

# Holy Family RC Church Coventry

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## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>15TH AUG</b>	<b>10 00 AM</b>		<b>MARGARET FITZSIMONS RIP</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>15TH AUG</b>	<b>5 00PM</b>		<b>PATRICIA RAY RIP</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>16TH AUG</b>	<b>10 00 AM</b>		<b>BERTIE &amp; GERTIE BERMINGHAM RIP</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>17TH AUG</b>	<b>9 15 AM</b>		<b>SP INT</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>18TH AUG</b>	<b>9 00 AM</b>	<b>WEBCAM ONLY</b>	<b>ELZA JOY 18TH BIRTHDAY</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>19TH AUG</b>	<b>10.15 AM</b>	<b>REQUIEM</b>	<b>REGINALD WHITWOOD RIP</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>20TH AUG</b>	<b>9 15 AM</b>		<b>MR &amp; MRS BAPTISTIAS</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>21ST AUG</b>	<b>9 15 AM</b>		<b>PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>
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<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>22ND AUG</b>	<b>5 00PM</b>		<b>JOAN YIELDING RIP</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>23RD AUG</b>	<b>10 00 AM</b>		<b>CARMEL KELLY RIP</b>

### Public Masses

Attendees must  
 + Wear a mask  
 + Remain 1 metre + apart  
 + Sanitise hands  
 + Follow the signs  
 + Listen to the stewards  
 Please Note:  
 Please stay at home if...  
 + You may have a pre-existing condition  
 + You are feeling ill  
 + You suspect you may be ill or have been exposed to Covid 19  
 + You have a sick family member at home

### Holy Communion:

Row by row starting from front.  
 Stewards will direct. + Receive in silence by hand only + Masks to be worn to receive the host, then consume, & leave church (Final blessing given before Communion)

### Assumption

Most blessed of all women, vessel of God's Loving Word  
 Whose spirit rejoiced as Gabriel's message was heard  
 Your life reflected such fragrant, patient, faithfulness  
 Following the voice of your Son, increased your holiness  
 Joy filled your heart, yet you found room for sorrow too  
 At the foot of the cross, strong faith remained with you  
 Holding the lifeless Word of God, in a tender embrace  
 Tears of sadness streamed down your mourning face  
 Faithful you remained, strengthening those around you  
 Surrendered to God's will, you did all he asked you to do  
 As your days on earth came to a close, God blessed you  
 No sting of death would touch you, at life's evening dew.

Frail woman, falling asleep, so gently her breaths cease  
 She knew no corruption of ravaging decay, only peace  
 She entered heaven's home, redeemed flesh and blood  
 Our goal on earth is to follow her, by living as we should  
 Mother of God, our hope, our refuge, our guiding star  
 Help us find our longed for eternal home where You are

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### Track and Trace.

**Please bring with you your name and phone number and put it in the box in the entrance. (If you live in the same household only one name/number is needed) You are asked to do this every time you come to church. After 21 days they will be destroyed. In this way we will always have a current record should NHS Track and Trace teams need to contact you. You will still be able to come into church without providing name and contact number**

**Our Lady of the Assumption...Pray for Us.**

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen**

**Remember the Sunday Obligation has not been restored so Every Day is Like a Sunday! You can go other days in the week if it suits.**

**Confessions Please ask a steward if you want to go to confession before Mass.**

**Baptisms will resume late August with a maximum of 30 people present.**

### **Offertory Collections**

**Please place in boxes by entrance and exits Stewards will remind you that you can put your offertory collection in as you enter or leave Mass. There is no offertory collections during Masses.**

**Collection Gift Aid £151.03 Loose £371.17 Donation £200 Thank You!**

### **Welcome Back!**

Though the Mass will be celebrated differently to normal it is good to be back. Face coverings are compulsory while attending church. The toilet will not be in use. Please respect the regulations and follow instructions Holy Communion will be offered row by row, starting from the front. Stewards will be in place at the end of the bench to direct you forward. Once you have received Holy Communion please leave straight away by the side door exists. A private thanksgiving for Communion is to be said as you walk from church.

### **First Reading**

*Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab*

The sign of God's salvation will be a woman clothed with the sun.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 45:10-12,16*

The queen takes her place next to God.

### **Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 15:20-27*

Christ has redeemed Adam's sin.

### **Gospel Reading**

*Luke 1:39-56*

Mary greets Elizabeth and sings God's praise.

Our newsletter which will be posted each week on the parish website and deanery website too. <https://coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/new/>

**PLEASE NOTE SATURDAY EVENING MASS IS AT 5. 00PM EACH WEEK.**

**Please Pray** for all who have died recently, **Jessica Graham, Margaret Fitzsimmons, Reg Whitwood, and Muriel Wicks** Please pray for the deceased and their families.

Thank you to those who have volunteered, to help at Masses.

Fr Pat is on twitter @Fr\_PatBren and Facebook. I like to post reflections of encouragement there. Fr Bernard has his own email address and that is: [anwylb2@btinternet.com](mailto:anwylb2@btinternet.com) **The parish webcam** <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/coventry-holy-family>



The Feast of the Assumption is one of the most important feasts of our Lady. Catholics believe in the Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven. We believe that when her earthly life was finished, Mary was taken up, body and soul, into Heavenly glory, where the Lord exalted her as Queen of Heaven. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, # 966). The Assumption is the feast of Mary's total liberation from death and decay, the consequences of original sin. It is also the remembrance of the day when the Church gave official recognition to the centuries-old

belief of Christians about the Assumption of their Heavenly mother. In the Orthodox Church, the *koimesis*, or *dormitio* ("falling asleep"), of the Virgin began to be commemorated on August 15 in the 6th century. The observance gradually spread to the West, where it became known as the feast of the Assumption. By the 13th century, the belief had been accepted by most Catholic theologians, and it was a popular subject with Renaissance and Baroque painters. It was on November 1, 1950, that, through the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII officially declared the Assumption as a Dogma of Catholic Faith. On this important feast day, we try to answer two questions: 1) What is meant by "Assumption?" 2) Why do we believe in Mary's Assumption into Heaven, despite the fact that there is no reference to it in the Bible? "Assumption" means that after her death, Mary was taken into Heaven, both body and soul, as a reward for her sacrificial cooperation in the Divine plan of Salvation. "On this feast day, let us thank the Lord for the gift of the Mother, and let us pray to Mary to help us find the right path every day" (Pope Benedict XVI).

**Body, soul or both:** Today's feast also shows us that God values our bodies. They are not only important to Him – they are sacred! There are two extremes of thought in regard to our bodies. One considers the body as our number one treasure. Ads and commercials usually feature people with exceptional looks. To be successful, accepted, and loved, they tell us, depends upon how we look. We are to watch our weight, keep in shape, and smell just right. If we don't pamper our bodies and treat them royally, we'll be social, business, and physical flops. Nobody will want us around. As for the importance of our soul and our spiritual life? Forget it! They consider such things non-existent and absurd. The other extreme of thought about the body is to look upon it as merely a machine for us to operate in this world. Its value is only its usefulness. To enhance it with cosmetics and perfume, to dress it up and make it look attractive, to diet, exercise, and look at it in the mirror – all that is not only a waste of time, but sinful. The soul and its spiritual condition are all that is important for us. We are to think of our body only when necessity requires. But God is telling us on this feast of the Assumption that to Him, both are important – our body and our soul. They are both to be valued, and they are to be given the attention and honour due them.