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ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

16th August 2026: Year A

He who is mighty has done great things for me; he has exalted those of humble estate.



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Sunday Readings

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
PSALM 45(44):10. 11. 12. 16. R.
10b

1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Luke 1:39-56

The Pope's Prayer

Intention for the month of AUGUST

For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our parishes:

Kevin Weardan, Victoria Leighton, Ellie Rose, Joe McIntyre, John Riley, Joe Kemp, Amanda, David Cochrane, Jessica, Christine, Patricia Sweeney, Josie Bateman, Barbara Black, Caspia Bragagnini, Valery Tudor, Adrian Tudor.

To have the name of a seriously sick person on the newsletter, please submit their name and yours with your phone number.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday – 15th August Assumption of the BVM - EP1	6:00pm	OLSE	
Sunday – 16th August Assumption of the BVM	8:45am 10:30am	OLSE SMN	Babara Moore : Anniversary
Monday – 17th August	9:00am	OLSE	David Hickson RIP
Tuesday – 18th August	4:00pm	OLSE	
Wednesday – 19th August	7:00pm	SMN	
Friday – 21st August St. Pius X, Memorial	9.00am	OLSE	
Saturday – 22nd August 21 st SUNDAY IN OT- EP1	6:00pm	OLSE	Teresa Worden : Anniversary
Sunday – 23rd August 21 st SUNDAY IN OT	8:45am 10:30am	OLSE SMN	

Confession available at Our Lady & St Edward's & St Mary's, Newhouse after Mass.

SMF (FERNYHALGH) Mass Schedule - NO MASSES on Mondays & Fridays.

Tuesdays @9:00am, Wednesdays@9:00am, Thursdays @9:00am,

Saturdays @12noon-Ladyewell Shrine, SUNDAYS@10:00am and 3:00pm

Today's Gospel Reflection

The belief that Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life was defined as dogma by Pope Pius XII in 1950. Though not explicitly stated in Scripture, it is still grounded in it, as scriptural texts can carry a "fuller meaning" (sensus plenior) revealed through the Church's ongoing reflection. Today's Gospel includes the Magnificat, where Mary proclaims, "All generations will call me blessed." The future tense "will call" points beyond her earthly life, suggesting that her blessedness lies in the Church's growing recognition that she has already fully entered the salvation we all long for. Thus, she stands as a sign of hope for us on our earthly journey, for the God who was faithful to her will also be faithful to us.

Lord Jesus, the dogma of your mother's assumption into heaven holds out to us the radiant hope of future glory. May our trust in its fulfilment never waver. Amen.

Sr. Bernadita Dianzon fsp

Assumption Day commemorates the belief that when Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, died, her body was "assumed" into heaven to be reunited with her soul, instead of going through the natural process of physical decay upon death.

Assumption Day is a public holiday in countries such as Austria, Belgium, Chile, Croatia, France, parts of Germany, Guatemala, Greece, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States, and others.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, has been celebrated since the fourth century C.E.

In 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of Mary official dogma of the Roman Catholic Church. The Catholic Church teaches that the Virgin Mary "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."