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16th August 2026 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Year A

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

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.

From Deacon Simon

Back in May we celebrated the ascension of Jesus bodily into heaven whereas today we celebrate the assumption of His mother bodily into heaven.

The “assumption” is completely different to the “ascension” because one is passive (i.e. one is assumed) and the other is active (i.e. one ascends). But it is the same power that is involved, it is by the power of God that Mary was assumed into heaven, and it is by His own power, the power of God, that Jesus ascended to heaven. Hence Mary’s assumption points directly to the divine power of her Son.

So why did God assume Mary into heaven? There are several reasons but for me her Assumption is closely connected with her Immaculate Conception. Mary’s soul was preserved from original sin, hence and her body was spared physical corruption or decay.

In addition, it serves as a sign of hope for believers. It foreshadows the ultimate bodily resurrection promised to all followers of Christ at the end of time.

Blessings,
Deacon Simon

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary				Mass Intention
Sat 15 Aug	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	For all Parishioners
Sun 16 Aug	09.00	SP	Mass	Ints of Grainne Byrd
	11.00	CTK	Mass	Bronislaw & Halina Swiatkowska RIP
Mon 17 Aug <i>Feria</i>	09.00	SP	Adoration	
	09.30	SP	Mass	Bessie & Harry Donegan RIP
	10.00	SP	Rosary	
	16.30	TT	Mass	
Tue 18 Aug <i>Feria</i>	09.30	CTK	Rosary	
	10.00	CTK	Mass	Kathleen Nesta Bennet RIP
	16.30	TT	Mass	
Wed 19 Aug	16.30	TT	Mass	
Thu 20 Aug <i>Saint Bernard</i>	09.00	SP	Adoration	
	09.30	SP	Mass	Patrick Olivier RIP
	16.30	TT	Mass	
Fri 21 Aug <i>Saint Pius X</i>	09.30	SP	Requiem Mass: Maria Olinda Marques Pereira RIP	
	16.30	TT	Mass	
Sat 22 Aug <i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.00	SP	Mass	Martha Clarke RIP
	10.30	SP	Rosary	
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time				
Sat 22 Aug	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	Veronica Bennett RIP
Sun 23 Aug	09.00	SP	Mass	Richard & Deirdre Duplock RIP
	11.00	CTK	Mass	For all Parishioners

Mary is assumed into heaven: small and humble, she is the first to receive the highest glory. She, a human creature, one of us, attains eternity in soul and body. And there she awaits us as a mother waits for her children to come home.

Pope Francis, Angelus



PARISH NEWS

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please continue to bring your personal prayer intentions to the Prayer Boxes at SP and CTK. These prayer intentions will be offered at the next First Friday mass.

Please pray for the soul of Maria Olinda Marques Pereira RIP. Her funeral was celebrated on the 6th August. Her Requiem Mass with her ashes present is on Friday 21st August at St Peter's. May she rest in peace.

Please also pray for PEACE, for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, vocations, enquirers to Catholicism, our 1st HC children and families, our Confirmation candidates, the cycle of Prayer for Ordinary Time (summer), and Bishop-Elect Stephen.

From Right to Life

As we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, let us pray to imitate Our Lady's spirit of welcome and charity, especially at the announcement of a new pregnancy.

From YouCat Daily

147: Why does Mary have such a preeminent place in the communion of saints?

Mary is the Mother of God. She was united with Jesus on earth as no other human being was or could be—in an intimacy that does not cease in heaven. Mary is the Queen of Heaven, and in her motherhood she is quite close to us.

Saint Carlo Acutis Exhibition: 17 October – 1 November 2026, St Peter's

Please save the dates. We will welcome the Relics Tour and Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition of Blessed Carlo Acutis, in the Parish Room at St Peter's this autumn. More details soon.



Welcome to any newcomers or visitors to our Parish

Where are you on your faith journey? Do you have questions? Maybe it is useful for you to know that no one has all the answers. God does. We are all growing in faith, day by day. God bless you.

We have a group, 'Come & See', for people to come and discuss faith and ask questions in an informal setting. Sessions will resume again in September. All are welcome.

If you are new to our parish, please complete one of our registration forms, which you can find in the church porch.

SVP Summer Foodbank Campaign

Many thanks to everyone who has donated items to our summer campaign. All the final donations will be delivered this week.

We always have a box in the porch, so please continue to donate when you can. You can find their up-to-date wishlist on their Facebook page.

Marriage Preparation Courses

There will be two opportunities to attend the Deanery Marriage Preparation Course for those intending to be married in a Catholic Church in 2027 as follows.

The first opportunity will be in November 2026, the first four Thursday evenings, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th starting at 7pm - locations to be finalised in September.

The second opportunity will be two consecutive Saturdays in 2027, 30th Jan, 6th Feb. A morning session 10am-12 noon, and an afternoon session, 1pm-3pm on both days; locations to be finalised in September. Full attendance, at the four sessions that constitute each individual course, is required before permission to marry can be granted.

Application forms will be made available in September when the locations have been finalised.

Deacon Simon Wright, Worthing Deanery Marriage Preparation Coordinator.

Young Adult Retreat Day

26 September, 10am-6.30pm, St Wilfrid's Church, Burgess Hill, RH15 9EN (Cost: £20). Young Adults (18-35) are invited to a jam-packed day of prayer, formation, friendship, and fun - praying to discover true peace within ourselves, to become peacemakers in the world around us, and to be renewed with an apostolic fire burning brightly within our hearts.

Young Adults' Retreat Day (26-Sep-2026) · ChurchSuite Events

Mobile Phones to Donate

Do you have an old mobile phone surplus to your needs? If so, please consider donating it to a parish in Ghana.



My close friend Fr. Gregory from Ghana is in the UK supplying holiday cover. He re-purposes mobile phones, giving them to people in remote parts of Ghana so they can make contact in an emergency, (spiritual or physical). Battery condition does not matter but they should have the sim card removed and be reset to factory default which wipes them clean, (I can help with this).

I can collect them from St. Peters Shoreham, Christ the King Steyning or The Towers **between now and August 30th** (please note change of date). Many thanks Deacon Simon.