

THIS WEEKEND		20th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year B
Sat 14th August	5.00pm	St O	Holy Land Group Special Intention	
<i>St Maximillian Kolbe</i>	6.30pm	St T	Margaret Stringfellow B'day Remembrance	
Sun 15th August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8:30am	St O	James Smyth (A)	
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners Julia Houston	
	11.00am	St MM	Parishioners	
Divine Office Week 4				
Mon 16th August	10.00am	St O	Requiem Mass: Barbara Moss	
Tues 17th August	9.15am	St T	Priest's Intentions	
	9.30am	St O	Allan Whipp (A)	
Wed 18th August	9.30am	St MM	John Bell (LD)	
Thu 19th August	9.30am	St O	Christopher Cooper B'Day Remembrance	
	11.00am	St T	Requiem Mass: Shelia Shepherd	
	7.00pm	St T	John David Helm	
Fri 20th August <i>St Bernard</i>	9.15am	St T	Shelia Shepherd	
	9.30am	St O	George & Ann Holliday Golden Wedding Anniversary	
	12.30pm	St MM	Requiem Mass: Gerard Smith	
NEXT WEEKEND		21st Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year B
Sat 21st August <i>St Pius X, Pope</i>	5.00pm	St O	Bernadette Glenda Knights	
	6.30pm	St T	John David Helm, Parishioners	
Sun 22nd August	8:30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Elizabeth Oakes (A) Hession Family	
	11.00am	St MM	Gerry Smith (LD)	

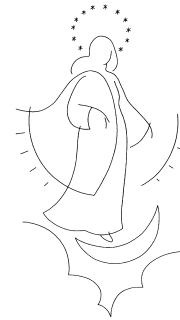
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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

15th August 2021

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour!'

The Feast of the Assumption marks the special place that Mary, chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, has in the life of the Church. The Roman Catholic Church today celebrates that she was taken, body and soul, into heaven, when her life on earth was over.

In the **First Reading**, a woman, taken to be either Mary or the Early Church, safely delivers her son into the world. Although threatened by the dragon (representing the power of evil), the child – the Messiah who would rule all the nations – was taken directly to God. The woman herself escaped to a place of safety.

The **Psalm** was originally a wedding song for the king of Judah. It also points us towards Jesus the king and to Mary, his mother, as queen. She is also a subject of the king, and a daughter.

St Paul tells the Corinthians that through Jesus's death and resurrection, all followers of Christ can look forward to a risen life with Jesus, and to a new fullness of life with God. (**Second Reading**)

The **Gospel** tells of Mary's visitation to her sister, Elizabeth. In Mary's hymn of praise, the *Magnificat*, we see her faith and complete trust in God.

This week, we may like to ask Mary to intercede for us as we pray for the grace of knowing God's will for us, and to follow her example in always saying an unconditional 'yes'. We also offer thanks for all the great things the Almighty has done for us.

**Please adhere to guidelines when entering and leaving the church.
Remember the Sunday obligation has not been reinstated and
livestreaming Masses will continue.**

Online Giving / Text giving: If you wish to make a donation



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<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-teresas-penwortham>
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Following the Government announcement with regards to changes to Covid-19 regulations, which are due to come in to force on Monday July 19th, the Diocese has now issued some suggested guidelines, as a way forward for each parish in the Archdiocese.

Here are some of the main points, which will continue with in our Churches.

- * Face coverings will remain mandatory for all those coming to a church service. (Exemptions for medical reasons excluded.)
- * Hand sanitising will remain necessary as people arrive.
- * The numbers for weddings, funerals and baptisms will be limited by the capacity of each building.

There are other practical suggestions to help us move forward in the briefing, which we will be slowly & gradually be introducing over the next few weeks.

Foodbank Request: During August, the foodbank would like donations of breakfast cereal (not porridge) and Fray Bentos pies. All donations gratefully received.

Shelia Shepherd sadly died last week. Shelia used her great artistic and needlework skills over very many years in the parish and the diocese. Many items in St T's church were designed and made by Shelia and her team; examples being: the wall hangings for Christmas, Pentecost and Corpus Christi, embroidering vestments, making Tabernacle covers, tapestry on the altar servers kneelers, lectern front hangings, repainting the gilding on the Parish foundation stone and calligraphy for the Book of Remembrance

Shelia was a member of the embroidery guild and also a member of the team in the Metropolitan Cathedral where they made numerous hangings for the cathedral. Back in Penwortham Shelia designed the emblem for All Hallows High School.

She was a devout catholic and made talented use of her hands for God's work, may she rest in peace.

St Mary Magdalen and St Teresa's Synod Action Group are to hold their first meeting on Thursday, 9th September at 7:30pm after the 7:00pm mass. The meeting will be held in the Romero room. The group is initially going to look at all the Synod proposals that parishioners from St Mary Magdalen and St Teresa's parish submitted at the start of the Synod listening process and see if we can use any of these in our parish. It will then move on to the implementation, at Parish level, of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Our meeting are initially going to be held every 3 to 4 weeks. If you would like to be involved please speak to John Sargent, Anna-Marie Pennington or Lynne Bull or email Anna-Marie at am.pennington@outlook.com.

Prayer of the Week—The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

