

Dear Saint Joseph, just and true, with a father's care you raised the child Jesus, and, with a husband's love, you shared your life with Mary, his mother. I entrust myself to your care and place in your hands this request of mine...(Pause) In quiet Nazareth long ago, the Holy Spirit spoke to your heart and you followed God's will with wonderful faith. In the quiet of my days, and in the hard choices I must make, help me follow the spirit's guidance and believe when I cannot see. Amen.  
(when praying at home: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be)



**ONLINE APPLICATION FORM FOR SACRAMENTS:** For those interested in Baptisms, First Holy Communion and Confirmations at St. George's & Holy Spirit, please go to the parish website and complete the relevant online application form. You will then be contacted by the parish office.



**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?**

For those who are interested in becoming a Catholic or wish to explore the Catholic faith, the RCIA course will commence in October.

For further information please contact Karan or Fr Peter.

**For all the latest parish information and newsletters please visit our Parish website of St. George's & Holy Spirit, Derby, <http://stgeorges-holyspiritderby.org.uk/>**

**CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY ONLY: 10:15 – 10:45**

**SAINTS THIS WEEK :**

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Aug:** St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Aug:** St Pius X, Pope

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR AUGUST 2021**

**Pope Francis asks Catholics to pray in August for Church reform 'in the light of the Gospel'.**



Pope Francis invites all Catholics to pray "for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel. We can only renew the Church by discerning God's will in our daily life and embarking on a transformation guided by the Holy Spirit." He continued, "Our own reform as persons

is that transformation. Allowing the Holy Spirit, the gift of God in our hearts, to remind us what Jesus taught and help us put it into practice. Let us begin reforming the Church with a reform of ourselves, by moving forward based on spiritual experience - an experience of prayer, of charity, of service. I dream of an even more missionary option: one that goes out to meet others and that transforms all its structures for the evangelisation of today's world." As the Holy Father says, "we must have the courage to be completely open. We need to stop seeing the reform of the Church as putting a patch on an old garment".

**Holy Father's Prayer for August**

*Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.*

Vatican City, Aug 2021

**SYRIAN CONFLICT - 10th Anniversary of the Syrian conflict – how your donations have helped the Syrian people.**

Thanks to your donations, CAFOD has been helping people in Syria since the crisis began 10 years ago. Over 12 million people have left their homes, 5.6 million are refugees in neighbouring countries and within Syria, 13 million people need help. At the beginning, our focus was on delivering food and blankets through our local church partners, then we started providing education, health and legal services, and helping people earn a living. Our latest projects are supporting children, lonely elderly people, helping women learn to read, and helping people restart their small businesses. We've always planned for the long term, standing alongside people who lost everything. None of this work would have been possible without your support of CAFOD.

Sixth Form students at Saint Benedict have been celebrating their A-level results after a challenging 18 months.

Mr Kevin Gritton, Headteacher, said it was a remarkable achievement that almost 50 per cent of all grades were A\*/A with 75 per cent of all grades A\*-B.

He said: "We are very proud of our Sixth Form students who have achieved an outstanding set of results despite all of the challenges of the past 18 months. Sitting all of their assessments under full exam conditions and having to cover the full range of A-Level content and difficulty, they have still managed to do so well, having had to access much of their learning remotely. Almost 50% of all A Level grades were at A\* and A with 75% of all grades at A\*-B. This really is quite a remarkable achievement by all of our Sixth Form pupils and the staff who supported them so well throughout a very challenging time. We wish all of our young people all the very best for the future."