



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY – YEAR OF THE WORD

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Mass Times and Intentions for – ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – 16th August 2020

Saturday 15th August	6.00 pm	Carmel Treacy	
Sunday 16th August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Young Family Kitty McCaul (Sick) Josie Maria Perez People of the parish	
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Martin Maloney Nuala Parson	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Priest's Intention John Pugh (10th Ann.)	Ferial
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Michael Reynolds Ivy and Fred Lloyd	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12 noon 7.00 pm	Priest's Intention Margaret McGrath (Birthday 19.8) NO MASS	St Bernard
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Peter Raftery Peter Gretton	St Pius X
Saturday 22nd August	12 noon	James Monaghan	Queenship of the BVM
Saturday (Vigil Mass)	6.00 pm	Neil McDermott	
Sunday 23rd August TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Nnena Robinson Margaret Warman Magdalon Donlan People of the Parish	

Public celebration of Mass has now resumed with restricted numbers. Please see over for details

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 12 noon Saturdays, observing social distancing. Or by appointment	SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM & MARRIAGE By arrangement with Father Woolley	LAST WEEK'S OFFERING With the local lockdown the count at HF and SJ is currently suspended
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ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Today the Church celebrates the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day we commemorate the bodily entry of Mary into heaven.

This belief was declared as dogma of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1950.

Mary, as the first disciple of the Lord, the one whose great **yes** opened the doors of salvation to the world, has always been held as a model of the Church. As a model of discipleship and faith, her surrender to God's will gives us a pattern for our own lives of faith. As a model of the Church, her life gives us hope in the future promise of glory given to us at our Baptism. The preface to the Eucharistic Prayer for Mass on this day reminds us that Mary was "taken up into heaven to be the beginning and the pattern of the Church in its perfection". In other words, Mary's Assumption is our destiny as faithful followers of her Son! As disciples of Christ and as members of his Body the Church, we have a place at the heavenly banquet at the end of time when Christ returns to establish completely the kingdom of God. This is what is meant by saying that Mary is the image of the perfected Church – all the faithful, gathered from every time, nation, language, and way of life, forever gathered around the table of the Lamb, singing the hymn of endless life and praise!

How would Mary behave if she were suddenly amongst us today? Almost certainly she would be leading the way, making Jesus' vision of a world free of poverty and abuse a reality. Almost certainly she would be showing us how to live faithful and fulfilled lives. Mary is the model of trust and fidelity. Saying 'yes' to God is important, but in some ways it's not the hardest part. Making discipleship real day in and day out as Mary did is the really hard part, and our challenge for today.

Entrance Antiphon : **A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.**

Responsorial Psalm : **On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.**

Year A

Apocalypse 11: 19; 12: 1-6.10

Psalm 44

1 Corinthians 15: 20-26

Luke 1: 39-56

HOLY COMMUNION

Last weekend Father Woolley reintroduced Holy Communion at the normal time. When you have received Holy Communion please return to the same bench and place you were sitting in. It worked well and people have commented on how much they appreciate the time after Communion to give thanks.

A reminder to please remain in your places until you are invited to go forward to Holy Communion. At all times you must keep the social distancing of one metre. Holy Communion will be distributed from in front of the Lady Altar and the Sacred Heart Altar. People from the side benches will be invited to come forward first and return to their seat via the central aisle. Then, those in the centre benches will be invited forward for Holy Communion and return via the side aisles.

Father Woolley appreciates your patience and co-operation in trying to return to as normal as possible at this time. Please remember face coverings are now mandatory by law to be worn in church. Please see opposite about when to take it off to receive Holy Communion.

I hope these bullet points will reassure you and help you on your return back to Mass.

We look forward to an end to the Lockdown restrictions and to the Coronavirus and pray that we can worship together in large numbers as soon as possible.

Before You Arrive

- You should stay at home if you are unwell. People who are vulnerable or who feel unsure about returning to Mass need to consider the wisdom of doing so.
- Remember the Sunday obligation has not been reinstated and live streaming of Masses will continue.
- You should avoid bringing any unnecessary items into church, e.g. shopping bags, to avoid contamination or cross infection.

When You Arrive

- You will be welcomed by a volunteer steward.
- You will be directed to the hand sanitiser.
- You will be directed to a bench. It may not be where you usually sit.
- You must adhere to social distancing guidelines in place.
- Any children accompanying you must do the same.
- Baskets will be available at the entrance (and exit) for your weekly envelopes or other contributions.
- Baskets will also be available at the entrance for a candle to be lit on your behalf for your intention.
- Toilet in the narthex will remain closed at all times.
- The repository will be closed.

During Mass

There will be no Sign of Peace. There will be no singing.

Holy Communion:

- Will be distributed after the priest's communion and then return to your bench.
- The words "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ", and the reply "Amen" will only be said once before the priest's communion. They will not to be repeated for each person receiving Holy Communion.

- The volunteer stewards will direct you to the place you are to receive Holy Communion
- People receiving Communion will be instructed to approach with their arms outstretched so as to maintain a reasonable distance from the priest, deacon or minister.
- You may only receive the Sacred Host in your hand and not on your tongue. Please keep your face covering in place, covering mouth and nose.
- Communicants must avoid skin to skin contact with the minister's hands.
- You must then step to one side, remove your face covering, place the Sacred Host in your mouth and replace your face covering.

After Mass

- Use only the designated exits.
- Please take home any newsletters and other papers you may use.
- Please keep the social distancing as you leave the church and do not gather in the church porch or on church property for conversations.
- Hand sanitiser will be available outside church.
- Thorough cleaning and sanitisation will take place after each Mass.

STEWARDS

Father Woolley is very grateful to those who have volunteered to be stewards at all the Masses, weekend and weekdays. However, as the numbers coming to Mass are increasing he would like to appeal for more people to generously offer their time. If we have more volunteers it will mean the same people aren't having to cover multiple Masses each week. We are now having baptisms, weddings and funerals in church and it needs to be sanitised after each liturgy. Please call or email the presbytery to volunteer.

HOLIDAY SEASON

In this extraordinary summer of 2020, Father Woolley wishes everyone a happy and restful time, however and wherever you are spending some holiday time – you may be having a 'staycation', days out from home or even risking going abroad! Whatever you choose, stay well and stay safe!! If we have any visitors you are very welcome to St. Joseph's or Holy Family.

VJ DAY 75

On 15th of August 1945 Japan finally surrendered to the Allies bringing the Second World War to an end. This date is now known as **VJ Day**. On this 75th Anniversary we pray for those who lost their lives in the final months of the War and we pray for peace.

EXAM RESULTS

In this extraordinary year, we remember those in our parishes who will be receiving their exam results around this time. Father Stephen hopes that the results and grades that you receive will enable you to pursue your wishes either at university, 6th form college or in the workplace.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Our First Since 'Lockdown'

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community Lydia Eugenie Tumelty Smith who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Lydia into the Church and commend her parents for passing on to her the Faith of the Apostles.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Joyce Rowe** who has died recently. May she rest in peace. We extend to her family and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and extremely difficult time.