



# *St Monica's Parish*

## *Bulletin*

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**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) - 15 August 2021**  
**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday-Saturday: 9am-9.55am  
SUNDAY MASSES: Vigils at 4pm & 5.30pm  
10am (livestream) 12 Noon & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday – Saturday 10am

CONFESSIONS: 30min before the mass in the sacristy

**BAPTISMS:** Please speak to Fr Ghislain

For parents requesting the christening of their children, their attendance at mass in the church with the congregation on the weekend is a very important part of the preparation.

**MARRIAGES:** Please speak to Fr Ghislain.  
Please note 6 months' notice is required.

**First Reading:** Rv 11:19, 12: 1-6.10

**Responsorial Psalm:** *On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold*

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 15: 20-26

**Gospel:** Lk 1: 39-56

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## **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Today we celebrate the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. Mary was taken up into Heaven, both body and soul. The body of Mary could not know corruption: The body of Mary, which served to say "Yes!" to God on the day of the Incarnation of the Word, was and is forever a body of glory!

The book of Revelation describes the ultimate battle between God and evil, represented here by the dragon (the serpent of Genesis). The woman represents the Church, and the child represents Christ. Like the woman in the vision, the church was undergoing suffering and persecution. As the mother of the Saviour, Mary was at the heart of the battle between God and the powers of evil, which the reading from Revelation talks about. Therefore, it is entirely fitting that (through her assumption) she should share in the spoils of victory. The reading from Revelation was meant to encourage the early Christians who were undergoing suffering and persecution. It was meant to assure them that God would finally triumph. It should also encourage us. God will take care of us too. He won't save us from encountering evil, but will help us to overcome it.

**2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** Jesus is the new Adam, who through his obedience, restored to us the gifts lost by the disobedience of the first Adam. Mary is the new Eve who through her obedience to God, undoes the harm done by the disobedience of the first Eve.

**Gospel:** At the annunciation Mary said "It is not what I want, but what God wants that matters. Let what God wants be done to me. She accepted the task God gave her. Even though she didn't understand all the implications of it, she trusted that God would give her the help she needed. Today many people seek fulfilment and happiness through "doing their own thing". They believe that happiness lies in having no commitments, no one to answer to. Mary is great example for us, because life imposes a lot of duties on us- duties to ourselves, to others, and to God. Those who accept duty as Mary did may not find happiness and fulfilment and happiness in the eyes of the world, but they certainly will find it in the eyes of God and deep down they will know it.



Offertory Collection: £971.78  
Building Fund: £ 321.00

### **500 Club Winners**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: No. 430 J Charnley  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: No. 671 A O'Hagan  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: No. 67 L Ferguson

### **Weekly Offering**

Your financial support of the Parish in recent months has been appreciated and I would ask you to please continue to show your support. If you wish to donate your weekly offering to the parish online, below are the parish bank details.

**Account Name: RCDM St Monica's**  
**Sort Code: 83 17 13**  
**Account Number: 00163062**

### **Raffle**

The following raffle prizes have still to be claimed.

Green 351 – 355

Green 291 - 295 F Halley

Green 596 - 600 G Neil

Green 636 - 640 G Neil

White 491 -495 K Gallagher

Blue 141 – 145 G Gallagher

Blue 211 - 215

Blue 186 - 190

Please check your tickets and collect your prize from the church shop.



### **Children's Liturgy**

The children's liturgy will resume on the first Sunday of September. Those planning to have their first reconciliation, first communion and confirmation are encouraged to attend weekend mass and if possible, the children's liturgy.

Anyone wishing to help at the Children's Liturgy please speak to Father Ghislain

### **Altar Servers**

Are you looking to become an altar server? Please speak to Father Ghislain

**Please remember in your prayers**



**Recently Dead:** Umberto Rossetti, Annie Carr, Isabell Wilson

**Sick:** Niamh Cassidy, Anne & John McShane & Family, Linda Webb, Michael McAdams, Nicolas Hardy, Mary & Joseph Cope, Isobel Reilly, Gerald McDonald, Carol McGuinness, Pauline O'Rourke, Janey Mullen, Ann Craig, Ben McGovern, John Clenaghan

**Months Mind:** Linda & Anne Irvine, Frances, Catherine, Tom & Jim Burns, Kathleen Logue, Tommy Reynolds, Rose Tiernan, Rosemary O'Neill, Denis Leonard, Rev Cornelius Xavier O'Leary, Helen, Margaret & Agnes Dochety, William & Patrick Docherty, Anna & Joseph Pearson, Mary & Edward Drummond, Alex Thain

**Anniversaries:** Michael, Catherine & Ann Murphy, Tom McDonald, Peter Burns, Thomas Tiernan, John Quinn, Mary Thompson

**Birthday Remembrance:** John Thompson

**Please also remember the souls who have no one to pray for them**

<b>Services this week</b>		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>St Bernard- Memorial</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>St Pius X - Memorial</b>	<b>10am</b> <b>4pm &amp; 5.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10am</b> <b>12 Noon &amp; 5pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b> <b>21st Sunday of the Year B</b>