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The Month of August is devoted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Sunday, 15 August 2021 Psalter Week 4

Saturday

5.00 p.m. (Totley) People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Ron Mason

11.15 a.m. Catherine Mary Tetzlaff

Monday St Stephen of Hungary

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) *Feria*

10.00 a.m. Catherine Walsh

Wednesday *Feria*

10.00 a.m. Joe & Phil McNally

Thursday St John Eudes, priest

No Mass

Friday St Bernard, abbot

10.00 a.m. Philip Robinson

Saturday St Pius X, pope

No Mass

Next week's Masses

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. Sean Crehan

Sunday (Meadowhead)

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. DeVilly Family

Please Pray for:

Our sick: Kath Jarman, Pam McDonald, Doreen Wilde, Danny Grant, Mary & David Gage, Franco Anobele, Angela McKinney, Pauline Souflas, Teddy Howes, Katie Glackin, Neville Garratt, Michael Goodfellow, Marie Lennox, Rae Goodlad, Linda Costello and Edward Keefe

Lately Dead: Pauline Collins, RIP

And let us remember in our prayers Zisimos Souflas who is missing.

Responsorial Psalm: 44

R. On your right stands the queen, in gold of Ophir.

Events for the Coming Week

Wednesday Rainbows 6.15pm

Please let me know when your group re-starts. Thank you.

Friday Mass - Mass has recommenced on Fridays at 10.00am week.

Retreat— I am hoping to organise a retreat at Stonyhurst for next June. Before I can do ahead I need to have an idea of how many may be interested and also, any ideas as to a theme.

The cost is likely to be around £60 per night in a twin room, full board. Singles are available, price to be confirmed. All rooms are en suite.

If you think you may be interested or have any suggestions please let me know as soon as possible. There is no commitment at this stage.

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. Thank you.

Ministers for Communion - Since the relaxing of lockdown it is now permissible for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to visit the sick and housebound. With this in mind it would be very useful to know who is willing and available to carry out home visits and to whom. Also, since lockdown, there are one or two more parishioners who will require visits so they will need to be allocated a minister.

Below are the latest diocesan guidelines for home visits. Please read, and if you are happy to resume home visits please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Home Visits

Home visits can now take place by priests, deacons and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and other volunteers. The minister to the sick or housebound person must take care to ensure that a minimum number of visits takes place to different homes in a single session of visiting. There are three important steps to avoid possible spread of the virus, especially if someone is infected but asymptomatic:

- ◆ It is recommended (outside hospital and hospice chaplaincies who have infection control in place) that only one morning and one afternoon visit is made in a day to minimise risk of infection.
- ◆ The use of regular freely available covid-19 home test kits is recommended for those doing pastoral visits, to ensure they are not potential vectors of infection to those who are sick and medically vulnerable. These can be obtained through www.gov.uk/find-covid-19-lateral-flow-test-site
- ◆ Careful hand sanitisation and minimising of exposure times indoors are important considerations as well.

If you notice anything on or around the church premises which has the potential to cause harm, please let the parish secretary know (preferably in writing) so that appropriate action can be taken promptly.

Laudato Si' Movement - Climate change

The United Nations released its latest climate report earlier this week and, I'll be blunt, the news wasn't good.

Scientists are seeing changes in every region and across the entire system. Many of the changes "are unprecedented in thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of years."

But here's the good(ish) part: Even this report, which is written to inform governments on the facts laid bare regarding the climate crisis, contains some hope.

That's right! Yes, the climate crisis is bad and getting worse. But we still have time to create a better future for our children and grandchildren, although we need to act now.

"Strong and sustained reductions in emissions of carbon dioxide (CO2) and other greenhouse gases would limit climate change."

Act today: Sign the "Healthy Planet, Healthy People" petition and tell world leaders how to protect our common home.

Once you sign the petition, you're invited to promote it throughout the upcoming Season of Creation and become a true champion for our common home.

The Season of Creation is a unique moment for all of us to take prophetic action ahead of the 26th UN Climate Change Conference in November.

Ahead of that vital UN summit, it's our job to rise up in unity and support audacious targets to save our common home. Sign the "[***Healthy Planet, Healthy People***](#)" petition and join the thousands of people who have already taken action for God's creation.

The news isn't good, let's be clear. But we can come together and act out our values. Let's do it now.

Tomás Insua, Executive Director, Laudato Si' Movement

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, Feast Day Friday 20th August

In the year 1111, aged 20, Bernard left his home to join the monastic community of Citeaux. His five brothers, two uncles, and some 30 young friends followed him. Within four years, a dying community had recovered enough vitality to establish a new house in the nearby valley of Wormwoods, with Bernard as abbot. The valley was soon renamed Clairvaux, the valley of light. Adviser of popes, defender of the faith, healer of a schism, reviver of the Cistercian Order, scripture scholar, theologian, and eloquent preacher: any one of these titles would distinguish an ordinary man. Saint Bernard was all of these - and he still retained a burning desire to return to the hidden monastic life of his younger days.

Bernard's life in the Church produced far-reaching results. But he knew that they would have availed little without the many hours of prayer and contemplation that brought him strength and heavenly direction. His life was characterized by a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother. His sermons and books about Mary are still the standard of Marian theology.

His leading role in promoting what proved to be a disastrous Second Crusade to the Holy Land weighed heavily on Bernard, and this burden possibly hastened his death on August 20th, 1153.

Night clubs are reopening, but only vaccinated people will be allowed...



Saying for the Week!

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***Remember,
it is better to light
a candle,
thank to curse
the darkness.***

The Feast of the Assumption

The commemoration of the death of the Blessed Virgin Mary (the Dormition, or falling asleep, as it was known in the East) is known as the Assumption because of the tradition that her body did not decay but that she was raised up, body and soul, into heaven. This tradition was already present in the sixth century; by the beginning of the twentieth century it was widespread. After consulting the views of bishops all over the world, Pope Pius XII, on 1 November 1950, formally and infallibly declared the doctrine of the Assumption to be part of the authentic and ancient doctrine of the universal Church.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven. But Revelation, chapter 12, speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both the Old and New Testament, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory. In 1 Corinthians Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

Prayer for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Almighty ever-living God,
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary,
the Mother of your Son,
body and soul into heavenly glory,
grant, we pray,
that, always attentive to the things that are above,
we may merit to be sharers of her glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

I LOVE TO SEE THE SUMMER BY JOHN CLARE

I love to see the summer beaming forth
And white wool sack clouds sailing to the north
I love to see the wild flowers come again
And Mare blobs stain with gold the meadow drain
And water lilies whiten on the floods
Where reed clumps rustle like a wind shook wood-
Where from her hiding place the Moor Hen pushes
And seeks her flag nest floating in bull rushes
I like the willow leaning half way o'er
The clear deep lake to stand upon its shore
I love the hay grass when the flower head swings
To summer winds and insects happy wings
That sport about the meadow the bright day
And see bright beetles in the clear lake play

Prayer for the Week

A Daily Prayer

Lord God, who entrusted the earth to us to till it and care for it,
and made the sun to serve our needs:
give us grace this day to work faithfully for your glory and for our neighbours' good.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

This Week's Readings The Assumption of the BVM

First Reading: *Apocalypse 11:19, 12:106, 10*

Responsorial Psalm: 44

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:20-26*

Gospel: *Luke 1:39-56*

Next Week's Readings Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: *Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18*

Responsorial Psalm: 33

Second Reading: *Ephesians 5:21-32*

Gospel: *John 6:60-69*

This week's ministries for 14/15 August

Communion	9.15 a.m.	C Parsons
	11.15 a.m.	J McNally
Readers	5.00 p.m.	G Wilkinson, C Nicholson
	9.15 a.m.	A Peacey, G Cort
	11.15 a.m.	M Richardson, D Lewis

Next week's ministries for 21/22 August

Communion	9.15 a.m.	S Portaluri
	11.15 a.m.	F Glaze
Readers	5.00 p.m.	G Higgins, H Simmerson
	9.15 a.m.	J Bourne, S Davies
	11.15 a.m.	D Lewis, M Richardson

Pre-internet chat room -
but they still used windows!

