

# PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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## SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C



Mary is already there

In his apostolic constitution “Munificentissimus Deus,” (The Most Bountiful God), Pope Pius XII, defined the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary saying: “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 to heavenly glory.” (November 1, 1950).

That is the Assumption of Mary into heaven, a holy day of obligation for us Catholics.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Immaculate Mother of God (Theotokos), the new Ark of the covenant (Luke 1:35; Ps 132, 8; 2 Sam 6: 6-14) has entered into the glory of heaven as a faithful disciple of Christ, “the first fruit of all have fallen asleep ... Who will bring all to life according to the proper order” (1Thes.4:17).

Today's readings point to struggle and resurrection. Mary is the Woman who fights with the dragon (Revelation 11:19, 12:1-6, 10). She represents the Church. On one hand triumphant, sharing in the glory of God. And on the other hand, painful and toil. Mary is the symbol of the Church continuing fight the battle between Good and Evil; God and Satan. The assumption prefigures God's victory. In the Assumption of Mary, we celebrate our hope. St. Josemaria Escrivá teaches: “We are still pilgrims, but our Mother has preceded us and already, indicating the end of the road: she encourages us that it is possible to get there and that we will get there if we are faithful because the Blessed Virgin is not just our example: she is the Help of Christians.”

Although Mary is in heaven, she walking with us, she sustains us she fights with us in our struggles against the evil one. Let us therefore renew our dedication to the prayer of the rosary. This is our weapon which needs to be reactivated daily in our parishes and families in this great time of the battle against evil.

Let us be attentive to God's word and will like Mary! May we be men and women of gratitude and total “Yes” to the Lord! Let us entrust our families, and countries unto God's care and mercy through Mary for with our God, all things are possible!

Mary, Queen of heaven and hearth, pray for us!

Willing all a joyful **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Mother** – 15<sup>th</sup> August (*Holy day of obligation*)

<b><u>Readers</u></b>	Sat 6:30	Sun 09:30	Sun 11:00
	Hazel Spencer	Angela Jojo	Helena Bellis

If you wish to join the Reader's Rota, please complete the form in the porch.

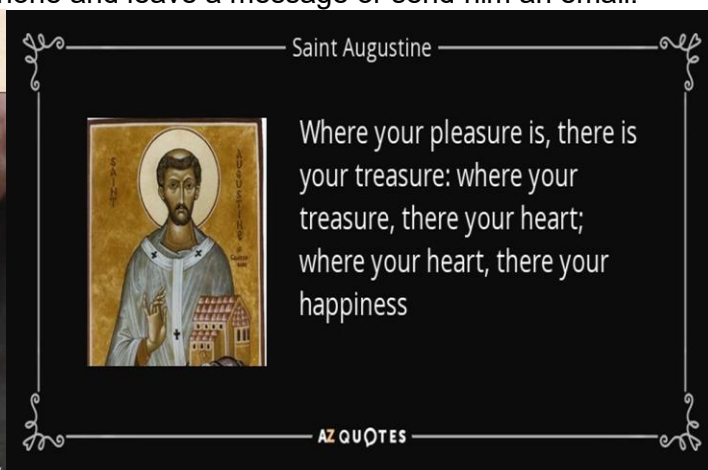
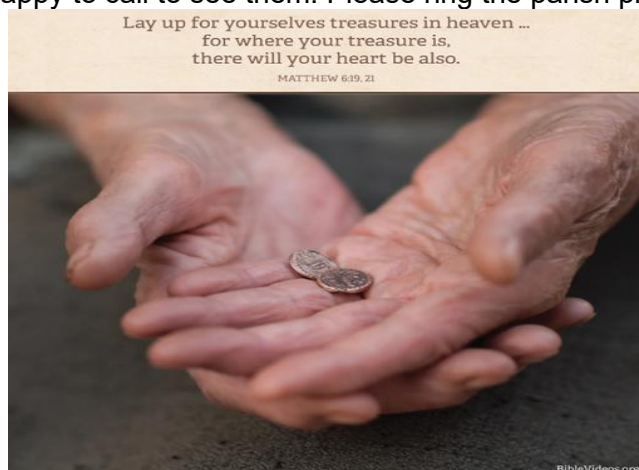
**Confession** is available before each vigil & Sunday Mass, before 6:00pm Mass on Friday & upon request

Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	6:30 PM	(F: St Edith Stein) 6:00PM Rosary	Reconversion of Europe
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9:30 AM	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	11:00 AM		Unity of the parish family
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00 AM	M: St Clare /Adoration 6-7PM	Thanksgiving to Jesus for his sorrowful passion
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00 AM	OM: St Jane de Chantel /A. 6-7pm	Camilla Churton Kelly RIP
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	No Mass	OM: Sts Pontian & Hippolytus	Con Linehan (illness)
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	6:00 PM	Vigil: The Assumption	The holy souls
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	6:00h PM	S: The Assumption of the BVM	Special Intention
		Holy Hour	
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	6:30 PM	(OM: St Stephen of Hungary) 6:00PM Rosary	For us to be awake
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9:30 AM	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	11:00 AM		For the lapsed to awaken
			Reawakening of Eucharistic Faith in England

**Weekly Collection** We wish to thank you all for your ongoing generosity in the upkeep of the parish.  
 Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August - £355.82  
 Weekly Standing Orders - £112.00

The church will be opened/unlocked during daytime hours from 9:00AM to 5:00PM except on Wednesdays and when the priest is not around/local. All are welcome to drop into the church for quiet prayer with the Lord truly present.

**Mon & Tue of this week there will be an additional hour of silent Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.**  
 If there are any people, house bound or otherwise who would like the priest to visit, Fr Humphrey is very happy to call to see them. Please ring the parish phone and leave a message or send him an email.



“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” (1 Cor 12:4-7)

In every active parish there are various works to be done, and priests rely on the love of the people to offer their service and time for the good of all. And so am I reaching out for people to gift their service and time for the good of the parish.

I am trying to organise weekly rotas for two areas of service that need volunteers, church cleaning and maintenance of flowers. Presently we have one lady only, Anna Maria, who cleans the church building once a week. And likewise, we have one lady only, Ann, who renews the flowers once a week or so.

Please, I am asking people to offer their service of love by putting their names down on the rota for either of these works. If people are generous, we can work out particular weeks for people to be of service and people can, work together in teams. “...when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love.” (Eph 4:16)

Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke