

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Mary(Mamie) Williamson RIP.** The death has occurred of Mary (fondly called Mamie) a longstanding and distinguished parishioner. Her funeral will take place on the 15th of August 2022 here in our parish at 12noon. We commiserate with her friends and family and keep them in our prayers. May her soul rest in peace. Amen.

## Sacraments for next year

**First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2023:** It is time to register for these 2 sacraments. The catechism classes will start in September. To be eligible for **First Communion**, the child must be **7 years by the 31st of August**. For **Confirmation**, the candidate must be **13 years by the 31st of August**.

**RCIA** Adults who wish to convert fully to the Catholic faith should also register for **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** to be received at Easter. We work with Adults in an Adult way to achieve the sacraments that will question, enhance and renew your faith & commitment to God. The lessons will also start in September. *Please pick up all registration forms from the Parish Office.*

**Fr. David & Fr. Ben will be leaving us** at the end of August for new postings to **Sts Michael & Martin Church in Hounslow** and **St Michael School Chaplaincy, Watford**. We have all been blessed by their presence and service during their stay with us.

We shall have a Mass of thanksgiving in their honour (**dates to be confirmed**) followed by farewell socials. **Fr. Moses Enehizena & Fr Ignatius Quan** will be joining us on **Thursday 1st of September** as Parish Priest and Assistant Parish Priest respectively. Please keep them all in your prayers.

**Calling On All Young-Adult Catholics** If you are between the ages of 18-45, join us at 7:00 pm in the **St Gabriel's meeting room**. Every Tuesday, from **9th August**, there will be the chance to meet (**virtually or in person**) other young Catholics, pray together and grow in our faith. Contact John and Alessandra Knight on [john.knight@rcm.ac.uk](mailto:john.knight@rcm.ac.uk) or on **07512781274**.

**100 Club:** August winners. 1st £150, no. 98. 2nd £60, no.20. 3rd £30, no. 22. 4th £30, no. 100. 5th, £30, no.42. Special prize of £20 for non-winner since Nov 2019, no.94. Congratulations and thanks for your continued support. Next draw on Friday 2nd September after the parish quiz on Zoom (8pm start).

**Parish Office Hours:** During the month of August the office will open for half day on Monday to Friday between 9am-1pm. The priest will also be in to attend to people as usual.

**Christian Stewardship:** (7th August 2022) **Envelopes:** £221. **Loose:** £303.66 **Contactless:** £49.17 We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish.

## August Diary

Sunday 14th Assumption: **The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.

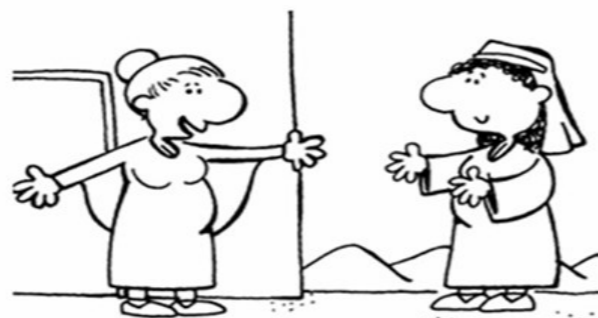
Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions**

Every Last Saturday at 12noon: **Baptism**

Every 1st Friday: 12 noon **Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction**  
8pm **Parish Zoom Quiz night followed by 100 Club Draw**

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<b>ELIZABETH</b>	<b>CHILD</b>	<b>WOMB</b>
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We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration

A man was driving home late one afternoon, and he was driving above the speed limit. He notices a police car with its red lights on in his rear view mirror. He thinks "I can outrun this guy," so he floors it and the race is on. The cars are racing down the highway -- 60, 70, 80, 90 miles an hour. Finally, as his speedometer passes 100, the guy figures "what the heck," and gives up. He pulls over to the curb. The police officer gets out of his cruiser and approaches the car. He leans down and says "Listen mister, I've had a really lousy day, and I just want to go home. Give me a good excuse and I'll let you go." The man thought for a moment and said... "Three weeks ago, my wife ran off with a police officer. When I saw your cruiser in my rear view mirror, I thought that you were the officer and that you were trying to give her back!"



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We welcome all to today's Mass, especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

## REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

### The Lord Did Great Things in Her Life

The solemnity of the Assumption celebrates the completion of God's triumph in Mary. The one who had been chosen in a special way to be the Mother of the Lord and of the Church, the one who had been filled with the Holy Spirit at Annunciation and Pentecost, the one who is full of grace, now lives in the glory of heaven, in body and soul, sharing in the resurrection of Christ. Pope Pius XII declared the bodily assumption of Mary into heaven as a dogma of the Church in 1950. The world is a battlefield where the forces of death and the forces of life battle each other. It is easy to see that the forces of death appear, in many cases, to have the upper hand: *hatred, solitude, betrayals, social and economic injustice, fear, disease*: these are all points scored in favour of the forces of death. There is however a particular moment when death manifests its overwhelming power: when it ends our days on earth. What does God, who created us for life, do? Does He just look on unmoved at our defeat? Mary, who celebrates today the triumph of life over death, gives us the appropriate reply to these distressing questions. Today we celebrate the great Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, remembering the moment when Mary, the Mother of God at the end of her earthly existence, was brought up body and soul into the glory of heaven. This day we celebrate that moment when Mary entered the heavenly glory prepared for her by her Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Today's feast is not just a celebration of a glorious event in Mary's life; it is a celebration of the destiny that awaits all of us. Mary's assumption proves that we too can rise again in body and in spirit – just as she was taken body and soul into heaven.

### Mass Times & Intentions 14th – 20th August 2022

**Sat 13th Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Maria da Felicidade Silva Vivas Zanre, Guiseppe Zanre (**RIP**), Veronica Nwasike (Nmo) (**ANN**), Paula Zanre (**INT**)

**Sun 14th 9:00am:** Raymond Tomlinson (**RIP**), Gabriel Essien-Oku, Jasmine, Fr David Atuanya, Janet & Aubrey Roberts, Chisom, Ginika & Eche Anakor (**INT**)

**11:30am:** Peggy Forkan, Mary Williamson (Mamie), Tom D'Arcy (**RIP**), John & Mary-Jo D'Arcy (**ANN**), Alonna Chime, Morrison Dias, Vivian Flaham, Amaobi Maduako, Fr Ben Baka (**INT**)

**6:30pm:** Helen Bonfil (5th) (**ANN**), Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Emo & Paddy, Essien-Oku family, Effy Inam & family, Manny, Lillian & family, Quinet & family (**INT**)

**Mon 15th 12 noon:** *Funeral Mass for Mary (Mamie) Williamson*

**Tue 16th St Stephen of Hungary 12 noon:** Assunta Turin, Pete King, Mary Williamson (**RIP**), Tom & Paddy Reaney (**ANN**), Gabriel Essien-Oku (**INT**)

**Wed 17th 12 noon:** Mary Williamson (**RIP**), Maeve McAllister (**ANN**)

**Thur 18th 12 noon:** DeeAnn Sewell (**INT**)

**Fri 19th St John Eudes 12 noon:** Parish Office Team & Volunteers

**Sat 20th St Bernard 12 noon:** Spiritans & Marists Communities, Archway



Rebecca Campbell, Babs Kavanagh, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Ann Larkin, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Giovanna Spittle, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Augustina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Toghger, Geraldine McKeaney, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Pilar, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Debbie Whiteded, Emo Paddy Essang, Madeleine, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Rita Atuanya, Gloria Munian

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit

**Parish Priests:** Fr. David Atuanya CSSp, Fr. Benedict Baka CSSp, Fr. Oliver Ugwu CSSp

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**Pastorals/Devotions:** Confessions Sat 11am, 6pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary: Sun. 10.30am

**Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction:** First Fridays (New time) 12noon **Legion of Mary:** First Wed. 6.30pm **Monday**

**Prayer Group:** 1st & 3rd Mon. 6.30pm

**Mission Statement:** To animate a loving multicultural Christian community

*Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent ...*

# TODAY'S READINGS

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

## OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, who assumed the immaculate Virgin Mary, mother of your Son, body and soul into heavenly glory, grant, we pray, that always attentive to things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

## FIRST READING **Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6.10**

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Then came flashes of lightning, peals of thunder and an earthquake, and violent hail. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready, for her to be looked after in the twelve hundred and sixty days. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 44)

**R. On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.**

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my works: forget your own people and your father's house.

So will the king desire your beauty: he is your lord. Pay homage to him. They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king.  
R.

## SECOND READING **Corinthians 15:20-26**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia  
Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL **Luke 1:39-56**

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

May this oblation, our tribute of homage, rise up to you, O Lord, and through the intercession of the most Blessed Virgin Mary whom you assumed into heaven, may our hearts, aflame with fire of love, constantly long for you. Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty

has done great things for me.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the Sacrament of salvation, we ask you to grant, O Lord, that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom you assumed into heaven, we may be brought to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Joanna Hemingway	June Gray/Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Maureen Taylor	Innocent/Olga	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Ignatius Etukudoh	June/Roxanne	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Bridget O'Dea	Michelle Carr	Samson Bamidele

## The Prayer Of the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

Attributed to St. Isidore of Seville (560-636), it has been traditionally used at Councils and Synods for hundreds of years. The version below was specifically designed for the Church's Synodal journey from 2021 to 2023.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

## THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise You,

We bless You,

We adore you,

We glorify You,

We give You thanks for Your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, the almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High. Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,

the Father Almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended into hell;

on the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father

Almighty;

from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Holy Catholic Church,

the communion of Saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting. Amen.

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- Minors **MUST not** go to the toilets, rooms, or outside the church during services unaccompanied.
- There **MUST be** at least 2 adults present at any ministry to minors e.g. Children's Liturgy, Catechism and Youth Club.
- Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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