

MASS INTENTIONS
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Year B)

Saturday 14 th August –	6.30pm	Tracey Hyde
Sunday 15 th August –	9.00am	Teresa Jarrold (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Anne Dooner (R.I.P)
Monday 16 th August Feria	9.00am	Father Juniper Birthday Intentions
Tuesday 17 th August – Feria	9.00am	Bose Guntupalli (R.I.P)
Wednesday 18 th August – St Helena	9.00am	Harrison Turner Birthday Intentions
Thursday 19 th August – Feria	9.00am	Harrison Turner Birthday Intentions
Friday 20 th August– Feria St Bernard	9.00am	Julie Brewty (R.I.P)
Saturday 21 st August – St Pius X	9.00am	Maria & Thomas Int

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Year B)

Saturday 21 st August –	6.30pm	Anne Daley
Sunday 22 nd August –	9.00am	Cecilia Okoh (R.I.P)
	11.00am	William & Margaret McElligott (R.I.P)

St Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941) 14th August

Maximilian worked to spread the message of God's love in Poland and in Japan through the setting up of a printing press. He gave radical expression to God's love when he offered to take the place of a father who was going to be executed by the Nazis in 1941 in Auschwitz.

Joke of the week.

What did the beach say to the tide when it finally came in?
 Long time no sea.

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Year B)
14th & 15th August 2021

Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate the wonderful truth that, when Our Blessed Lady's earthly life was ended, she was taken up, body and soul, into heaven. Nothing like this had happened before, nor has happened since. How could it be otherwise? So intimate was the relationship of mother and son that, as Simeon had prophesied when the child Jesus was presented in the Temple, the blessed Mother would share the pain of the blessed Son as he suffered and died on the cross. God's unique gift to Mary was that she would be preserved from the stain of sin from the moment of her conception – a unique privilege granted to her alone. It was only right that she should be spared the corruption that is the lot of all humanity after death. So we rejoice with all the angels and saints as we celebrate the assumption of Our Blessed Lady. But this could not have happened without the resurrection. It is through that cosmic event that Mary is assumed, and we become heirs to eternal life. We now live the certain hope that we will one day rise, body and soul, and come to the inheritance that is ours, purchased by the suffering and death of Jesus in whose pain His Blessed Mother so intimately shared.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, pray for us all, now and at the hour of our death, as we look forward to the glorious resurrection in which we will all share, and which we see prefigured in the feast we celebrate.

God Bless and Keep Safe,
Deacon Ken

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Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Greta Anglim, Nell Addison, Paul & Ava Au, Michael Balfour, Doreen Banister, John Barry, William Bradbury, Vincent Brady, Rob Brown, Rose Cahill, John Carty, Tommy Cartwright, Sarah Content, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Celia Desmond, Desmond family, Dennis Doherty, Gerry Dique, Rose Dique, Anthony Doherty, Charlotte Dudenney, Dylan Dunbar, Nancy Donovan, Ann Dunn, James Francis, Father Joseph Farrell, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Jenny Jones, Julia Joseph, Mary Kakari, Kathleen Kavanagh, Ann Kelly, Francesca Kelly, Neil Kelly, Baby Stephen Kelly, George Kiparrisi, Jack Lawless, Mary Lynes, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Matthew Milnar, Vincenzo Modica, John Morrison, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Ivan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, Cecilia O'Connor, Vincent Okolo, Dean Partleton, Teresa Pitman, Baby Teddy Rands, Rosetta Reehill, Nellie Ringrose, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, Charles Stimpson, Crystal Stimpson, Theresa Wiseman, Elizabeth Wyles, Jay Spencer and Clara Yankey.

Donations and Gift Aid Form

We have been asked to provide details so that parishioners can pay their donations by direct debit or standing order. It is an easier form of donation the details are as follows:

Bank HSBC

Account name: Catholic Church Elm Park St Albans

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account number: 31019848

We can still collect the gift aid for these donations so please remember to fill in the gift aid form.

First Holy Communion

Classes will begin on 23rd September for children in Year 4 and upwards. Application forms are now available at the back of the Church.

Confirmation

Application forms for Confirmations in 2021-22 will be available soon. Interviews will take place in September and the programme will begin in early October.

Father Maurice will be away for a couple of weeks for a well-deserved holiday. We welcome back Father Henry as he will be helping out while Father is away. Father Henry and Father Joseph will be covering all the masses for us.

The Miraculous Medal – A Gift from Heaven

In 1830, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus, appeared to St Catherine Labouré in Paris, France, and asked her to have a medal produced showing her as she appeared to her. Our Lady promised that those who wear the medal, especially around the neck, would receive great graces from Almighty God.

The medal was originally called the 'Medal of the Immaculate Conception' but so many miracles were attributed to it, that it became popularly known as the 'Miraculous Medal'.

The Miraculous Medal is the most widely distributed religious medal in the world, and is said to be instrumental in bringing about, by God's grace, miracles of both a physical and spiritual nature, such as stopping a plague, curing the blind, and bringing about conversions to Jesus Christ and His Church.

The Miraculous Medal made an unexpected appearance at this year's Olympic Games in Tokyo. As Hidilyn Diaz, an athlete from the Philippines, lifted her gold medal, she also held up the Miraculous Medal that she was wearing, as she acknowledged that her strength came from her faith, and from the love of Jesus and Mary.

If you would like a Miraculous Medal for yourself or your family, please speak to Fr Maurice when he is back. It is a wonderful testament to our faith and a powerful reminder of our Lady's help and love for us.

Cycling for charity ("Pedalling through the Pandemic")

Fr Dominic Howarth, a priest of the Diocese, has been cycling for many months, heading towards 5,000km – and he now has just 500km to go. He is raising money for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society, Walsingham House, HCPT Easter Lourdes Group 709, and Help Refugees. Find out more and sponsor him online via <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/frdominic5000at50>, or phone 01708740308 or email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org if you want to donate via cheque or cash. **Thank you** for any support you can give.

Face Coverings

Please note unless you are exempt from wearing face coverings the Diocese still expects everyone to be wearing a face covering whilst in the Church. Please make sure it covers your nose and mouth at all times.

The Popes Monthly Intentions

Evangelisation: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive the Holy Spirit, the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.