

The Solemnity of the Assumption

The teaching on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was defined by Pope Pius XII on 1st November 1950, in the apostolic constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*: 'having completed the course of her earthly life, (the Immaculate Mother of God) was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory'. By her Assumption, Our Lady has attained the final bodily resurrection promised to all Christians.

Our first reading at Mass is from the last book of the New Testament, the Apocalypse (unveiling) or the Revelation to St John. There is reference to the Ark of the Covenant in the passage we hear. The Ark was hidden at the time of the Babylonian captivity in a place as declared by the prophet Jeremiah: 'unknown until God gathers His people together again (2 Maccabees 2:7), now the sanctuary of God revealed the ark of the covenant. The original Ark contained the tablets inscribed with the Ten Commandments, the miracle manna bread that fed the wandering Hebrew people in the desert and the sign of Aaron's office as high priest, the blossomed rod. Our Lady is the new Ark of the Covenant, her womb contained the Word of God, Jesus. Instead of manna, Mary cherished within her the Bread of heaven, the Eucharistic Christ who gave His life for the world. The old Ark contained the rod of Aaron; Mary's womb contained Jesus Christ, the eternal high priest. Her pangs match the suffering she experienced at the foot of the Cross as she became the mother of all "beloved disciples". Later on in Revelation, chapter 12 reference is made to the woman's offspring, pointing to Our Lady's spiritual offspring those "who keep the commandments of God and bear testimony to Jesus, Rev 12:17.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Our Lady's, BARTON is open for private prayer: **Monday 1pm to 8pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9am to 7pm, Thursday 9am to 9pm, this Sunday 16th August: 9am to 11am and 2pm to 8pm.** The Church porch is open every day from 9am. If you are passing Our Lady's, Barton do know you are most welcome into Church during those times. All Masses as listed at Barton, Woodlane and Haunton are with a public congregation. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament shall take place at **WOODLANE** (all welcome) Monday, 17th Aug: 10am to 12noon **after 9:30am Mass** and Thursday, 20th Aug: 7pm to 8pm. SS. Michael and James, **HAUNTON** shall be open for **TWO** hours on Fridays, 10:30am to 12:30 (Holy Mass: 11am) and Sundays, 8:30am to 10:30am (Holy Mass: 9am). For the three Churches guidance has been followed, a risk assessment completed, and information circulated, thank you to our Health and Safety and Safeguarding teams. *The Church porch at Barton is collecting food items to be donated to the YMCA food bank in Burton.*

Deacon Alex Taylor returns for the next week before his assignment to Sacred Heart and Holy Souls, Acocks Green, Birmingham in advance of his ordination to the priesthood, Saturday, 12th September at St Chad's Cathedral.

OFFERINGS

Many thanks for your regular giving to the parishes. I am very grateful for all your church contributions, cheques, Gift Aid envelopes, direct debits and standing orders. I appreciate your ongoing generosity. Thank you for your kindness to the parishes, to several charities and those near, dear and far in these demanding times, Fr Eamonn.

THE PARISH OF BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD

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THE PARISH OF HAUNTON

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16th AUGUST 2020 – ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord' Luke 1:39-56

Entrance Antiphon: Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary, who today were exalted above the choirs of Angels into eternal triumph with Christ.

Collect: O God, who, looking on the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary, raised her to this grace, that your Only Begotten Son was born of her according to the flesh and that she was crowned this day with surpassing glory, grant through her prayers, that, saved by the mystery of your redemption, we may merit to be exalted by you on high.

Ps. 44 response v.10: On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up into heaven; all choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: All generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me.

Readings: Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6.10., Psalm 44:10-12.16., 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26., Gospel: Luke 1:39-56



'Be joyful always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in every circumstance.' | Thess 5:17

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| Solemnity of the Assumption | 16th AUG | 9:00am 11.00am | Haunton Barton | Holy Mass: People of the Parish Holy Mass: People of the Parish |
| Monday | 17 th | 9:30am | Woodlane | Holy Mass: For benefactors |
| Tuesday | 18 th | 9:30am | Barton | Holy Mass: Fr. Jim McGloin |
| Wednesday | 19 th | 9:30am | Barton | Holy Mass: Fr. Patrick Farrelly |
| Thursday | 20 th | 6:00pm | Woodlane | Holy Mass: <i>St Bernard</i> K & E Robinson |
| Friday | 21 st | 11.00am | Haunton | Holy Mass: <i>St Pius X</i> In perpetuity |
| Saturday | 22 nd | 10:00am | Barton | Mass: <i>Queenship of Our Lady</i> Sean Killion |
| Twenty-First Sunday | 23rd AUG | 9.00am 11:00am | Haunton Barton | Holy Mass: People of the Parish Holy Mass: People of the Parish |

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession: *Before Masses at Woodlane, at Barton before Saturday morning Mass in the Sacred Heart Chapel beneath gallery.*

Parish representatives: Barton and Woodlane: Safeguarding: Marcella Henley. Health and Safety: Laurie Hopkins and Sean Stanley **Haunton:** Safeguarding: Jackie Butcher. Health and Safety: Colin O'Carroll and Michael Hession

Baptism: Congratulations to the recently baptised. To arrange please ring parish **Marriages:** Please contact parish ideally six months before the big day! **Coffee Morning:** Tuesday 25th August in Church hall. **Church flowers** this weekend Quinn family, Wolverhampton, Kluz family and donations from parishioners– Thank you!

PARISH (& friends): SICK, HOUSEBOUND & DECEASED

Please pray for the **sick and housebound** of the Parish and those who have asked for our prayers, especially for Gillian Biancardo, Mrs Terry Davidson, Holly McMahon, Brian Morris, Sean Stanley, Dennis Carter, Madeline Ware, Dominic Hesse, Shirley, Phyliss Gibbons, Emily Locking, Neal Carlin, Kate Hoyes, George Brandrick, Sean McDonnell, Paul Woodward, Philip Haslam and John Power.

Please pray for those from our parishes who have died recently: George Manners, Elsie Crisp, Gillian Burke, Cath Wright, Paddy McCann, Mary Adams, Steve Chawner, Amged El-Hawrani, Raymond Brough, Michael Rogan, Margaret Bailey, Mildred Power, Philip Crook, David Withey and Gladys Taft, Giles Heron, Joseph Kearns, Sheila Haslam, Russell Clarke, Joan Thorpe, Theresa Clucas, Graham Varney **and for those with anniversaries in August especially:** Brian Corbett, Edna Byrne, Lawrence Mason, Cyril Clemson, Marjorie Charles, May Glennon, evelyn Clemson, Mary Hornsby, Curtis Beene, Bernard Stonier, Ann Northcott, Kate Derry, Frank Brown, May Childs, Mary Brandrick, Peter Gennoy, Amber Baxter, Mary Willetts, Winifred McCarthy, Mary Wooley, Louise Hill and Jo Kearns who have died in our parishes, our country and throughout the world as a result of developing covid-19, *may they rest in peace* and may the Lord bring consolation to the bereaved.

Dear Parishioners of Haunton, Woodlane and Barton,
Greetings on this Solemnity of the Assumption! I pray this newsletter finds you well with hope in your heart. Thank you for your ongoing generosity in time, caring and giving to those struggling in our church, world and local communities through Aid to the Church Need (£80 received this week), the Friends of the Holy Land and the Burton YMCA food Bank. Next weekend information on the Staffordshire Historic Churches Trust 'Ride and Stride', taking place on Saturday 12th Sept.

On the news of her calling to be the Christ-bearer, Our Lady burst into song declaring 'the hungry he has filled with good things'; Yes, Mary was full of grace and self-less. Our Lady is the 'New Eve' fulfilling the prophecy of Genesis 3:15: 'to bruise Satan's head' and being untainted (conceived immaculately) by sin, Mary does not endure any separation of soul and body or corruption, sharing in the resurrection life of Jesus.

As you are well aware for the time being we are not bound by the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days; with that in mind parishioners may feel more at ease with attending a weekday Mass where numbers are fewer. Please be aware family / household groups should try to keep at least a metre apart from others, gel hands on entering and exiting and please wear a face covering, **essential** and **mandatory in enclosed places** (I shall wear a face mask before and after Mass and during distribution of Holy Communion), there are plenty of free face masks in the porch and entrance areas of Barton and Haunton Church.

Government guidance for the safe use of places of worship states that churches should assist NHS Track and Trace by keeping a record of those who come to Church, thus the Archdiocese of Birmingham recommends we capture contact details: name and phone number of those attending (individuals and families are free to decline) and in line with GDPR, kept for 21 days and then disposed of.

I realise some parishioners will wish to remain at home especially if they are either feeling ill, suspect they are ill, have been exposed to Covid 19, have a pre-existing condition, are immuno-compromised, or have a sick family member in their household.

Prayer Intentions: For families: to be places of prayer and love. For the people of Lebanon following the Beirut port explosion, the people killed following the Stonehaven rail crash in Scotland. Please continue to pray for the safety and protection of our unborn brothers and sisters in the womb (their little hearts start beating within three weeks of conception – 11th Oct 2016, British Heart Foundation Press Office), those effected by Covid-19, the dying and incapacitated, travellers, migrants, the unemployed and the homeless. We pray for young people many concerned on learning of grade awards with decisions to make, Holy Souls, persecuted Christians and more vocations to matrimony, priesthood, and religious life. Pray too for a deeper love in Christ's Eucharistic presence in our Churches.

God Bless you all! Fr Eamonn