

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

16th August 2020 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (A)

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Catholic Schools

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HAIL QUEEN OF HEAVEN



THIS NEWSLETTER COVERS THE INTENTIONS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE NEXT THREE WEEKS. THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE 4th/5th September.

EXAM RESULTS: Let us keep all the young people of our parish in our prayers who have received A level results or will be receiving GCSE results at this time. The marking has been challenging this year as no exams were actually taken. We pray that God will grant guidance and wisdom to all who are involved with grading and all the young people, whatever the outcome, will have opportunities for their future.

DEACON DIARIES: These are found on our parish website. This week, Deacon Ian reflects on 'The Depth of Scripture'.

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU: We would all like to offer our thanks and good wishes to Fr. Pawel with a farewell gift I am sure, so we would like to ask everybody to put or send an offering through the priest house front door in an envelope clearly labelling that it is a gift for Fr. Pawel. Regrettably we are unable to hold a function with presentation at this time as we would like to usually- but maybe something can happen in the future.

WELCOME: We are delighted to welcome Fr. Simon Peter Lubuulwa of the Kampala Diocese, Uganda to our parish of St. Francis. I know we shall all make him very welcome. He shall be arriving at the beginning of September

CONFESSIONS: Confessions are now available in the Children's Chapel on Saturdays 10.45am-11.30am. As the priest has to sanitise the area before anybody enters you are asked to please wait until the priest opens the door before you can enter.

THANK YOU: Our deepest gratitude to all who have volunteered as stewards to allow our public Mass to take place. There are still gaps that need to be filled on various days, so please let us know if you can give some time to help steward, guide and sanitise then we would be most thankful. Please email the parish office with information of the Mass time you can help at.

READERS: Please can we have volunteers to be readers at every Mass so we can draw up a rota for the weekends and weekday. We ask for people to contact us by email if you are willing to read at Mass and let us know which day and time, Thank you.

STANDING ORDER: The ideal form of giving to the church, especially during these times, is by Standing Order. So many parishioners have placed themselves on this system and it has proved to be very helpful. If you wish to make an Standing Order (regular payments automatically from your bank account to the Church account) then please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.

GIFT AID: We have entered the time of year when new Gift Aid envelopes are usually available for people to collect, but of course arranging them has not been possible - and

many people would not be able to collect them from the church. You can, however, place your church offering in any envelope you have at home and write your Gift Aid number down on the envelope. As long as we have a record of your number and the amount you offered then we can still claim it back.

NOW'S THE TIME TO GET YOUR OWN SUNDAY MISSAL: We rejoice that public Mass is now being celebrated here at St. Francis church. **If you have attended Mass in the last few weeks you would have noticed that there are no Mass sheets available due to cross-contamination risks. Are you participating in the live streamed Mass at 10.00am?**

If you would like to follow along with all the responses, readings and prayers then have you thought about having your own Sunday missal? The repository can supply a selection of these to you at a discount, compared to buying one from a retailer. We have three options to suit all budgets. They all have everything you need for Sundays and Solemnities, including the 3-year cycle of readings.

Number 1 is the CBC missal, available in blue, black, green or brown hardback covers. The size is 10.5 x 17 x 3cm. £12

Number 2 is the Collins missal, available in red or blue hardback covers. The size is 12 x 18 x 3cm. There is also a selection of everyday prayers and evening prayer of the Church for Sundays. £16

Number 3 is the CTS (Catholic Truth Society) missal, available only in a red hardback cover. The size is 13 x 18 x 3.2cm. This missal also includes parallel Latin texts, introductions to major feasts and seasons, and an index of prayers and devotions. £19

If you would like to know more or wish to order a missal then please contact Liz from the Repository team via email or call the number below, leave a message and we'll get back to you. news@stfrancisparish.org.uk or 07817 599610

COLLECTION: from Sunday 9th August - £654.29

Standing Orders around £740 Thank you always for your generosity

PARISH LOTTERY: Week 7 – Number 231 – Prize £25

We remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Ray Collins, Winifred Ashby, Ernest Burke, Mary Monckton, Bob Woodward, Patricia Tucker, Julia Stone, Anne Rodgers, Frank Willis, Harold Aiston, Liam Archer, Winifred Peace, Derek Wickenden, John Penney, Kathleen Malet, Patricia Noble, George Brewster, David Wheeler, Garry Fisher, Salvatorie Taliana, Robert Cassicy, Madeliene Watson, Patricia Higgins, Marion Gallagher, Percy Duffett, Dorcas di Marco, James Lyons and Herman Makone

From 23rd August – 30th August 2020

Lucy McFarland, Jean Neale, John Brooks, James Lyons, Alfred Gilliard, Brian Johnson, James Mackell, Anna Harber, Filomena Stevens, Denis Hollands, Jack Lake, Edward Heeley, Ada Sampson, William Hepple, Steven Tobin, Monika Pinfold, Walter Jones, Maureen Chambers, Yolande Roberts, Margaret Stroud, Michael Lally, Mary Beyer Mary Sutcliffe, Eric Edmunds, Patricia Nicholas and Kathleen Holmes.

From 31st August – 5th September 2020

Gregory O'Shea, Michael Kilgannon, Bruce Farley, Pauline Sexton, Rose Larkin, Sheila Humphrey, Joseph Byrne, Ellen McDonnell, Patricia Gorse, Angela Angiolini, Adel Hardingham, Francis Doyle, Sarah Watson, June Wood, Timothy Buckley, Joseph Hoy, Denis Freeman, William Gilliard, Tony Fosberry, Andrew Delaney and Michael Senatore.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 16th August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6.00pm (Sat)	<i>Eric Braconnier RIP</i>
	8.30am	<i>John Penney RIP</i>
	10.00am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	11.30am	<i>Special Intention</i>
	6.00pm	
Monday 17th August	10.30am	<i>Special Intention</i>
Tuesday 18th August	10.30am	<i>Special Intention</i>
Wednesday 19th August	10.30am	<i>Private Intention</i>
Thursday 20th August	10.30am	<i>Private Intention</i>
Friday 21st August	10.30am	<i>In reparation for abortions in Brewer Street</i>
Saturday 22nd August	10.00am	<i>In reparation for abortions in Brewer Street</i>
Sunday 23rd August	6.00pm (Sat)	<i>John Joseph McDonald RIP</i>
	8.30am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	10.00am	
	11.30am	<i>Phyllis Coatsworth RIP</i>
	6.00pm	
Monday 24th August	10.30am	<i>Private Intention</i>
Tuesday 25th August	10.30am	
Wednesday 26th August	10.30am	<i>Jim Casey</i>
Thursday 27th August	10.30am	
Friday 28th August	10.30am	
Saturday 29th August	10.00am	
Sunday 30th August	6.00pm (Sat)	
	8.30am	<i>In reparation for abortions in Brewer Street</i>
	10.00am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	11.30am	
	6.00pm	
Monday 31st August	10.30am	
Tuesday 1st September	10.30am	<i>Private Intention</i>
Wednesday 2nd September	10.30am	
Thursday 3rd September	10.30am	<i>Private Intention</i>
Friday 4th September	10.30am	<i>Elizabeth Batty RIP</i>
Saturday 5th September	10.00am	<i>Private Intention</i>
Sunday 6th September	6.00pm (Sat)	
	8.30am	
	10.00am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	11.30am	<i>James and Jane Bowen RIP</i>
	6.00pm	