

The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary;
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Dear Friends,

The Church took until 1950 to define formally speaking the doctrine of Our Lady's Assumption, but this feast is far more ancient than that. And it was because of the enthusiasm of the people that Pius XII decided to make the definition

This feast, perhaps more than any other, reminds us of the generosity which God showed to Our Lady, and which he wants to show to us too.

By assuming Our Lady, by taking her body as well as her soul into heaven, God showed us how important our bodies are. As humans we are not random spirits who happen to be inside bodies, or even worse trapped in bodies; rather our bodies are essential parts of who we are.

Over the years various groups have broken away from the Church because we have this view. They all wanted to deny the importance of the human body because they didn't like the material world. They didn't see that the material world around us is a gift from God - that it is something good, and that we should enjoy it, they thought of everything that was purely spiritual as evil. We, as Catholics, have always been able to have a much more positive view.

It also means that until we do get there, Our Lady, because she is our loving mother, is able to pray for us before the throne of God. She accepted us as her children as Christ was on the Cross, and she is a great comfort and help to all Catholics when we turn to her. Especially she has a great concern for the weakest and most vulnerable - in this she mirrors God himself. As she says in today's Gospel: "The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away."

This should make us all the more ready to turn to her, and to ask for her prayers and assistance in everything we do and need. But it should also remind us that as God has concern for the weakest and most vulnerable, we should too.

So, as we give thanks for God's blessings to her, let us turn to her, let us

ask for her prayers and protection over us and over all who are dear to us.

Every blessing, Fr. Thomas

Please note that there will be some alternations to Mass times over the next month as both Priests will be taking some time off. There will not be any streamed Masses this week.

There will be no 9.30am Mass at C.t.K. for the next four weeks. This may be reinstated thereafter if numbers require it.

Children's online activities

With the school holidays now taking over from the school lockdown, things may be getting a little challenging in terms of things to keep the youngsters engaged and having fun. So perhaps it's time for sharing some ideas in the cause of parental solidarity .

There are three fantastic packs from Aseel who works in youth ministry in the Guildford Parish which have got loads of activity ideas along with many ways of bringing faith into the summer holidays.

The final site cpg is full of videos, activities and faith. A great resource and a great piece of work from Guildford , I hope you find this useful.

The summer pack for school years 3-6 here: https://www.cpg.church/uploads/3/0/7/1/30716689/fearless_summer_activity_pack.pdf

The summer pack for school years 7-9 here: https://www.cpg.church/uploads/3/0/7/1/30716689/fusion_summer_activity_pack.pdf

The family pack here: <https://www.cpg.church/family.html>

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CELEBRATIONS OF PUBLIC MASSES IS NOW PERMISSIBLE

There are strict regulations around how we celebrate and receive while keeping people as safe as possible. There is little or no singing, we are able to receive in one kind only, those who receive on the tongue please wait till others have come forward. There is no offertory but a retiring collection. Below are the mass times.

Mon	10am
Tues	7.30am (Latin)
Wed	The usual Wednesday Mass is cancelled this week due to holiday.
Thur	6pm for adoration mass at 7pm
Fri	12noon after mass adoration till 5pm
Sat CTK	adoration 9-11am
Sat CTK	11am & 5pm
Sun, CTK	9.30am & 11.30am
Sun, St Jo's	9.30am
Sun St Agnes	4pm

Toilets: there will limited access to a single toilet in each church as the toilet will have to be cleaned after each use. The kitchens will not be open or refreshments given until notified otherwise.

Mass Intentions:

15th Aug Sat 5pm - Valeria

16th Aug 9.30 - The people of the parish

16th Aug 11.30 - Valentina Bhatia (6th birthday)

Gift Aid Envelopes at CTK: David Cockett will be handing these out to the individuals that use them rather than leaving them at the back of the church.

The Friday Zoom parish prayer meeting is taking a summer break and will be back at the beginning of September.

We pray for: John Connolly, Chris Gimmons, Don Wilkins, Mary Bateman, Thelma Kemp, Stuart McCarthy, Helena Sagnelia, Pauline Sollis, Frankie Farrell, Daisy Kelly, Sue & Mick O'Driscoll, Eddie Burke, Rene Cook, Gill Cooke, Jan Blake, Sandra McMeekin, David Dwyer, Eileen Kehoe, Diana Smith, Pat Raper, Colleen Stock, Sr Mary Keiley, Charles El Mawas, Jane Hollands, Kirina Blaty, & Moira Morrison.

For the deceased - who have died recently: Sheila Douds, Peter Sollis and Sidonia Camacho and for all our deceased relatives & friends.

Readings at Mass

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son, body and soul into heavenly glory, grant, we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns

with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6, 10

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 44(45):10-12, 16

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

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:

forget your own people and your father's house.

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

So will the king desire your beauty: He is your lord, pay homage to him. They are escorted amid gladness and joy;

they pass within the palace of the king.

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

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-26

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary has been taken up to heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' And Mary said: '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.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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