

## Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

Incorporating St John, the Evangelist, Bromley Cross, St Columba's, Tonge Moor and St Brendan's, Harwood

**16 August 2020**



# The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## The Visitation

Mary was tired from the journey and sank gratefully into the easy chair set before the roaring fire. Elizabeth put the kettle on the open fire and, as the water took the heat and warmed slowly in the flames, she looked at Mary carefully. She realised that her cousin, who she had last seen two years ago, had blossomed into a lovely young woman. She sensed that behind that beauty lay a strong character, a loving nature and something more. She had to stop herself from falling to her knees before her. She whispered a prayer of praise as she readied the cups and smiled quietly to herself as she felt the child within toss and turn restlessly in the comfort of her womb.

Mary had closed her eyes and was almost asleep; she felt Elizabeth's gentle hand on her arm and was grateful to see a warm refreshing cup placed before her. She took the cup and drank slowly letting the warm liquid sooth her thirst and drive away the clouds of sleep.

She sighed deeply and then began her story. Elizabeth listened in amazement; Mary's tale enhanced her own experience; the miracle of creation that was happening within her was happening also to her young cousin. She could not deny the movement in her womb at the very thought of the child to come. Her own child sensed it and danced for joy. How could this be?

Elizabeth knew the promise of the Messiah which had been carried by generation upon generation. Now, in this generation, the prophesy would be fulfilled, the virgin was with child and he will be called Immanuel; God with us.

Mary's eyes were closing now as her story came to an end but Elizabeth knew that this was not an end but a wonderful new beginning. She worried about the future and all that it meant for the two children about to come into the world. but she was content to place all her fears into the hands of God

<p align="center"><b>Activities this Week</b>  <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2;</i>  <i>Divine Office Week 4</i>                  Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6.10;                  Corinthians 15:20-26                  Luke 1:39-56</p>
<p align="center"><b>Road Works in Bromley Cross</b>  <i>Please note, from Monday 17 August (for approximately 1 week) re-surfacing work will take place on Rose-Hill Drive and Windsor Road. Lord's Stile Lane &amp; The Crescent are unaffected</i></p>
<p><b>Sunday 16 August</b>                  2pm-3pm Private Prayer (SB)</p>
<p><b>Monday 17 August</b>                  11am-12noon Private Prayer (SJ)</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 18 August</b>                  11am-12noon Private Prayer (SB)</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 19 August</b>                  9.30am Mass (SJ)</p>
<p><b>Thursday 20 August - St Bernard</b>                  9.30am Mass (SB)</p>
<p><b>Friday 21 August - St Pius the Tenth</b>                  Churches Closed</p>
<p><b>Saturday 22 August <i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></b>                  10.30am-11.30am Holy Hour (SJ)                  11.30am Mass (SJ)</p>
<p><b>Sunday 23 August</b>                  2-3pm Holy Hour (SB)</p>

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## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends: Bernard Holder, Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Anne Hurst, Margaret Padfield, Anne Killeen, Fred Heywood, Emily Martin

**Lately Dead:** Helen Dawson, Sheila Wheatley, Mary Scallan, Bernard O'Donnell, Michael Mannion, Owen McIntyre, Vincent Sheridan, Larry McWilliams

**Anniversaries:** Mary Carter, Denis O'Kane, Andrew Hayes

**May They Rest in Peace**

**Mass Intentions:** Kathleen & George Denton (60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary), Mary Carter, Denis O'Kane, Deceased members of the McGarry family, Jean McGarry Stones (Birthday Remembrance), Colin Spragg, Helen Dawson, Vincent Sheridan, Andrew Hayes

We pray for those who died and those who were injured in the Kerala air crash

We continue to pray for all the victims of the devastating explosion in Beirut.

We continue to pray for victims of the Covid-19 virus, and for all those who are still working tirelessly to keep us safe.

**Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6):** We pray especially for: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers

### Hope in the Future

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St Robert of Newminster, Levenshulme and Longsight, for Fr Michael Dever, their parish priest, for their parish primary schools and for St Peter's High School. We pray for Fr Laurence Gambella and Fr Martin Dowd, chaplains to the Central Manchester Hospitals, the Christie and Withington Hospitals.

### Offertory Envelopes

These are available for collection in the respective churches. Donations can be made by posting through the presbytery letter box, by post or alternatively donations can be made through Salford Diocese website, or alternatively by setting up a bank standing order. We are always thankful for all you do to help us.

**Cheques:** Please make all cheques payable to **Corpus Christi**. Thank you.

**Results Day:** We send out thoughts and prayers to all students who have just received, or are awaiting their results. It has been a difficult time for them and we hope they get the news they are hoping for so they can move on to the next step of their journey.

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Celebrated each year on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and a Holy Day of Obligation. The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is also known The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Assumption of Mary Into Heaven, and The Falling Asleep of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Feast of the Assumption is a very old feast of the Church, celebrated universally by the sixth century. The feast was originally celebrated in the East, where it is known as the Feast of the Dormition, a word which means "the falling asleep." The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled "The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God." The document is written in the voice of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, and recounts the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

### Prayer for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Almighty and everlasting God,  
You have taken up body and soul into the heavenly glory, the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Your Son  
Grant, we beseech You, that, ever intent upon heavenly things, we may be worthy to be partakers of her glory.  
Through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, forever and ever. Amen*

### Destitution Project:

As you are probably aware, many food bank charities have been struggling for donations over the past weeks. We have been fortunate enough to have been able to deliver an amount of food items (kindly donated from Morrisons) to the Destitution Project. They are always so grateful for all we do for them, but they are always in need of more items. If you are able to donate, the usual items are: Tins of fish, tomatoes, chick peas, red kidney beans, sweet corn, corned beef, fruit. Also, Cartons of apple or orange juice, Rice, Long-life milk, tea bags, coffee and vegetable oil. Items can be left at each church, and members of the SVP will take them to the centre. Thank you, as always, for your help.

**New Dates for Deanery of St Joseph Marriage Preparation Course** :The Marriage Preparation course in the Deanery of St Joseph (due to take place on 5th and 12th September 2020) has been postponed due to the localised lockdowns and will now take place on **6th and 13th February 2021** at the St John Fisher Schoenstatt, Shrine and Pastoral Centre, BL4 8QQ, when we hope to be able to gather more safely. If you are due to get married before the course in February, please contact your parish priest.

### The God who speaks through Creation - Online Talk

The Department for Formation is delighted to welcome Sr Margaret Atkins, CRSA, to present a Talk on *The God who speaks through Creation* on Wednesday 26 August at 7pm. This talk will be delivered via zoom as part of the series *The God Who Speaks* which was to be hosted at the Hidden Gem but postponed due to the pandemic. We hope this will lead to a resumption of some of the other planned evenings.

Sister Margaret Atkins is a Canoness of St Augustine in the community at Boarbank Hall, Cumbria. She is a lecturer and author in Theology with special interest, amongst other things, in the ethics of the environment. If you wish to hear Sr Margaret please email [formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) and mark it 'God who speaks' in the subject line. When you receive a link for the zoom meeting on the morning of 26<sup>th</sup> August. Please, for security reasons, do not pass this link on to anyone else. Thank you

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## The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

*You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*



There is a very simple theme to this Sunday's readings: it is the principle of authority in the community of the Church: we are introduced to the idea that God gives authority to someone in the first reading, where Shebna is dismissed by God and replaced. This is a prelude to the Gospel story of Peter being given authority: not because he is powerful or wise in the world's sense, but because he was able to profess his faith in the one sent by the Father. This is the principle of all authority in the Church: it is to spring only from God and our faith in God, professed by our way of life and rooted only in Christ, for "to him all authority, in heaven and on earth, has been given".

### Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2;  
Divine Office Week 1

Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36  
Matthew 16:13-20

**Sunday 23 August**  
2pm-3pm Holy Hour (SB)

**Monday 24 August - St Bartholomew**  
No Morning Prayers  
7pm Mass (SJ)

**Tuesday 25 August**  
9.30am Mass (SB)

**Wednesday 26 August**  
9.30am Mass (SJ)

**Thursday 27 August - St Monica**  
9.30am Mass (SB)

**Friday 28 August - St Augustine**  
Churches Closed

**Saturday 29 August - The Passion of St John the Baptist**  
10.30am-11.30am Holy Hour (SJ)  
11.30am Mass (SJ)

**Sunday 30 August**  
2pm-3pm Holy Hour (SB)