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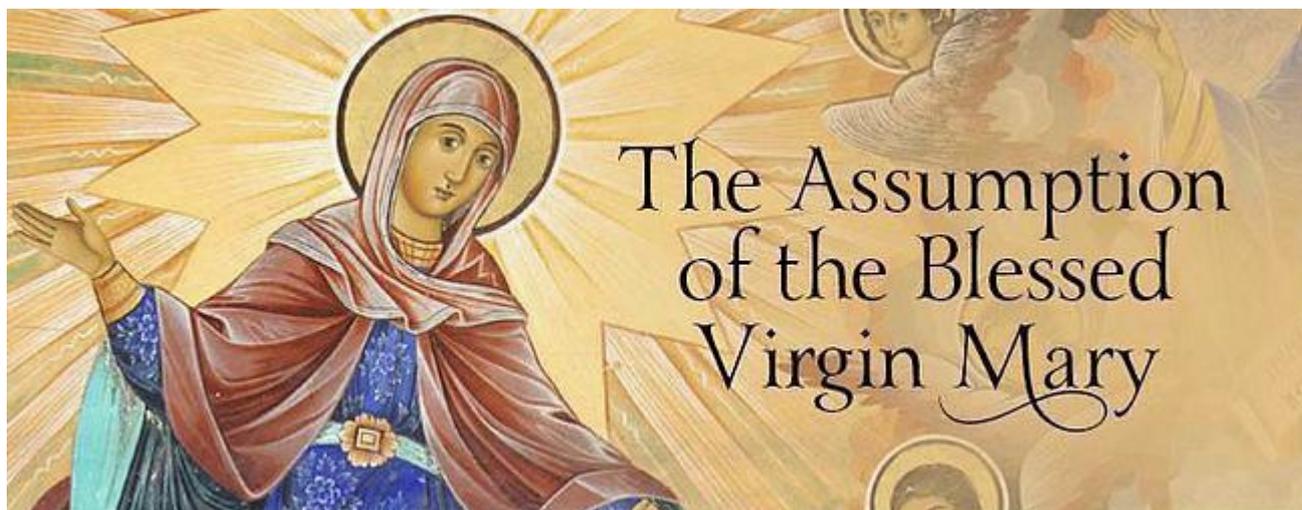
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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MASSES DURING THE WEEK Readings and Mass texts visit www.universalis.com

Sunday 15 Aug	9.30 AM	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 16 Aug		St Stephen of Hungary OM	PRIVATE MASS	SOWERBY BRIDGE
Tues 17 Aug		Weekday in Ordinary Time		
Wed 18 Aug	12.00 noon	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Private Intention	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 19 Aug		St John Eudes, Priest		
Fri 20 Aug		St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	PRIVATE MASS	SOWERBY BRIDGE
Sat 21 Aug	10.00AM	St Pius X, Pope	Private Intention	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 22 Aug	9.30 AM	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please submit notices (by Wednesday 8pm) - to Fr Larkin by email at pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

THE MONTH OF AUGUST is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

FLOWERS Rota: 15 August Liz Bavidge, 22 August Gerry Smith, 29 August Liv Redmond, 5 September Ivy Abram, 12 September Nick Burchnall, 19 September *vacant*, 26 September Barbara Bottomley. Thank you to all who have regularly donated to the Flower Funding Rota. If you are able to help, please contact Doris Moorhead on 01422 842931.

CATHOLIC CARE VACANCIES There are many vacancies for employment within Catholic Care, as well as opportunities for volunteering. Please see website: <https://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruitment/latest-vacancies/> for full details.

ANNUAL MASS AT FOUNTAINS ABBEY

The annual Mass for the feast of St Bernard will take place at Fountains Abbey at 12-00 Noon on Friday 20 August 2021 with Fr Richard Duffield, Provost of the York Oratory as the Principal Celebrant. Entry is via The Visitor's Centre where there is ample parking; a shuttle bus is available for those who find the walk too much. Disabled access is via the West Gate where all parking is reserved for the disabled. Special arrangements can be made for wheel chairs. Admission to the Abbey is free to National Trust Members and by special arrangement the National Trust has kindly agreed to waive normal charges to allow free admission for those attending the Mass.

GREEN GRANTS FOR HEATING IMPROVEMENTS Calderdale Council is committed to helping its residents heat their homes for less by installing energy saving home improvements. Offers and funding are limited so are on a first come, first served basis. Don't delay, act today. Find out about our latest work in your area and across the whole scheme throughout Yorkshire by talking through options available to your home, please call for more information on 0800 597 1500 or 0333 121 0073.

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY, St Joseph's, Barnoldswick St Joseph's Primary School, Barnoldswick is recruiting for a Deputy Head to start on 1 January 2022. The closing date for applications is 30 September 2021 with interviews on 14 October 2021. Applications must be made using the CES Application Form. Further information is available from recruitment@btlancashire.co.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 2021 (from Sowerby Bridge)

Discussions have been held with the organisers at Walsingham and the coach firm regarding our proposed visit Saturday 25 September 2021. We had already transferred the previous year's booking to this year. But because of the uncertainty around Covid we have unfortunately made the decision to transfer this year's booking to September 2022. Therefore, this year's visit has been cancelled. We want the visit to be a safe and enjoyable visit for everyone – we are booked for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham September 2022. For more information, contact Fr Larkin.

GUIDANCE ON COVID AFTER THE 19 JULY 2021 As we begin to move out of the restrictions that have been imposed upon us over these last months, let us all be mindful of others when we come to church and attend Holy Mass.

Face Coverings no longer be mandatory - a good idea in indoor settings.

Hand Sanitiser prominently available for people to use.

Numbers increase to 40 / Good ventilation remains important.

Managing Church Access - continue to book online. QR Codes will remain in place.

Congregational Singing - to be kept under review.

The Communion Rite - the Sign of Peace remains suspended- to be kept under review.

Stewards - a sign of hospitality

Cleaning - attention to frequent touchpoints to continue.

REMEMBER if your health is not good and you are vulnerable, if you have a cough or cold or temperature you should stay at home.

Thank you for your continuing patience and support.

TUESDAY PRAYER VIA ZOOM summer break until Tuesday 7 September 2021

Sept 7 Jean and David Marsh / Sept 14 John and Cathy Duffy

Sept 21 Deborah and Roger Rolland Masters / Sept 28 Maureen and Frank Flynn

Oct 5 Nick Burchnall / Oct 12 Patricia and Paul Newman / Oct 19 Anne and Mike Plunkett

FIELD NOTES

Today we celebrate the special place that Mary has in the life of the Church. As soon as Mary's body was laid in the grave, it immediately escaped from its earthly darkness and ascended "body and soul" into "heaven". By using the image "assumed body and soul into heaven" what is being said is that Mary, because of the dignity of her motherhood and her own personal submission to God's will at every stage of her life, takes precedence over everyone in the sharing of God's glory which is the destiny of all of us who die united with Christ her Son.

Today's Gospel is the story of Mary's visitation to her cousin, Elizabeth, when both were expecting their first child. It is highly significant that it is Mary and Jesus who go to visit Elizabeth and John. Already in the womb, Jesus is showing that urge to serve rather than be served. Mary, too, shares that longing. And, at the presence of Jesus and his mother, the child in Elizabeth's womb jumps for joy. Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, excitedly bursts out into praise. She recognises the special position of Mary and her Son: "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Mary is indeed unique and

blessed in being chosen to be the mother of our saving King and Lord. Elizabeth is deeply moved that it is Jesus and his Mother that come to her and John: "And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?" And yet that is what is happening to each of us all the time, and especially in every celebration of the Holy Mass when the Lord comes to us in his Word and in the most Holy Eucharist.

And there is a special word of praise for Mary also: "Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." This brings us to her faith and total trust in God. That was expressed in her fiat ('Let it be done to me...'), when, even though not fully understanding what was being asked of her, she unconditionally accepted to submit to God's plan.

It is now Mary's turn to sing God's praises in the lovely song we called the Magnificat, which the Church sings at its evening prayer every day. It is full of reflections on what makes Mary great in the eyes of God. "He has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant." Mary was a simple unmarried girl living in obscurity in a small town in an out of the way Roman province. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Nathanael asked rather cynically when told where Jesus came from. Actually, yes.

Mary expresses this in the last part of her song:

"He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty."

We ask Mary to remember us as we continue our journey on earth and to intercede for us with her Son that we may remain faithful to our call as faithful disciples.

Go to YouTube – Search for

Mary Immaculate, Star of the Morning by The Cathedral Singers

Immaculate Mary · The Cathedral Singers

Regina Caeli Laetare · The Cathedral Singers

It is good to be together

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL Yesterday we celebrated the feast of St Maximilian Kolbe, patron saint of the pro-life movement. On this feast of the Assumption, we ask for his intercession, along with Our Lady's, as we the church seek to support all expectant mothers through their pregnancies, and that we would become models of support and charity to all in society. Lord hear us.

We pray for the children and students of our parish who are facing important decisions about their future after exam results - may they be guided by the Holy Spirit. Lord, hear us.

These petitions are taken from parishioners' requests.

Robert Morley has finished the radiotherapy - it has helped a great deal. He would like to thank everyone for their prayers. 25/06/21

For **David Heap** with ongoing treatment for cancer. His new diagnosis - cancer has now spread to his liver, he is to undergo Chemotherapy.

For **Mel**, suffering from sepsis a complicated fracture and ruptured achilles tendon. She is listed for major surgery and, in her early 40s, at risk of an amputation

For **Raymond Smith**: recently diagnosed with cancer and shortly to undergo treatment

For **Gisela Lea-McCann**: for timely resolution of her health issues

For **Sarah McCann**, recently diagnosed with cancer and shortly to undergo treatment

Doris Phillips is now home from hospital and recovering. 21/02/21

For **Barry Harrop** he was unable to have the planned operation and now faces an uncertain future with cancer. 21/02/21

For **Alfie** born at 28 weeks and weighing 730 grams, and for his mother Emily, still struggling with her own health, that they may grow in strength and health together.

Aileen Queenan – asks for our ongoing prayers and thanks us for our support. 07/03/21

For **all receiving treatment for cancer** at this time.

Please pray for **Clive Barker** living with ongoing health issues. 14/01/21

Please pray for **Molly** suddenly admitted to hospital 20/02/21

Please pray for **Rosa** - remains in need of prayers and spiritual support. 21/02/21

For **those suffering from Covid 19** and its aftermath.

For **those in positions of decision-making**, to be guided by the Common Good.

For **the isolated and sick** at this time of Covid restrictions.

For **those in care and hospital work** – may they be given resilience.

For **the recently bereaved** – when we cannot console them directly.

Of your mercy please pray for: Daniel Murphy, Mollie Carette, Annis Peart-Binns

All who have recently died. Pray for the repose of their souls.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

If you have a petition and would like it to be included contact Fr Larkin by email at pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

PRAY FOR

THE SICK Fr John, Sarah McCann, Robert Morley, Doris Phillips, Barry, Aileen Queenan, Thomas Davis, Mary Harwood, Mary Howard, Edna Harwood, Rosa Maria Santos

CLERGY Remember to keep in your prayers especially Canon John Nunan, Fr Éamon McGeough, Fr Bernard Battle and Fr John Gott.

LATELY DEAD Annis Peart-Binns, Olena Lylak. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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