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16th August 2020 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass Times and Intentions for this Week

Sunday 16th August 2020 <i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>Immaculate Conception, Stroud</i>	5.00pm	Church open for Private Prayer
	6.00pm (Sat) Mass	Jim & Joan Byrne RIP
	9.00am Mass	Fay Gordon Anniv
	10.30am Mass	People of the Parish
	12.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	5.30pm Mass	Bob Morris RIP
Monday 17th August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
	9.30am Mass	Mickey (Malcolm) Verrent RIP
Tuesday 18th August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm Mass	Ints of Peter & Marion Bailey & Family
Wednesday 19th August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12.00pm Mass	John Conlon RIP
Thursday 20th August <i>St Bernard</i>	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
	9.30am Mass	Fred Gyde RIP
Friday 21st August <i>St Pius X</i>	8.45am	Church open for Private Prayer
	9.30am Mass	Pat Hook RIP
	7.30pm	Polish Language Mass
Saturday 22nd August <i>Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.00am	Church open for Private Prayer
	10.00am Mass	Barbara Twiggs RIP
	10.45am – 11.15am	Confessions
	5.00pm	Church open for Private Prayer
	6.00pm Mass	Mary Cannon RIP & Grace Murphy RIP
Sunday 23rd August <i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	9.00am Mass	People of the Parish
	10.30am Mass	Faida Godelive & Theophile RIP
	12.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	5.30pm Mass	Fred Mulholland Anniv

Parish Office: The parish office will be closed next week and reopens on Wednesday 26th August at 10.30am.

Weekly Church Cleaning: Will take place after mass on Monday morning. Just turn up if you can help. A big thank you to all who turn up each week to help clean the church.

This week: Week 20 in Ordinary Time, Week 4 for the Divine Office.

Last Weekend: Offertory - £570.44 Mass Count - 220

Update from Fr Liam: Good news! All of my scans, including the MRI on my spine, are clear. Thanks be to God, I am now cancer clear and require no further treatment. Moving forward, I will have a check-up every three months. I am so grateful to all of you for your prayer and loving support over the past 10 months. The journey has been easier to walk with you accompanying me. While I am relieved and so happy with the news, I am very conscious of so many other people with cancer for whom the news is not so good and who still have to face ongoing treatment. Do join with me in remembering them in prayer each day and remembering also consultants, doctors, nurses who work within oncology departments and palliative care, for all those in research who are seeking a cure for cancer, and for the various cancer charities who are there to support cancer patients and their families.

RIP: We ask your prayers for those who have died recently:

Martin Behan. His funeral service takes place in St Peter's Church on Tuesday August 25th at 11.00am followed by committal at Coney Hill Cemetery. Attendance is restricted to immediate family. We extend our sympathy to his family.

The Prinknash Monastery Shop & Café: Has now RE-OPENED serving delicious Fairtrade coffee, home-baked cakes and light lunches with lots of outside space and socially distanced tables. We also have religious books, cards, CDs, rosaries, and other devotional aids. The Benedictine Community extends a warm welcome to all guests. More details from queries@monasteryshopandcafe.co.uk.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Andrea Brushneen, Cheryl Loy, Sharon Williams, Michael Hercules, Mary Wood, Leonard Slatter, Sue Hartnett, Phil Gammond, Mandi Stokes, Theo Montague, Margaret Coleman, Vera Watson, Patricia Walsh, Cecilia Edwards, Veronica Burke, Janet Diaco, Rebecca Northway, Ben Wilkinson, Jackie Hutt, Steve Prosser, Kitty Daly, Peter Hagan, Frank Kelly, Mary Philomena Mayo, Marie O'Connor, Baby Monroe Cserna-Ochai, Jennifer Morrissey, Kathleen Neely, Joan O'Connell, Milvia Sepede, Eileen Mary Parsons, Pat O'Ryan, Christopher Browne, Margaret Mayell. Please advise us of any changes to be made to this list.

Sisterhood of St Elisabeth: On Wednesday August 19th, two sisters from St Elisabeth's Convent in Belarus will be visiting St Peter's with a small display of their religious crafts which will be available to be purchased after the midday mass. The display will be in the car park. Social distancing requirements will be observed. All purchases will support their various charitable works. See www.obitel-minsk.by for more details.

Marriage Encounter: Are excited to announce a new online experience for marriage enrichment. The next Marriage Encounter Online Experience is on the 26th and 27th September 2020. Why not find out more at wme.org.uk or phone 0845 260 2016

Summary of the Holy Father's words at the General Audience last Wednesday, August 12th

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on the effects of the current pandemic in the light of the Church's social doctrine, we now consider the theme of human dignity. The pandemic has made us more aware of the spread within our societies of a false, individualistic way of thinking, one that rejects human dignity and relationships, views persons as consumer goods and creates a "throw away" culture (*cf. Evangelii Gaudium*, 53). In contrast, faith teaches that we have been created in God's image and likeness, made for love and for communion of life with him, with one another and with the whole of creation. Jesus tells us that true discipleship consists in following his example by spending ourselves in service of others. Our God-given dignity and the rights that arise from it are the ultimate foundation of all social life, and have serious social, economic and political implications. In responding to the pandemic we Christians are called to combat all violations of human dignity as contrary to the Gospel, and to work for the wellbeing of our whole human family and our common home. *The full text can be found on the Vatican website www.vatican.va*

Year of Communion – Sunday 16th August – Solemnity of the Assumption

We hear in today's Gospel how the baby in Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy when she is greeted by Mary, and she is filled with the Holy Spirit. Mary has travelled to see her cousin, Elizabeth, to share her amazing news that she is to bear a son who will be named Jesus. The joy of the two women is electrifying. Mary is full of praise for God who has 'done great things' in her. Mary's response to Elizabeth's praise is a song of hope for great things to come. God is at the heart of this prayer, a God who is to bring salvation to all and Mary is to be the bearer of the one who will bring about the justice that the poor have longed for. Mary's joy reflects the inner longing she has had for the oppressed in her own country to be released from their pain. She has given her unequivocal yes to God's invitation to her. As a young woman at the start of her life this was a generous and selfless act of personal sacrifice. Mary was giving her body and her life to the world. What is God's invitation to us to this day and in the week ahead? Can we say yes to God, even if that yes is costly? If we do, then we too will be able to sing of the marvellous things God has done for us.