

## FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY:

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven: that is to say Mary was taken body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life. AS some may remember this was defined as a dogma of faith by Pius XII in 1950 in the apostolic constitution [Munificentissimus Deus](#): *By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, 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 into heavenly glory.....*

This was not a sudden new teaching but was the result of a discernment of the whole Church that this should be declared a dogma of faith. Now the strange thing is that this was not contested in any way as a truth of faith: it was already a part of the ordinary teaching of the Church and indeed the belief of the whole people of God throughout the centuries, as we can see from the Churches dedicated to her from the earliest time, the works of art, the hymns the writings of the churches father and religious – the lived faith and liturgical prayer of the People of God. More so than Immaculate Conception which took centuries to fully understand. Why was it done at this time? Why for our time? I have always wondered that. These things normally happen when something is dividing the Church and a Council of Church makes clear the particular truth of faith or moral. In this case petitions flooded in from every corner of the Church and from every class of people. Pius XII discerned that this was the Providence of God. He once again consulted the bishops and the faithful and receive a virtually unanimous response. It seems that God had something to say to us in a special way through raising this truth to a Dogma of faith.

Our first reading tells us that 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. A sign of Victory of God as the reading says and therefore hope. 1950 was a dark time. The 2<sup>nd</sup> World War had just ended. There was the threat of Communism, the Cold War, Nuclear weapons and so on. We have the shadow of darkness still today. Corruption and confusion in the Church, persecution of Christians in many Countries. There is the sweeping tide of materialistic secularism which threatens not just the faith but the most basic truths of humanity. Even the very nature of man and woman and marriage is questioned. And of course we have the threat of global warming and the Pandemic.*

Then there is of course the unfaithfulness of us Christians and our own sins: the worst persecution comes from within: falling away of so many from practice of faith, the growing cold of charity and we could go on with all this and we might be tempted to despair. However, the woman appears in the heavens: She is both Mary, the mother of God and the Church which suffers tribulations. However, in Mary, the first disciple of her Son, we see the Church in its perfection and the victory of the faithful in Christ.

With our human eyes we might be tempted to despair, hopelessness or indifference but we see the full victory of Christ shown forth already in her glory in body and soul in heaven. She is a sign of the final glory that awaits us all when the end comes and the resurrection of the dead: we see the destiny of all who keep faith and also the glorious destiny of the Church. The final victory over Satan. We too should keep faith and live the Christian faith: *Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord are the words to her at the Visitation and in the Vigil Gospel,: Still happier those who hear the word of God and keep it!* We see the fruit of faith in her glory. We keep this sign in mind in dark times when our faith is tested. *Mary, taken up into heaven, show yourself to everyone as Mother of hope! Show yourself to everyone as Queen of the civilization of love!*



# Our Lady of Victories

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15th August 2021  
20th Week of Ordinary  
Time  
Psalter Week 4

## Times of Services

### **Sunday: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Sat. 6.00pm: Jim Steriopoulos RIP (Danks)

9.00am: Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am: Mass: Mike Preen

### **Monday: Feria**

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

### **Tuesday: Feria**

10.00am Mass: Charles Hill RIP & Dr Shapley RIP (Baugh)

### **Wednesday: Feria**

10.00am Mass: Tony Dolby RIP Birthday

### **Thursday: Feria**

10.00am: Mass: Geoff & Sheila Plowright RIP

### **Friday: St Bernard**

10.00am Mass: Memorial Mass for Lynne Howes RIP

### **Saturday: St Pius X, Pope**

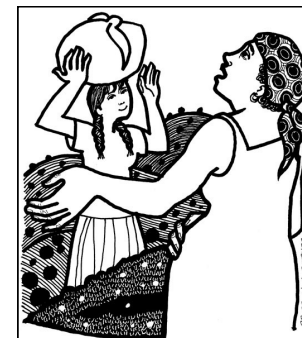
11.00am Confessions

6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday 22nd - Private Int

### **Sunday: 21st of Ordinary Time**

9.00am Mass: Deidre & Kevin Quinn 50th wedding Anniv

11.00am Mass: People of the Parish



*The Almighty has  
done great things for  
me, he has exalted the  
lowly.*

### **PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST PRE BOOK FOR OUR WEEKEND MASSES:**

*Also it would be helpful to book for weekdays too, though not necessary at the moment as we are not full.*

**Booking is now online:** [www.Massbooking.uk](http://www.Massbooking.uk) You can sign up there and then book. If you do not have the internet you can ask someone else to book for you, a child or grandchild or ring or email Fr. Chris on 01858 462359 giving your name and phone number. Please see instructions on our website: [www.olvic.com/news.htm](http://www.olvic.com/news.htm)

### FR CHRIS WRITES:

Dear All, I hope you are all having a pleasant summer. The good news is that the Coronavirus infection rate is falling again. This means we can look towards more parish activities again. One of the things we have started again is that our Eucharistic Ministers are taking take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound with all the proper precautions. If **you know of anyone who is sick or housebound, please let me know**. People sometimes get missed especially after this time of lock down.

AS the isolation rules our changing this week especially in regards of those who have been vaccinated twice, we will continue with our gradual steps to ease Covid restrictions. There will now be Public daily Mass available. The Mass times will vary on weekdays depending on my duties and funerals and so on.

**Always check the Newsletter!!** Please follow the instructions as below. We shall keep weekends Masses as they are with the same booking system, though we can seat people closer together if necessary. We are also thinking about the Thursday Coffee again!!

As we are now coming out of lockdown we do **need a Parish Health & Safety representative** if someone could volunteer who has some relevant background.

**Covid 19:** As you all know the Government removed regulations on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July and from 16<sup>th</sup> August the contact Isolation rules change for the double- vaccinated. However, the Virus is still about and the rate of infection remains high. So we need to proceed carefully and slowly. This is the opinion of those whom I have consulted. With the Delta variant on the rise in our areas **Hands, Face, Space, Ventilate** is just as important as ever.

So we will still have to wear **masks** in Church as before: this is to protect all concerned and is an act of Christian charity. Mostly There will still be the 2m **social distancing** in Church., even if we can relax the spacing when necessary. We will still **sanitise** hands as we enter and leave Church.

Stewards will operate at the weekend Masses with booking for Mass as we do now. However, **on week-days there will not be a steward**. We ask people to sign in or use the NHS QR code. **It will be easier if people book in online on a weekday**. On a weekday we will alternate sitting: on the Sacred Heart side on Monday, Our Lady's on a Tuesday and Sacred heart on a Wednesday. If people could help sanitise the touch points after Mass that would be helpful i.e. the tops of the benches. I think we are now all accustomed to how to act in a safe way. We will review this every few weeks in the light of local conditions.

**The Church is open for Private prayer each day**

**Enter through Fairfield Rd**

**Sanitize your hands on Entry & Exit**

**Please sign in on the list or use the Covid NHS App Q code displayed**

**FUNERALS:** On Friday at 10.00am there will be a memorial Mass in the presence of the Ashes for Lynne Howes this is a public Mass. Lynne died in May last year and was unable to have a Mass. Sadly Michael Payne died at Kibworth but with all the Sacraments

**"March for Life UK" – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September** "March for Life UK" is taking place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2021 in London. This is an actual, in-person event that will inspire, educate and motivate our nation to value all life from the moment of conception. **The Morning: #LifeFest21** 10.00 - 13.00 in the Emmanuel Centre, Marsham St, London, SW1P 3D - Pro-Life organisations from around the UK showcasing their work, inspiring speakers, moving testimonies, live music, pro-life merchandise, pro-life tots, kids and teens' activities, selfie stands and much more! **The March:** 13.30 - 16.00. For more information please follow the link to the "March for Life UK" website: <https://marchforlife.org>

**PARISH MOVES:** Fr John Kyne, who with Fr Marc Besana, on loan to us from the Diocese of Cadiz in the Philippines, as Assistant Priest, will also become the Parish Priest of St. Patrick's, Forest Town, in addition to being Parish Priest of St. Philip Neri, Mansfield, St. Joseph's, Shirebrook and St. Theresa's, Market Warsop.

**Canon Michael O'Donoghue**, who, with the assistance of Fr Peter Ingman and a third priest who we are waiting to arrive from India, will also become Parish Priest of St. Joseph's, New Ollerton, and Our Lady of Victories, Southwell, and St. Anthony's, Calverton, as well as being Parish Priest of Holy Trinity, Newark.

**Canon Philipp Ziomek** will have pastoral care of St. Anthony's, Calverton, as well as being Parish priest of Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe, until such time as St. Anthony's can be formally joined to Good Shepherd Parish, and Our Lady of Victories, Southwell, can be formally joined to Holy Trinity, Newark.

**Fr. Paul Nellikulam**, who will become the Parish Priest of Christ the King, Alfreton, and St. Patrick and St. Brigid, Clay Cross.

**Fr Simon Gillespie**, who will become the Bishop's Private Secretary in addition to being Episcopal Vicar for Catholic Education, Editor of the Diocesan Yearbook and the Diocesan ordo, as well as compiler of Diocesan Statistics and Assistant Director of the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage.

**CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLLS** has commended the work of a Catholic organisation that will hold a film festival on anti-trafficking themes in London on 12 September.

[RENATE, Religious in Europe Networking Against Trafficking and Exploitation](#), has organised the festival in partnership with [BAFTA](#), the British Academy of Film and Television Arts. The [Royal Society of Arts](#) will screen the three winning entries to the public and the film of the overall winner will be shown at a private viewing at BAFTA's central London HQ where the annual film and TV awards are held. See also: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/news/>

**CHURCHES TOGETHER:** After 10 years of service to CTH, Rose Williams is stepping down and is moving away from the town and therefore the Churches Together Executive is looking for a replacement Treasurer with immediate effect. Please see notice for further info. Anyone interested in the role requires nomination by someone from a member church, who needs to email the Chair (Janet Smith) at: [chair@harboroughchurches.org.uk](mailto:chair@harboroughchurches.org.uk)

**CHURCHES TOGETHER** is hoping to run a Holiday at Home again this year (COVID lockdown permitting) from the 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> August at the Methodist Church from 9.30 to 1.00pm. This is for senior citizens of all faiths and none. Transport can be arranged. We are calling it Fun, Fellowship and Food with different activities to choose from each day. A light lunch is included every day with fish and chips on Friday. The cost is £3 per person including lunch and coffee on arrival. To book a place phone Christine on 01858 410878. If no reply, leave your name and phone number so we can ring you back"

**YouCan – Retreat for Catholic Families at Alton Castle – 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> September** - The Young Catholic Adult Network, YOUCAN, is a grouping of young Catholic adults aged between 18 to 35 living in the UK, together with organisations that work with them. It aims to bring all young Catholics together. For more information on YouCan or to book on the retreat at Alton Castle in September please follow the link to their website: <https://youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk>

**THE ROSARY FOR TODAY:** *This attractively produced booklet, written by Fr Kenneth Payne of St Aidan's Church in Little Chalfont, is a way of encouraging meditative use of the Rosary. Each booklet costs £3.95 and copies can be purchased from Amazon, the publisher, McCrimmons, or from Fr Payne directly email: [kjp2906@yahoo.com](mailto:kjp2906@yahoo.com); telephone: 01494 763518.*