

Mass Intentions

Sun 16	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Solemnity
	9.00 The People of the Parish	
	10.00 Solemn Mass – Terry Heaney, birthday 15/8)	(Tesse & Marilyn)
	16.30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	17.00 Brinder Mann – birthday	(Anne O'Doherty)
Mon 17	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	No Mass	
Tue 18	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	9.00 Thanksgiving for blessings received	(Sonia)
Wed 19	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	9.00 Jean-Benoit Appadoo RIP	(Jenny Appadoo)
Thu 20	S. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church	
	9.00 Cissie Roche RIP	(Jenny Appadoo)
Fri 21	S. Pius X, Pope	
	9.00 Antonio and Michael – spiritual guidance	(Maria & Josef)
Sat 22	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	9.00 Cissie Roche RIP	(Lina Caracina)
Sun 23	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11th Sunday after Trinity	
	9.00 Jack Daly RIP	(Mary O'Brien)
	10.00 Solemn Mass – Thanksgiving and blessings: wedding anniversary	(L & B Sharon)
	16.30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	17.00 The People of the Parish	
Tuesday to Saturday		
	8.00 Office of readings and morning prayer – week 4	
	8.30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday to Friday		
	17.30 Evening prayer – week 4	

Stewards' rota for this week

Sunday 16 August	9.00 – 10.00	Yvonne Obi, Josef Sehion, Antoinette Loroy
	10.00 – 11.00	Barbara Cheah, Duncan Lewis, Jenny Appadoo
	16.30 – 17.45	Lionel Sharon, Pauline Brooke
Tuesday 18 August	9.00 – 10.00	Tesse Javier
Wednesday 19 August	9.00 – 10.00	Jennifer Alvares
Thursday 20 August	9.00 – 10.00	Tesse Javier
Friday 21 August	9.00 – 10.00	Paul Aloysius
Saturday 22 August	9.00 – 10.00	Tesse Javier, Michael Josef
Sunday 23 August	9.00 – 10.00	Angelle Dimech, Maria Josef, Siew Mendoza
	10.00 – 11.00	Tolu Ayeni, Anne Edwards, Theresa Valerie
	16.30 – 17.45	Paul Aloysius, Marilyn Butler

Flowers next Saturday Noeleen

	The Catholic Church of S. John Vianney, Clayhall Diocese of Brentwood	
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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

16 August 2020

Responsorial Psalm

On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold

First Reading

Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6,10

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

The Assumption of Our Lady



On 1 November 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the 6th century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names – Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption – from at least the 5th or 6th century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the

battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both the Old and the New Testament, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory.

Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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Parish Finance

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Income (offertory, standing orders, mass stipends, donations, candles, Gift Day donations)	2,027.62
Average weekly expenditure	<u>1,535.00</u>
Surplus	492.62

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her saviour. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God's holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

Return to the public celebration of Mass

It is still the case that due to the pandemic the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass is suspended therefore the missing of Sunday Mass is not a mortal sin; nevertheless along with the rest of the nation the church is beginning to return to normal or rather to find a new normal. Could I therefore ask all of you to consider if now is the right time to resume regular Sunday by Sunday Mass attendance and also to encourage your family and friends to do the same.

For the past few weeks we have been using pre-recorded music for Mass. Now under the government guidelines we are able to progress

Reading at Mass

If you wish to read at any Sunday Mass, please ask Sonia before the Mass starts, or during the previous week.

Readers at all Masses must wear disposable gloves, which will be provided, or sanitise their hands before and after reading.

to the use of a cantor singing with the celebrant for some parts of the Mass. BUT, I must remind you NOT to join in any of the singing.

Could I also suggest that now is the time with certain restrictions to bring back the altar servers to the 10am Mass. Servers must have face coverings, use rubber gloves, only touch one piece of equipment each at any mass and remain socially distanced.

Face covering in Church

It is now the law that face coverings are required in places of worship. So if you have a mask and are not exempt then bring it with you. Please note that celebrants are not required to wear masks in the sanctuary, nor are clergy or anyone else in the congregation responsible for policing this policy. If someone is not wearing a mask respect this and assume they have a good reason.

The law makes it clear that you do not need a face covering if you have legitimate reason. This includes (but is not limited to):

- children under the age of 11
- if you cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of illness, impairment or disability
- where putting on, wearing or removing a face covering will cause severe distress
- if you are speaking to or providing assistance to someone who relies on lip reading or facial expressions to communicate
- to avoid harm or injury, or the risk of harm or injury, to yourself or others
- to eat or drink if reasonably necessary
- to take medication.

The full list of exemptions is on our noticeboard.

The guidance also states that those who are not wearing a face covering should not routinely be asked to give written evidence, this includes exemption cards. No person needs to seek advice or request a letter from a medical professional about their reason for not wearing a face covering.

FHC and Confirmation

Our children's postponed First Holy Communion Mass will take place on Saturday 5 September at 10.30am,

Our Confirmation Mass will be on Saturday 12 September at 10.30am.

Our Lady's Lamp

Our Lady's blue lamp burns this coming week for refugees fleeing persecution and oppression. If you would like the lamp to burn for an intention of yours, please fill in one of the special envelopes in the narthex.

Live-streaming

We are now able to live-stream worship from SJV. The 10am Sunday Solemn Mass and the weekday Masses along with the periods of Eucharistic Adoration are being live-streamed to our YouTube channel which you can find either via YouTube or embedded in our parish website at sjv-clayhall.uk. Members of our WhatsApp group will be sent a link each morning. Again many thanks to those who by their generosity have made this possible.

Cissie Roche

After discussion with Cissie's family and friends it has been decided to install a memorial to her here in SJV. Cissie had a great devotion to Mary the Mother of God and so some sort of Marian item was thought appropriate. A fine oak carved reredos by the famous Victorian architect G G Scott (who designed S. Pancras Station) has become available and has been purchased. Once this has been transported from Wales and cleaned it will be mounted behind the altar of Our Lady. Many thanks to Cissie's family, friends and all who have made this possible.

Fr Rob

Notices and News

Parish finance

Please place your offertory donations in the basket near the church entrance/exit doors.

If you prefer you can also donate online at www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=clayhall.

Gardening

The church grounds are looking better than they have for years. If you wish to help with keeping them this way, do turn up on any Monday at 10.30am (if it's not raining). You will be most welcome.

Gift aid

If you haven't collected your gift aid box yet, please find it at the back of the church.

If you are a taxpayer and are not yet in the gift aid scheme, please take a form from the narthex, complete it and give it to Duncan or Sonia.

It really helps SJV if you can make your donation by monthly standing order. You can do that by completing a standing order form, available in the narthex or from Duncan or Sonia. Alternatively set one up through your own online banking – our account details are on the standing order form.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)

Confession is available on Saturday mornings between 10am and 10.30am and at other times by arrangement with Fr Rob.

Mass intentions

If you would like a Mass offered, please complete a Mass request envelope, place the stipend inside and put it in the parish letter box or give it to Sonia.

Redbridge Foodbank

Redbridge Foodbank continues to need our support to help local families in crisis. Your gifts of non-perishable foods, toiletries and baby nappies are greatly appreciated. More information at redbridge.foodbank.org.uk.

Church porch/narthex open

The outer doors of the church will remain open until 12 noon Tuesday to Saturday to enable people to come to pray in the narthex (porch).

Please check your phone is off or totally silent during Mass.

You must wear a face covering in church unless you are exempt.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN.