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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

20TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

ST GEORGE'S MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 15 Aug	5.30 pm	People of the parish. THE ASSUMPTION
Sun 16 Aug	9.30 am	For all in the parish who are ill THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Mon 17 Aug	9.30 am	For world peace
Tues 18 Aug	9.30 am	For Jimmy's mother Philomena Swingell RIP and all the family
Wed 19 Aug	9.30 am	Donor's intention, St Anthony
Thu 20 Aug	9.30 am	Lawrence Donovan RIP
Fri 21 Aug	9.30 am	For all our deceased family members and parishioners
Sat 22 Aug	9.30 am	For the victims of recent earthquakes in Venezuela, Japan & Columbia
	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 23 Aug	9.30 am	For Jimmy's son, Michael, RIP and all the family and all travellers

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

'And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.' John 14:3). On the feast of the Assumption of Mary we celebrate the revelation that Mary is the fulfilment of this promise. Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven to be with Jesus, the Son of God, who had gone to prepare a place for her.

In 1950 Pius XII, in defining the doctrine of Mary's assumption into heaven, said: '[Mary] having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.' Mary is truly the Queen of Heaven. We celebrate her life and rejoice in her everlasting reward.

Through the witness of Mary we are also reminded that today is an opportunity for us to renew our own hope in the promise that on the last day our soul, which separates from our body at death, is reunited with our resurrected body and we rise to life everlasting body and soul. This is an exciting and wonderful truth which should spur us on in our day to day living out of our faith. Speaking of that new body, the apostle Paul writes: 'What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory, it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown in a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body' (1 Cor. 15:42-44).

Today we rejoice in Mary, our mother in faith, and give praise to God for her faithfulness, obedience and love. She is the perfect model of every Christian virtue, and it is fitting that Scripture and tradition unite to proclaim her assumption into her eternal reward in heaven. She is our advocate sent before us, and as the mother of our Judge is the mother of mercy who intercedes for us.

'Today, earth has sent a priceless gift up to heaven,, so that by giving and receiving with the blessed bond of friendship, the human is wedded to the divine, earth to heaven, the depths to the heights. Blessed indeed is Mary, blessed in many ways, both in receiving the Saviour, and in being received by the Saviour.' (St Bernard of Clairvaux)

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE - 30TH September – 7th October 2026

All are welcome to join Fr Andrew on pilgrimage to Medjugorje, flying from East Midlands Airport, costing £794 based on sharing a room, half-board, in accommodation near to St James' Church, with a local guide.

For more information, please contact Alison Riggott (07934 419753 / alriggott@yahoo.co.uk) or see the poster in church.

***Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
on Saturday 10.15-10.45 am.***

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Wed 19th Aug: St John Eudes, Priest
Thurs 20th Aug: St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor
Fri 21st Aug: St Pius X, Pope
Sat 22nd Aug: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST for
evangelisation in the city.**

Let us pray that in large cities often masked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

A RECENT DEATH:

Please pray for Joseph Dussroth who died recently. Requiem Mass will take place at St George's on Wednesday 26th August at 12.30.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

A Place for Us

The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God. REVELATION 12.6

On the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, we celebrate the belief that by God's power, Mary was assumed into heaven, body and soul. She is the sinless Mother of God, who gazed upon the face of the Christ Child, found him with anxiety at the Temple, raised him during those quiet, unrecorded years, encouraged him to provide the wine at Cana, met him on the Way of the Cross, stood by him at the crucifixion and now takes her place prepared by God.

What a welcome into heaven it must have been! I picture a realm of angel choirs, Jesus, St Joseph, her parents and friend welcoming her and crowning her as Queen. As our Mother, she naturally prepares a place for her children too She notices us, intercedes for us and prays for us until the day when she too can welcome us with open arms to our eternal home.