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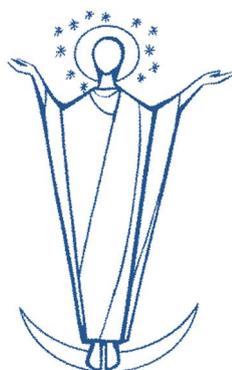
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Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday 9 August	Mass 11:00	Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary	Michael Bonner
Monday 18 August		Monday of week 20 in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday 18 August		Tuesday of week 20	
Wednesday 19 August	Mass 10:00	Wednesday of Week 20 St John Eudes	Christine Pritchard
Thursday 20 August		St Bernard	
Friday 21 August		St Pius X. pope	
Saturday 22 August		Our Lady, Queen and Mother	
Sunday 23 August	Mass 11:00	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sheila Bloxham

Welcome back to church! Details of arrangements for Mass on the next page



Readings for the Solemnity of the Assumption

Entrance ant A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, the moon beneath her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head.

1st reading Apocalypse 11:19; 12: 1-6, 10.

Response **On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.**

2nd reading 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26.

Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!**

Gospel Luke 1: 39-56.

Comm ant **All generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me.**

Gospel 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'



Commentary *Mary's canticle, the Magnificat, sung daily in the liturgy of Evening Prayer, sums up God's faithfulness to his promises, focused on his gifts to this simple peasant girl. It combines a wonderful sense of the holiness of God with warmth of gratitude, showing the thoughts that revolved constantly in her mind. As is fitting in the mouth of a girl whose only knowledge of books was the Bible, Mary's song is a texture of scriptural phrases. We cannot assume that Luke wrote it down at Mary's dictation, for putting words in the mouth of his characters is a feature of Luke the historian; but it must reflect her thinking. If any theme resounds again and again throughout the Bible, it is God's care for the poor, the simple and those in need. It is this which sets the Hebraeo-Christian tradition apart from the ways of the world. Henry Wansborough OSB*

Please remember in your prayers: Christine Pritchard, Sheila Bloxham, John McGrath, Doreen Dodd, Faye Hargreaves, Mary Goodwin, Beryl Dutton, Julian and Dawn Huxley, Sheila Minnery, Emmie Justice, Shane McGroggan, Doreen Warrilow, Sylvia Mary Stanworth, and all the sick and housebound of the parish.



SAINT OF THE WEEK St Bernard Abbot and Doctor of the Church. He was born in a castle near Dijon, Burgundy, France. Under the care of his pious parents he was sent at an early age to a college at Chatillon, where he was conspicuous for his remarkable piety and spirit of recollection. There he entered upon the studies of theology and Holy Scripture. After a pious childhood and the death of his mother, in 1113 he entered the newly established and very austere institute of the Cistercian Order, under the Abbot, our very own **St Stephen Harding**. He also persuaded his brothers and several of his friends to follow his example. He was sent with 12 monks to the celebrated Abbey of Clairvaux. St. Bernard was eminently endowed with the gift of miracles. Bernard is the patron saint of the Alps and he is also the patron saint of skiing, snowboarding, hiking, backpacking,

mountaineering.

PRAYER CORNER The well-known prayer of St Bernard
Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary,
that it is a thing unheard of
that anyone who had recourse to your protection,
implored your help, or sought your intercession,
was left forsaken.
Filled therefore with confidence in your goodness,
I fly to you, O Mother, Virgin of virgins.
To you I come; before you I stand, a sorrowful sinner.
Despise not my poor words, O Mother of the Word of God,
but graciously hear and grant my prayer. Amen.



Foodbank A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who is supporting the Foodbank; we have had an overwhelming response from the local community. Please keep on supporting us through these difficult times. The Foodbank has an ongoing need of donations, especially as people are losing jobs and the schoolchildren are at home. For further information <https://marketdrayton.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/>

Mass will be celebrated on Sundays at 11:00 and on Wednesdays at 10:00

If you are coming to mass, please come in good time and please note the church should not be entered outside mass times. A maximum of 40 people will be allowed in Church – please do not be offended if you are turned away when we have reached this number.

- **Face masks are mandatory**
- **On arrival use hand sanitiser in the Church Porch**
- **Please give your name and contact details to the Steward**
- **A Steward will escort you to your place**
- **Please observe 2 metres social distancing**
- **Please avoid talking in Church**
- **Please do not kneel**
- **Mass will be short, Holy Communion will be brought to your seat**
- **At the end of Mass please follow the directions of the Steward**
- **The collection will be taken at the back of church following Mass**
- **No toilets will be available**
- **The illustrated Weekly Newsletter is available online –give a copy to anyone you know not online?**

Please tell anyone who does not yet know that Mass has restarted