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

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**16 August 2020 Psalter Week 4**

**Saturday**

5.00 p.m. Ron Mason & Pat Phelan

**Sunday**

9.15 a.m. Gaetana Messina

11.15 p.m. People of the Parish

**Monday**

*Feria*

10.00 a.m. Robbins Family

**Tuesday**

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10.00 a.m. Susan Willcock

**Wednesday**

*St John Eudes, priest*

10.00 a.m. Fr Bede Joseph Hill

**Thursday**

*St Bernard, abbot*

10.00 a.m. Malcolm McDonald

**Friday**

*St Pius X*

10.00 a.m. Marie Lennox

**Next Week's Masses**

**Saturday (Meadowhead)**

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

**Sunday (Meadowhead)**

9.15 a.m. Connie and Frank Trainor

11.15 a.m. William Maltby

***Please Pray for:***

**Our sick:** Rae Goodlad, Marie Lennox, Michael Goodfellow, Sr Emma Bechold, Sheila Ryan, Katie Glackin, Peter Baines, Breda Pakenham, Neville Garratt, Pauline Souflas, Lucia Fojut, Linda Costello, Catherine Mary Tetzlaff, Pauline Collins and Edward Keefe.

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

**Weekly Offertories** – If you would like to make a bank transfer for your weekly offering instead of the loose plate or your weekly envelope you may do so using the following details.

**Sort Code: 40-41-07 Account Number: 01095153**

Please put Offertory in the Reference box. Please include your name also if it is to replace your envelope or for gift aid.

**Anyone wishing** to set up a Standing Order, the account name you should use is: **Diocese of Hallam Woodseats RC Parish.**

**Sunday Collections**

**Please remember,** you can pay your weekly contributions directly into the parish account. The details are below.

If you are paying by cheque and sending the money to the presbytery, please remember cheques **MUST** be made payable to

**'Woodseats R C Parish Account'**. The bank will not accept any variation.

Registered Charity No 512021

**A young lady, Rachael Booth** is attempting to walk the 3 Yorkshire Peaks in under 12 Hours on 22<sup>nd</sup> August to in support of a Bethlehem Hospice. Due to Covid 19 she is going it alone. It is a huge undertaking, particularly for someone on their own.

Rachael is seeking sponsorship and as this is likely to be the only fundraising activity we can undertake this year you are asked to help and to spread the news to everyone you know. The link below gives information about her walk. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rachaelbcht>

### **Novena to St Francis - For a world under threat**

Nine brief reflections asking St Francis of Assisi to pray for us and our world, based on his beautiful Cantic of the Sun.

This novena is a song of penitence and praise, guiding us to care for the earth and for our most vulnerable sisters and brothers, especially the Amazon peoples. They are currently under grave risk from coronavirus, given their fragile situation, often in remote locations far from government services.

Communities with whom we work are reporting a sharp increase in predatory attacks on land. People smugglers are also active and those being trafficked are in more danger than ever, having no access to healthcare.

The pandemic shows us that "we have not heard the cry of the poor and our seriously ill planet," warns Pope Francis, describing this as "a time to choose what matters and what passes away". (*Urbi et Orbi, 2020*)

Use these prayers over nine days or at nine moments of personal prayer. Each has four phases: Cantic; Amazon voice; penitential prayer; plea for intercession.

### **Second prayer: Night sky**

**"We praise you, Lord,  
for Sister Moon and the Stars,  
in the heavens you have made them  
bright, precious and fair."** (*St Francis of Assisi*)

"We want the forest to remain quiet, the sky to remain clear,  
the evening darkness to really fall  
and for the stars to be seen."

*Davi Kopenawa,*

*(spokesperson for the Yanomami people of Brazil)*

Creator God,  
your night sky offers rest and stillness,  
yet we flood our cities with light.  
Forgive us for our wasteful ways.

Brother Francis, you chose poverty not  
plenty,  
walking lightly on the earth.  
May we follow in your path  
and reduce the trace we leave.

**St Francis, pray for us.**

**MATT**



*'It's much simpler now.  
The Government predicts  
what your test results  
would have been'*

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**The gospel today** begins with a journey. “Mary set out and travelled to the hill country of Judea.” This time of the year a lot of us can appreciate the idea of taking a trip. Millions of people are on the move to the beach at home or abroad, to Beauty Spots, or archaeological or historic sites. But what Mary does is hardly a holiday. She has just been told that she is about to conceive and give birth to a son and that her cousin Elizabeth was already six months pregnant. Preparations were made and she set out for Ain Karim – about 5 miles west of Jerusalem. And we have the momentous scene that follows...the visitation.

Not only does Mary take this journey to a town in Judah, a long distance from Nazareth, but with this event, the great journey of her life begins. An adventure that will not end until her final journey to heaven, a feast we celebrate today, the Assumption.

We tend to think of Mary as a quiet, serene young woman of few words, but blessed with tremendous faith and boundless trust. This is true. But today I'd like to ask you to think of her a little differently. Think of her as the woman of action. She is woman on a journey – constantly, by necessity on the move. She is restless, rarely sitting still or staying in one place.

After this journey to see Elizabeth, we next find Mary embarking on another arduous journey, while pregnant to Bethlehem, from Nazareth. After giving birth, she and her small family are on the move again fleeing to Egypt to escape death. We meet her again coming out of Egypt after the death of Herod. We next see her travelling to Jerusalem where her son goes missing and we follow her as she goes in search of him. Finding him she continues her travels bringing him back home to Nazareth.

Mary, as the first disciple, in many ways prefiguring all the disciples who will follow – those who travelled on foot, throughout the world to spread the gospel and proclaim the good news. Like the Apostles, Mary was a missionary, the first missionary, a woman who travelled and carried Christ to the world.

In the gospel we see her literally bringing Jesus to another, as she carried him in her womb and goes to her cousin and speaks the words any missionary might pronounce, words which are the very essence of Good News and the beginning of all belief: “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.”

What follows, the Magnificat, is Mary's great gift to Scripture and one of the most beautiful prayers. With that Mary's great acclamation becomes the acclamation of the church. We can only imagine the other journeys she took in the course of her life, including the one to the Wedding Feast of Cana. But we cannot forget one in particular, the most difficult of all, as she followed her son to Calvary.

But today we celebrate her ultimate journey, the journey to the Promised Land, the heavenly homeland. The woman who spent so much of her life in motion setting out, travelling, fleeing, finally is given a place of rest, a place of safety. “Prepared for her by God as the reading puts it today. This day we honour that, an honour how God has “looked with favour on his lowly servant.” This feast marks the end of Mary's earthly story – and the beginning of one that continues, to this day, in heaven. She becomes for all time, what Elizabeth says in her first words of greeting “Blessed.”

But though she has left the world, Mary is not removed from us. Her life is closely woven with ours. All of us like Mary are on a journey. All of us are travelling to places we do not understand, to destinations we cannot see. This is life. But we ask Mary to help guide us. The road is long. The journey is not always easy. We pray to have the trust in God that we need to travel whatever road we must take – just as Mary did.

## Online talks and presentations

Listen to inspiring talks online about the great work you support, all from your own living room!

[Register for our virtual children's liturgy](#)

### Upcoming talks

[Prayer and Chat](#) Thursday, 18 August 11am-12pm

Come together with us in prayer and reflection, followed by a virtual coffee morning.

Please have a candle ready to light when you join the prayer.

[Register](#) to join us.

[CAFOD campaigner : Phil Kingston speaks](#) Wednesday 19 August, 11am-12pm

Join us for an inspiring talk from Phil Kingston, a longtime CAFOD campaigner now based in Bristol and his involvement with Extinction Rebellion. Phil is 83 and 10 years ago founded Grandparents for Safer Earth.

[Register](#) to join us.

[CAFOD's Work in a Rapidly Changing World](#) Thursday 27 August, 11am-12pm

In this online talk, Geoff O'Donoghue Director of Operations at CAFOD, shares the stories of the people he has met whose lives have been transformed by the care of CAFOD.

[Register](#) to join us.

### Past online talks

[Browse all past online talks](#)

**Fr Gus is willing**, under safe conditions, to take Holy Communion to the housebound and those who feel unable to attend Mass for whatever reason as a result of COVID 19 . He will not necessarily need to come into your house. If this is something you would like, *please call him and you will be able to arrange a set time and consider any specific needs.*

### ***The Blessing of Unanswered Prayers***

I asked God for strength that I might achieve;  
I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.  
I asked for health that I might do greater things;  
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.  
I asked for riches that I might be happy;  
I was given poverty that I might be wise.  
I asked for power that I might have the praise of men;  
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.  
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;  
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.  
I got nothing that I had asked for,  
but everything that I had hoped for.  
Almost despite myself my unspoken prayers were answered;  
I am, among all men, most richly blessed.

**Prayers** – You are asked to keep the NHS and all front-line workers; all those who are suffering, whether from illness or in bereavement in your prayers at this time.

*Take time to THINK - it is the source of power.  
Take time to PLAY - it is the secret of perpetual youth.  
Take time to READ - it is the fountain of wisdom.  
Take time to PRAY - it is the greatest power on earth.  
Take time to LOVE and BE LOVED - it is a God-given privilege.  
Take time to be FRIENDLY - it is the road to happiness.  
Take time to LAUGH - it is the music of the soul.  
Take time to GIVE - it is too short a day to be selfish.  
Take time to WORK - it is the price of success.  
Take time to DO CHARITY - it is the key to heaven.*

## **Prayer for the Week**

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

God our Father,  
You crowned the Blessed Virgin Mary on the day of her Assumption with a glory beyond compare.  
You had looked on her lowliness and had made her the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ.,  
your Only-begotten Son.  
Grant that, by her prayers,  
we may be saved by the mystery of your redemption,  
and share with her in the glory of eternal life.  
We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **This Week's Readings Twentieth Sunday (A)**

**First Reading:** *Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6, 10*  
**Responsorial Psalm:** 44  
**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 15:20-26*  
**Gospel:** *Luke 1:39-56*

### **Next Week's Readings Twenty-First Sunday (A)**

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 22:19-23*  
**Responsorial Psalm:** 137  
**Second Reading:** *Romans 11:33-36*  
**Gospel:** *Matthew 16:13-20*

## **RETURNING TO CHURCH AND ATTENDING MASS (Updated)**

Firstly, how wonderful it is to be able at last to attend Mass, albeit in a restricted manner.

In keeping with Government and Diocesan guidelines, the numbers able to attend each Mass are very restricted and MUST be adhered to. Social distancing must be observed. The expected number is 60 but this will be confirmed.

Please remember that Sunday obligation is still suspended so attending Mass any day of the week will count. If you are able to attend Mass during the week please do so and leave Saturday and Sunday to those who are working.

If you wish to attend **SUNDAY** Mass a telephone booking system will be in place (**see below**).

### **Coming to Mass**

1. You will be asked to come through one door and leave through another. (A one-way system)
2. You will be directed to a seat – please do not change as they will have been allocated on the numbers attending in any one group.
3. You are asked to wear a mask as this will allow a greater number of parishioners to attend.
4. Sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church.
5. Do not congregate before or after Mass.
6. When receiving Holy Communion nothing will be said.
7. There will be no singing; no offertory procession; no sign of Peace; no Chalice.
8. At the weekend, there will be a few copies of the newsletter. You are welcome to take one but please DO NOT leave it behind or put it back. Take it home with you.
9. Extra directions may be given at Mass.
10. On fine days weekday Masses will be outside.
11. Please note - **masks MUST be worn in church**. This has been mandated by the Government.

### **Ministers of the Eucharist and Readers**

#### Eucharistic Ministers

During this period there is no requirement for Special Ministers of the Eucharist at Mass. However, so long as strict guidelines are kept, it may be possible to take Holy Communion to the housebound/ shielding etc. This would need to be discussed with Father Gus and the recipient.

#### Readers

For the time being there will be ONE reader at all Masses. Weekdays, will remain the same – someone will be asked to read on an ad hoc basis. If any reader is booked to attend a Sunday Mass, they are asked to identify themselves so they can be called upon if necessary.

Unfortunately, the rule for over-70s still applies. When reading, you are asked to sanitise your hands both before and after reading.

Please leave the sanctuary after the Alleluia.

No Bidding Prayers

### **Booking a place at Mass**

Masses will be at 10.00am each weekday. On Saturday, Mass will be at 5.00pm *at Meadowhead*. On Sundays it will be at 9.15am and 11.15am at Meadowhead. (Please note that English Martyrs will not be open for the time being.)

If you would like to attend Mass at the weekend you will need to ring up and book a place.

This will not be necessary if you are attending **a weekday** Mass.

### **When to Ring**

To attend Mass at:

- 5.00pm Saturday: Ring between 10.00am-12.00pm any day up until Wednesday (**included**) of that week.  
9.15am Sunday: Ring between 10.00am-12.00pm any day up until Thursday (**included**) of that week.  
11.15am Sunday: Ring between 10.00am-12.00pm any day up until Friday (**included**) of that week.

If it is not possible to take your call, please leave a message giving your name, telephone number, **and how many of you** will be attending. If you do not receive a return phone call you may assume your booking has been confirmed.

## **You Think English is Easy???**

### **Can you read these right the first time?**

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture..
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present .
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row .
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- 19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

## **Lovers of the English language might enjoy this**

There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that is **'UP'**.

It's easy to understand **UP**, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake **UP**? At a meeting, why does a topic come **UP**? Why do we speak **UP** and why are the officers **UP** for election and why is it **UP** to the secretary to write **UP** a report ?

We call **UP** our friends. And we use it to brighten **UP** a room, polish **UP** the silver, we warm **UP** the leftovers and clean **UP** the kitchen. We lock **UP** the house and some guys fix **UP** the old car . At other times the little word has real special meaning. People stir **UP** trouble, line **UP** for tickets, work **UP** an appetite, and think **UP** excuses. To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed **UP** is special.

And this **UP** is confusing: A drain must be opened **UP** because it is stopped **UP**. We open **UP** a store in the morning but we close it **UP** at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed **UP** about **UP**! To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of **UP** , look the word **UP** in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes **UP** almost 1/4 of the page and can add **UP** to about thirty definitions. If you are **UP** to it, you might try building **UP** a list of the many ways **UP** is used. It will take **UP** a lot of your time, but if you don't give **UP**, you may wind **UP** with a hundred or more. When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding **UP** . When the sun comes out we say it is clearing **UP**.

When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things **UP**

When it doesn't rain for awhile, things dry **UP**.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it **UP**, for now my time is **UP**, so . . . Time to shut **UP**!