

Have faith!

16 AUGUST 2021

SUNDAY

Plus 

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary **Divine Office Week IV** Year A

The Mother of the Son



She who embraced Jesus as a vulnerable child also embraced him as the man who had fulfilled his mission through suffering.

The death of Jesus plunged Mary into the most intense anguish that has ever been lived by a human being, except for Jesus himself. She is truly the compassionate mother. Her heart is pierced by the suffering and death of her son in and through whom all human anguish is lived. The purity that made Mary the mother of the child Jesus also made her the mother of the man of sorrows. She who could not wound her son was most sensitive to his wounds. Therefore she, whose peace was deepest, also lived in the deepest anguish. Her anguish and the anguish of Jesus are as intimately connected as her peace was connected with

the peace of Jesus. Peace and anguish are both part of her motherhood...

Mary calls me back to where I'm most want to be to the heart of God which, as you know, is also the heart of the world. She calls me to let the passion of Jesus become my passion and his glory become my glory. She calls me to move beyond the do and don'ts of the moral correct life into an intimate with God where I can live through sadness, pain and anguish of this world while already tasting the gladness, joy and peace of the glorified Lord. She will teach us at every moment of our lives how to choose the narrow road and so become more and more disciples with a heart [which is] broken for the world.

Henri Nouwen, *Jesus and Mary: finding our sacred center*

God of joy and mercy, lift those who feel forgotten and downtrodden, hungry and hopeless. May we celebrate your love.  Amen.

God's Mother – and ours

'It was fitting that she, who had kept her virginity in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death. It was fitting that she, who had carried the Creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacles... It was fitting that God's Mother should possess what belongs to her Son and that she should be honoured by every creature as the Mother and the Handmaid of God.'

St John Damascene (675-749)

In order to live eternally, we do not need to cheat death, but to serve life, by caring for others in this, our time together.

Pope Leo XIV



Feast of the week
Wednesday 19 August

Blessed Hugh Green
(c. 1584-1642)

Blessed Hugh Green was a courageous English priest and martyr, whose life bore witness to steadfast faith amid persecution. Born in London and raised Anglican, he converted to Catholicism and studied at Douai College, France, where he was ordained in 1612. Returning to England, he served covertly as chaplain at Chideock Castle, ministering to Catholics in Dorset during a time of intense repression. In 1642, while attempting to obey a royal edict banishing priests, he was arrested and condemned for his priesthood. His execution in Dorchester was brutal, yet he remained serene, offering absolution to fellow prisoners before death. Beatified by Pope Pius XI in 1929, Hugh Green is remembered as a symbol of fidelity, mercy and pastoral courage. His example calls us to stand firm in faith, even when the cost is great, and to serve with compassion in the face of injustice.

READINGS

Today:
Apocalypse 11:19;
12:1-6, 10
1 Corinthians 15:20-2
Luke 1:39-56

Monday:
Ezekiel 24:15-24
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday:
Ezekiel 28:1-10
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday:
Ezekiel 34:1-11
Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday:
Ezekiel 36:23-28
Matthew 22:1-14

Friday:
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday:
Ezekiel 43:1-7
Matthew 23:1-12

Next Sunday:
Isaiah 22:15, 19-23
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20



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Useful information can be found by visiting the Diocesan Website
at www.rcsouthwark.co.uk and the Sutton Deanery Website at www.suttondeanery.weebly.com

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Sat. 15th Aug. 6:30pm. Frank and Ursula Pereira (RIP)

Sun. 16th Aug. 9:30am. Margaret Perera (RIP)

11:00am. Anna Mendes (Special Intentions)

Mon. 17th Aug. 10:00am. NO MASS

Tues. 18th Aug. 10:00am. Roy Francis Eaton (RIP)

Wed. 19th Aug. 10:00am. Joan Gray (Birthday RIP)

Thur. 20th Aug. 10:00am. Mary Brookes
Wellbeing & Thanksgiving for Friendship

Mick Costello (First Anniversary RIP)

Fri. 21st Aug. 6:00pm. *Adoration and Benediction*
7:00pm. Siobhan Conway (RIP)

THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. 22nd Aug. 6:30pm. George & Mary Donaghue (RIP)

Sun. 23rd Aug. 9:30am. Joaquim & Santana Robello (RIP)

11:00am. A. Hallett (Health & Wellbeing)

Upcoming Mass Intentions 18th Roy Francis Eaton;
19th Joan Gray; 20th Mary Brookes; 21st Siobhan Conway

Repose of the Soul Most Merciful Jesus, lover of souls, we beg of
You receive the prayers we offer for the repose of the souls of
Magdalena Holt who left this earth on the 9th August.
Please remember her loved ones in your prayers too.



We ask your prayers for all recently deceased members of
the Cornwall family but particularly **Nigel Lewis-Cornwall**. Please
keep the Cornwall family in your prayers at this difficult time.

May they Rest in Peace and Rise to Your Glory Oh Lord.

Prayers for the Sick and Housebound: Please pray for the
wellbeing of: D.H. Adelaide Cotter; Paul Fairhall; E.K.U.; Amy
Bradbury; Marie Goti; Michael Christou; John Rosenow; Mary
Silva; Michael Hoskins; Phyllis Sibley; Martha Gilbert, Mary
Nassan; Joe Mendes; Magdalena Holt and Nanny Cossu.

Parish Surgery and Office is open as usual until 31st July. Both
will be closed from the 1st August to the 31st August, except in
cases of emergency.

Our Young Adult Group launches 24th September. Come **Grow
in Faith: Build in Friendship** starting with a Pizza & Games Night,
and the chance to get to know others. We'd love to see you there.



Saints of the Week

16th **The Blessed Virgin Mary**
19th **St John Eudes**
20th **St Bernard**
21st **St Pius X**
22nd **The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Pray for us.

*"The Holy Spirit heated, inflamed and melted
Mary with love, as fire does iron, so that the
flame of the Spirit was seen and nothing was
felt but the fire of love of God."*

St Ildefonsus of Toledo

Young Adults Group Presents



Young Adults (Aged 18-30)
Come Grab a slice

📅 Thursday 24th September

🕒 7 PM

📍 Cannon Bausang Room

Scan to join
the community



Pizza | Games | Quiz

MORE INFO:

📍 Young Adults Group
🌐 www.stceciliarchurch.co.uk

Private Accommodation Must be Catholic
aged 55+ in need of accommodation. A one
bedroom retirement flat has become available
in the Croydon area. If you may be interested,
please leave your details, in confidence, at the
parish office.