



# PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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## SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021

### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Year B)

**Gospel**: On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the dogma of Assumption: "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".

Assumption comes from the Latin word "assumere" which means "to take up". Scriptures give evidence of the possibility of bodily assumption. In Genesis 5:24, we read that Enoch walked in close fellowship with God and was taken away by God. Similarly, Elijah was taken up to heaven by a whirlwind (2 Kings 2:11).

The Assumption of Mary manifests the power and promise of the resurrection. Paul describes Jesus as the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep (see: 2ndR, 1 Cor. 15: 20-26). Mary is part of the harvest of the first fruits and the assumption is her share in her Son's victory over every sovereignty and power, sin and death. As believers in the resurrection of the body, it is also a foreshadowing of what awaits us.

Reflecting on the ways we should think of Mary's role in our lives, St Thomas Villanova invites us to invoke her as an advocate, and to sign off our prayers with the invocation: O loving Advocate, defend my case! May we always come to our beloved Mother Mary -Our Advocate and she will help us to live according to our Christian vocations and join her to behold the glory of the Lord at the end of our lives.

**Confessions** on request either in the Church or the presbytery at any time you prefer.

**Mass Intentions** If you would like to have a Mass said for any intention whatsoever then please do pass them into the sacristy through the collection plate or post them into the presbytery.

**Announcement** We visited Fr Greg our former parish priest on Monday 9th of August. We had a good discussion with him and handed to him the lovely card that expressed the good wishes and love of parishioners to him. He was filled with joy and gratitude and send his greetings to all of us.

We thank all our parishioners who have made some donations for the project of carpeting and window frame repairing in the presbytery. We have already done some interior work and solicit for more help from you.

**Foodbank** Currently, the Foodbank is short of some items of food which is part of a standard delivery to clients. We still urgently need breakfast cereals, small jars of coffee, long-life semi-skimmed milk, sugar, and biscuits. Other items of food that are needed can be found on the Foodbank website [www.whitchurch.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.whitchurch.foodbank.org.uk). We are also very short of plastic shopping bags. If you have any to spare, please leave them in the basket in the church porch. Any help you can give is always gratefully appreciated.

Sat 14 Aug	06:30 PM	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Thanksgiving
Sun 15 Aug	09:30 AM		Thanksgiving--answered prayers
	11:00 AM		Thanksgiving--answered prayers
Mon 16 Aug	10:00 AM	Monday in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	Vocations
		<a href="#">Saint Stephen of Hungary</a>	
Tue 17 Aug	10:00 AM	Tuesday in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	For the Sick
Wed 18 Aug	Sacristy		Private Intentions
Thu 19 Aug	10:00 AM	Thursday in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	Sanctification of Priests
		<a href="#">Saint John Eudes, priest</a>	
Fri 20 Aug	10:00 AM	<a href="#">Saint Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church</a>	Pearl White
	06:00 PM	Holy Hour	
Sat 21 Aug	06:30 PM	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Stephen, Molly and Pearl white
Sun 22 Aug	09:30 AM		Katie Turner's intentions
	11:00 AM		For Parishioners

**Weekly Collection** We wish to thank you all for your ongoing generosity in the upkeep of the parish.

Sunday 8 August 2021 - £228.80

It would help greatly with paying in and processing at the bank if any cheques to the church are made payable to: "**St George Whitchurch**" which is the correct name for the parish account .

**COVID Guidance** see web site for the latest guidance from the Bishops of England and Wales

**Lateral Flow Testing Kits** Everyone in England is now being encouraged to take two rapid coronavirus tests a week under the government's testing programme. Regular testing for people without symptoms is an important tool, alongside 'hands, face, space, vaccinations and fresh air', in allowing us to move safely forward as we ease out of lockdown. We now have a supply of lateral flow kits for parishioners which can provide results in around 30 minutes. Please help yourself to a pack which contains 7 test kits, at the back of church. **People with Covid symptoms should NOT take a rapid test. Instead, please stay at home and book a PCR test online or by calling 119.**

Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke.

**FREE EVENT  
For All Ages**

**Short Reflection  
at 3.30pm**

# **Whitchurch Churches Thanks Together**

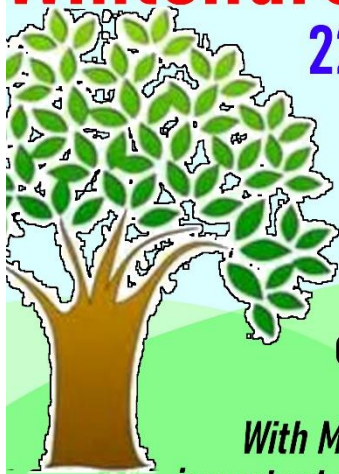
**22nd August 2021, 2 for 2.30pm**

**Bring a Picnic!**

**Non-Perishable  
Donations for Whitchurch  
Foodbank Welcome**

**Come prepared for the weather!**

***With Music and Activities to give thanks for those who have played an important role in our town this past year and to remember those we have lost during COVID***



To be held at Jubilee Park, Whitchurch