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August 2026

Saturday 15th Weekday

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening Solemnity: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, Mary

6.00 pm Celebrant's Int

Sunday 16th Solemnity:- THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8.00 Gary Proudlock R.I.P

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10.00 People of the Parish

Monday 17th Weekday (Week 20 of Ordinary Time)

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Tuesday 18th Weekday

9.30 Deacon John Lamb R.I.P

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Wednesday 19th Weekday

No liturgy today

Thursday 20th Mem. St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Friday 21st Mem. St. Pius X, Pope

9.30 Holy Souls

Saturday 22nd The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm Celebrant's Int

Sunday 23rd TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00 Celebrant's Int

10.00 People of the Parish

The Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

is available after the Saturday morning Mass and from 5.15 to 5.45 Saturday afternoon.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & the Rosary after 9.30 Mass until 11.00 am

ROSARY CIRCLE FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS:- If you haven't already done so but would still like to commit to praying a decade of the Rosary each day during August, then please do put your initial or a tick in one of the boxes on the 'Rosary Circle' chart in the church porch.

The 'Chart' lists the 20 decades of the Rosary and a number of columns for people to put their initial or a tick in a box to indicate they will commit to praying the particular decade each day for the month of August, and hopefully, this will create a number of 'circles' praying for this intention. This is a very simple spiritual exercise many of us could join in with; at least 20 people praying one decade of the Rosary each day, so the whole of the Rosary is prayed for this particular intention, thus creating a 'Rosary Circle'. Let it be said, however, that anyone can join the Rosary Circles at any time.

From the Bishop's Conference on the 'Assisted Dying Bill': Ahead of the Second Reading and vote in the House of Commons for the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life Bill) on Friday 11 September, the Communications Directorate of the Bishops' Conference has produced a poster to encourage Catholics to write to their MPs. The poster has a scannable QR code, that is linked to the Oppose Assisted Suicide section on the Bishops' Conference website. The page can also be found at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>. The page has various resources, copies of statements and guidance on writing to your MP.

A useful video to watch, from SPUC can be found at:- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mf2OCZ1OrT4>

WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS Bienvenue à tous nos visiteurs **Willkommen an alle unsere**

Besucher Maligayang pagdating sa lahat ng aming mga bisita Witamy wszystkich naszych

gości **Dobrodošli na vse naše obiskovalce** Bienvenidos a todos nuestros visitantes Ласкаво

просимо всім нашим відвідувачам Benvenuti a tutti nostri visitatori **Caed mile faillthe**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2026 /2027:- Application forms for the next academic year's respective programmes are available at the entrances to the church. If you have a child in year 3 or above (First Holy Communion) or in year 9 or above, (Confirmation) then, **provided that you and your children are in regular attendance at Mass you and they will be able to join the programmes.** The deadline for returning application forms is mid-night pm on Sunday 11th October 2026, once this deadline has expired for both programmes, no child will be accepted onto either the First Holy Communion or Confirmation programme until the following year, 2027/2028.

If you know of families where children and young people should be preparing for these sacraments, PLEASE encourage them to be coming along to Mass and practicing their faith by joining with the rest of the believing community! Mass is not as complete as it should be when people are not there.....'I ask you, my brothers and sisters....'

RIDE AND STRIDE:- Saturday **12th September** – this fundraising event may well help us with something of the cost of the recent roof repairs, as the church is an historic building in Surrey, and the 'Surrey Church Preservation Society' was set up to help preserve such places of worship.

Sponsorship forms to ride or stride are available at the church entrances, so you can join the fun with a sponsored walk/cycle around our local churches to raise funds for Surrey Churches Preservation Trust.

We will need a few volunteers to be available to assist with water supplies and showing people where the 'facilities' are as they ride or stride from church to church.

Admission to Catholic Schools and the Certificate of Catholic Practice:- A reminder to parents of the changes to school admissions policies where schools, such as St. Andrew's, Leatherhead, are over-subscribed. PLEASE SEE THE DETAIL on the parish web-site at: <https://www.sjcc.org.uk/schools> A certificate of Catholic practice, will now, likely be required, such certificate can only be given where there is **weekly attendance at Mass for at least two years.**

PUBLIC EXAMS:- Please keep in your prayers those who will have received or who will be getting public exam results in the near future. We pray that all concerned will have the results they are seeking but are mindful that this will not universally be the case; we pray especially for the guidance and consolation of the Holy Spirit and soundness of mind and heart in situations both of joy and thanksgiving and sorrow and upset.

Will the West Bank's Last Christian Town Survive? Further to the note, care of ACN, in last weekend's newsletter, about the town of Taybeh, the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales in their 'weekly roundup' inform us that the town has become 'a closed military zone' under the auspices of the Israeli Defence Force (IDF). Being a closed military zone, it means that Israelis, foreign nationals, and journalists are prohibited from entering. *"It is claimed that this is designed to prevent attacks on residents by Israeli settlers, but it is far from clear that this move will achieve that objective. The Israeli government must find a way of protecting the legitimate communities from settler violence whilst allowing citizens to go about their normal business. This ban will lead to a vital loss of income from tourism and pilgrimages and, thereby, international scrutiny on the situation."*

You can read more on the matter at:- <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishop-james-curry-on-the-declaration-of-taybeh-as-a-closed-military-zone/> where the Bishop's Conference urge you to write to your MP on the matter.

The 'Aid to the Church in Need' article can be found at: <https://heyzone.com/flip-book/6c13c05d80.html#page/4>

Since writing, you will have heard on the news that other villages in the West Bank are also designated as 'closed military zones'.

Holy Hour :- there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Thursday (20th) August from 6.00pm - 7.00pm, with the opportunity for silent prayer and adoration. All are welcome.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: From the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Paragraph 966 *"Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death."*⁵⁰⁶ *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians:*

*In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death.*⁵⁰⁷ (See:- https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P2C.HTM)

From the Apostolic Constitution of Pope Pius XII *MUNIFICENTISSIMUS DEUS* defining the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1st November 1950) paragraph 44:-

44. For which reason, after we have poured forth prayers of supplication again and again to God, and have invoked the light of the Spirit of Truth, for the glory of Almighty God who has lavished his special affection upon the Virgin Mary, for the honor of her Son, the immortal King of the Ages and the Victor over sin and death, for the increase of the glory of that same august Mother, and for the joy and exultation of the entire Church; by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. (See:

[Munificentissimus Deus \(November 1, 1950\)](#)