



**SOLEMNITY OF THE  
ASSUMPTION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN  
MARY**

**15TH AUGUST TO  
23RD AUGUST 2026**

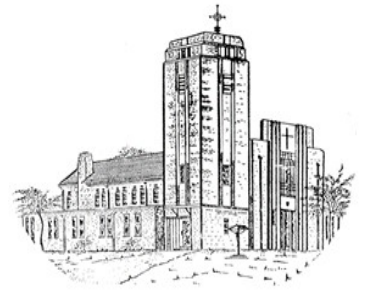
# HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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## Today's Mass Readings

**Revelation 11:19a;  
12:1-6a, 10ab;**

**Ps 44; 1  
Corinthians**

**15:20-27;**

**Luke**

**1:39-56**

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### Welcome to this House of God:

**Talk to God before Mass  
Listen to God during Mass  
Talk to others after Mass**

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocesan policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Deborah Ferris. She can be contacted at [sg.holyname.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.holyname.bham@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk)

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



“Blessed is she who believed” The *Magnificat*, this canticle to God, alive and active in history is a hymn of faith and love, which springs from the heart of the Virgin.

She lived with exemplary fidelity and kept in the inmost depths of her heart the words of God to his people, the promises he made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, making them the content of her prayer.

The Word of God in the *Magnificat* became the word of Mary, the lamp for her journey, thus preparing her to receive even in her womb the Word of God made flesh

*Pope Benedict XVI*

**PARISH PRIEST**

Fr. Christopher Miller

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**THE LAMP BEFORE THE TABERNACLE**

This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns for the intentions of all the Beirne Family.

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Annette Keates, Brendan Grogan, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Francis Carter, Michael Carter, Enid King, June Pountney, Henry Miller, Maureen Hurley, Mary Purcell, Mary Harding, Katie Breen, Teresa Goddard, John and Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Bridget Whitfield, and Doreen Kingscott.

**RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Please remember all those who have died recently. We also remember especially, Jeannie Sturt, Kathleen Wynn, John Peach, James Clarke, Patricia Kelly, Tom Walker, Mary Walker, John Willis, Aidan McMulkin, John McMulkin, John McCarthy, Terry McGovern, Joy Chatterton, Patrick Valley, Jessie Henderson, Alice Goddard, Rita Craney and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**POPE LEO PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST****For evangelization in the city**

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

**ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE MASS - HARVINGTON HALL  
SHRINE OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS**

The Annual Pilgrimage Mass Will take place on Sunday 6th September 2026.

Principal Celebrant: His excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain assisted by Archbishop of Birmingham.

Mass start at 3:00pm confessions 1.45pm - 2.30pm.

For more information please see the notice board in the Church.

| <b>This Week</b><br><b>Saturday 15th August –</b><br><b>Sunday 23rd August</b><br><b>(Psalter Week 4 )</b>                                                                    | <b>Holy Mass Intentions</b>                                           | <b>Devotions &amp;</b><br><b>Other Events</b>                                 |
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| <b>Saturday 15th August</b><br>Feria in Ordinary Time                                                                                                                         | <b>12:30pm</b> John Peach R.I.P                                       | <b>11:45am –12:15pm</b><br><b>Sacrament of</b><br><b>Reconciliation</b>       |
| <b>SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST</b><br><b>SOLEMNITY OF THE</b><br><b>ASSUMPTION OF THE</b><br><b>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b><br><br><b>RETIRING COLLECTION FOR</b><br><b>CHURCH FLOWERS</b> | <b>8:30am</b> Private Intention<br><b>10:30am</b> Pro Populo          | <b>NO COFFEE MORNING</b>                                                      |
| <b>Monday 17th August</b><br>Feria in Ordinary Time                                                                                                                           | <b>10:00am</b> Tom Sullivan R.I.P                                     | <b>10:30am Rosary</b>                                                         |
| <b>Tuesday 18th August</b><br>Feria in Ordinary Time                                                                                                                          | <b>10:00am</b> Kevin Brady R.I.P                                      | <b>10:30am Rosary</b>                                                         |
| <b>Wednesday 19th August</b><br>Feria in Ordinary Time                                                                                                                        | <b>10:00am</b> Ints of Gusia<br>McNally                               | <b>10:30am Rosary</b>                                                         |
| <b>Thursday 20th August</b><br>Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot,<br>Doctor of the Church                                                                                         | <b>7:00pm</b> Peggy Grady                                             | <b>6:00pm Eucharistic</b><br><b>Adoration</b>                                 |
| <b>Friday 21st August</b><br>Memorial of St Pius X, Pope                                                                                                                      | <b>12noon (Healing Mass)</b><br>Ints of Leokadia Obremska             | <b>11:00am Eucharistic</b><br><b>Adoration</b><br><b>11:30am Divine Mercy</b> |
| <b>Saturday 22nd August</b><br>Memorial of the Queenship of<br>the Blessed Virgin Mary                                                                                        | <b>12:30pm</b> Ints of Irene<br>Sampays                               | <b>11:45am –12:15pm</b><br><b>Sacrament of</b><br><b>Reconciliation</b>       |
| <b>SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST</b><br><b>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN</b><br><b>ORDINARY TIME</b><br><br><b>RETIRING COLLECTION FOR</b><br><b>BUILDING FUND</b>                              | <b>8:30am</b> Pro Populo<br><b>10:30am</b> Elizabeth Dempsey<br>R.I.P | <b>NO COFFEE MORNING</b>                                                      |

## **Last Week's**

### **Offertory**

### **Collection:**

**£123.30**

### **Gift Aid Envelopes:**

**£486.11**

### **Parish Levies:**

**£138.04**

### **Standing order for**

**June:**

**£1,505.00**

**Mass**

**Attendance:245**

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supporting our  
Parish**



## **Next Sunday's Mass Readings:**

**Isaiah 22:15;**

**19-23;**

**Ps 137;**

**Romans 11:33-36;**

**Matthew 16:13-20**

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## **THE NEW TABERNACLE**

If you would like the lamp to burn before the Blessed Sacrament for your intentions for the week there are envelopes at the back of Church, offering £10.

May all who enter our church find peace in His presence and be strengthened in faith through prayer and adoration, and be a source of grace and blessing for all the people of our parish.

## **THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

### **The Perfect Model of Discipleship**

The historical evolution of the feast of the Assumption is incomplete without some reflection on this celebration's significance for people today. Mary's role as the supreme model to follow in our common vocation to holiness and discipleship finds its ultimate triumph and reward in her assumption. Our certainty of Mary's return to God, body and soul, prefigures our own resurrection and final union with God. In celebrating Mary's assumption we not only celebrate the love that God showed her, but in more general terms the love that God has shown to all His children in granting the possibility of final resurrection to all. Jesus' earthly life brought salvation history to its climax; Mary's assumption gives us hope that in a constantly changing and ever more complex world God never abandons those who love Him, but rather rewards them with eternal life.

Our attitude must emulate the thanksgiving which was the Blessed Mother's constant prayer. In her wisdom, the Church uses Mary's Magnificat (see Lk 1:46-55) as the Gospel in the Eucharistic celebration of the Assumption. Mary knew that God had done great things for her and she was grateful. It is our challenge to express equal gratitude to God for what we receive in our daily lives, both the sorrows and the joys. Mary, the Sorrowful Mother, gave thanks to God and received the special privilege of resurrection. So, too, can all of us find final union with God through lives of thankful praise.

