

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 16TH AUGUST 2026

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23RD AUGUST 2026

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❖ TWO WEEKS AT ST MATTHEW'S ❖

Sunday 16th August The Assumption of the BVM	10:00am MASS - Vin McGuinness
Monday 17th August Weekday in Ordinary Time	NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY
Tuesday 18th August Weekday in Ordinary Time	10:00am MASS - Intentions of the Armstrong Family
Wednesday 19th August Weekday in Ordinary Time	10:00am MASS - In Thanksgiving (UB)
Thursday 20th August St Bernard, Abbot, Bishop	10:00am MASS - Valerie Murray
Friday 21st August Dedication of the Cathedral	10:00am MASS - In honour of St. Anthony (UB)
Saturday 22nd August Our Lady, Mother and Queen	NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY
Sunday 23rd August 21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10:00am MASS - Repose of the Soul of Ian Oliver
Monday 24th August St Bartholemew, Apostle	NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY
Tuesday 25th August Weekday in Ordinary Time	10:00am - Service of the word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 26th August Weekday in Ordinary Time	10:00am - Service of the word and Holy Communion
Thursday 27th August St Monica	10:00am MASS - Poltava Oblast Victims
Friday 28th August St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor	10:00am MASS - Brian Parslow
Saturday 29th August Beheading of St John the Baptist	NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY
Sunday 30th August 22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10:00am MASS - Jack and Teresa Moore

❖ THE NEWS FOR THE PEWS ❖

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pauline Love who has died. **REQUIESCAT IN PACE.**

"IN MEMORIAM BOOK"

The "In Memoriam Book" and wooden stand has moved house from the porch to a more prominent position in response to requests from your good selves! My thanks to Una who updates the book and makes entries with her calligraphy skills.

OUR LADY'S GROTTO

Our Lady has moved away to be renovated and waterproofed. An anonymous family donation has covered the full cost of the renovation work for which I am most grateful.

OPEN GARDEN PARTY

Marie Curie thank you to all who came, donated and helped on the day. We raised £3250 for the Marie Curie Hospice in Newcastle - Anna, Katie & Sarah Nixon.

DONATE DIGITALLY TO THE PARISH

As we use cash less and less, we want to make it easy for everyone to continue supporting our parish. You can now donate **online or by contactless payment**. A **contactless card machine** is available at the back of church for donations by debit or credit card. You can also donate at stmatthews-ponteland.org.uk/donate, or **scan the QR code to the right**, which takes you directly to our donation page. The QR code is now a **permanent addition to our weekly bulletin**, making it easy to donate at any time. Your giving makes an important contribution to the life and work of **St Matthew's**. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

IN-HOUSE RESTORATION

Two wooden benches which have been left rotting away behind the hall for many years have now been salvaged and restored with the original plaques by Mrs Angela O'Neil. I am sure you will all agree that Angela has done an exceptional job and deserves our utmost thanks. It has been suggested some of you may like to have your own plaque dedicated in memory of a loved one placed on the benches. We are not sure of the costs involved at this early stage but if enough interest is shown we will investigate its feasibility on your behalf. Does anyone remember where the benches used to be situated? One has now been placed at the side door entrance and the other one at the front door.

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POPE LEO XIV'S
PRAYER INTENTION
FOR AUGUST



For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Leo PP. XIV