



16TH AUGUST
2009

FEAST OF THE
ASSUMPTION
OF OUR LADY



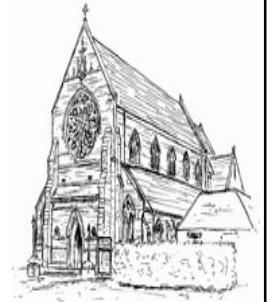
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ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

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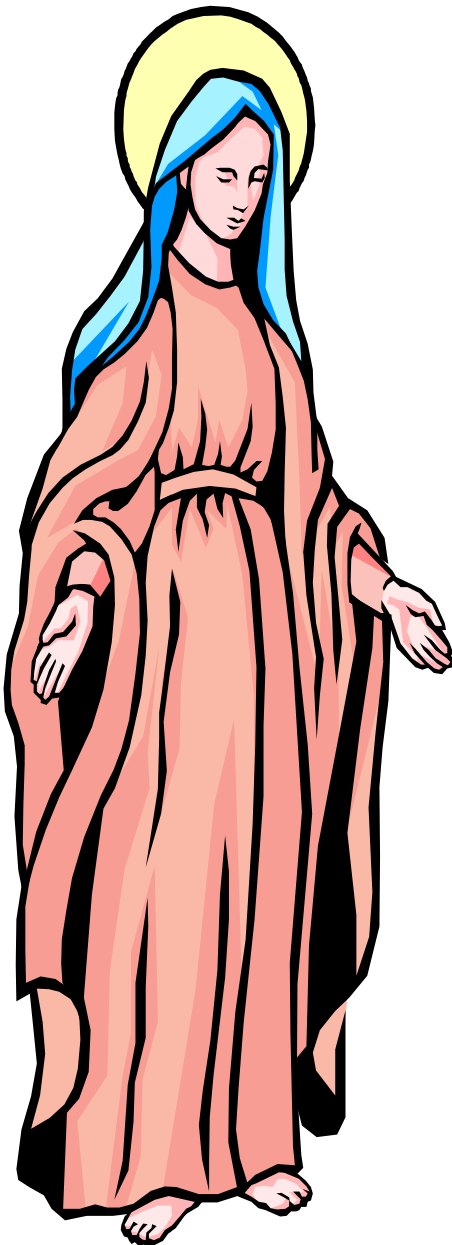


SOUTHAMPTON CENTRAL AND WEST PASTORAL AREA
ALSO INCLUDES ST. BONIFACE, ST. VINCENT DE PAUL & HOLY FAMILY



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Fr. Gerry writes:



The solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrates our hope for salvation. This belief that our Blessed Mother was assumed body and soul into heaven has been in the hearts of the faithful since the 5th Century. It was not until November 1st, 1950, that Pope Pius XII promulgated this feast as DOCTRINE of the whole Catholic Church. Since then it has been an article of faith — a divine revelation!

In this feast, we, the spiritual children of the Blessed Mother, celebrate the fulfilment of our Christian destiny. It gives us the assurance of reaching our heavenly home prepared for us and the angels by God Himself even before the foundation of the world. Mary, one of us, who is our mother, daughter and sister, is now in heaven and her life is a challenge to us. She is there in heaven in a remarkable 'STYLE'. Her body was taken directly from an earthly state into a heavenly state without passing through decay. This was a divine privilege!

It is very uplifting for us. It means it is possible for us to go to heaven if we co-operate with God's grace. Let us be inspired by this hope and enthusiasm that where she is, one day we shall be there with her in the presence of God the Father. Let us be encouraged because she is a source of help to us who are still pilgrims struggling to achieve the VICTORY that she now enjoys in heaven.

TODAY - SUNDAY 16th AUGUST

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

SECOND COLLECTION: Catholic Care

WELCOME to Fr. Jack Padua presiding at 10am Mass.

WELCOME RITES Sunday 9am Mass



BAPTISMS—We welcome into our faith community Oliver Sowa, son of Marcin and Patrycja and Julia Sowa, daughter of Yaroslaw and Karolina who are to be baptised at 12.30pm in St. Edmund's Church.

NEXT WEEKEND

MISSIONARY APPEAL

The Missionary Society of St. Paul of Nigeria MSP have been given the opportunity to engage in a Mission Awareness / Appeal across the parish in support of the Missionary Society's work. This Mission Appeal will be conducted by a visiting MSP Priest on 22nd/23rd August. The retiring collection for this weekend goes for the Missionary work of the Missionary Society. May God bless and reward your anticipated generosity. Fr. Gerry Onyejuluwa MSP, who has been working in this parish since September 2008 is a member of that Missionary Society.

NEXT WEEK

WEDDING BELLS:



Stephen McGillion & Joanna Wright to be married with Nuptial Mass on Fri. 21st Aug. at 1.00pm in St. Edmund's Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.

GENERAL ITEMS

SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR—are coming to the Mayflower Theatre Sun. 13th September 7.30pm. Ticket prices from £18—£24. To book Tel. 8071 1811 or on-line: mayflower.org.uk. See Notice Board.

GIFT AID: do you need information on your Gift Aid contributions to complete your tax return for the Tax Year April 2008-09? Contact the parish office.

MONGU—St. Joseph's 10am Mass coffee collection totalled £177.00.

CATHOLIC SINGLES helps single, widowed, separated, divorced Catholics of all ages (over 18) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. All members receive a monthly bulletin, called Catholic Networking. For more info. Tel. 016 1941 3498, www.catholic singles.org.uk or e-mail: info@catholic singles.org.uk.

STUDIO APARTMENT: to let at 48 Bugle Street on 1st Sep. £435 pcm. Tel. Nigel Guppy of Martin & Co. 084 5372 3422.

PLEASE PRAY FOR a little girl, Faith (15 months), who is seriously ill with brain cancer and any other parishioners who are sick or recovering. Please let parish office know if you would like to add someone to the list.

VISIT OF RELICS OF ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX: 16th Sep. 2009, St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

NO MORE SOUP—The soup run is closing at St. James Homelessness due to restructuring.

PARISH GET TOGETHER Sun. 20th Sep. 12pm—4pm at Springhill School.



CELEBRATE WEEKEND 2009: At St Mary's College, 26-27 September. Celebrate is a family conference organised by a team from Catholic Charismatic Renewal and is open to all. Full details and booking forms can be found at www.celebrateconference.org (click on the Southampton page) or see poster in porch. Early booking is advised. Contact Lynda and Peter Szymanski on Tel. 023 8029 2058 or e-mail southampton@celebrateconference.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 9th AUGUST 2009

VIGIL 15 AUG	OUR LADY ON SAT- URDAY	6.15PM 7.00PM	SJ SE	PAUL DORAN RIP ANNIVERSARY (JB) MASS IN POLISH
16 AUG	THE AS- SUMPTION OF OUR LADY	9.00AM 10.00AM 11.00AM 7.00PM	SE SJ SE SE	JOHN & MARY MOONEY (CM) AGNES & RAMIRO RIP (CASSAR FAMILY) RICHARDSON FAMILY INTENTIONS (RC) ANEENZA AMER SPECIAL INTENTION (AA)
18 AUG	20TH WEEK OF O.T.	10.00AM	SE	DOROTHY BRENNAN RIP (EB)
19 AUG	20TH WEEK OF O.T.	7.00PM	SE	MRS. KELLEHER RIP (BD)
20 AUG	ST. BER- NARD	12.15PM	SJ	EMMA DENNEHY'S INTENTIONS (BD)
21 AUG	ST. PIUS X	7.00PM	SE	SPAMPINATO CHARLES (CASSAR FAMILY)
22 AUG	THE QUEEN- SHIP OF MARY	11.00AM 6.15PM 7.00PM	SE SJ SE	PETER EDWARDS RIP (F) SPECIAL INTENTION—DMYTRO KINDY (DK) MASS IN POLISH
23 AUG	21ST SUN- DAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.00AM 10.00AM 11.00AM 7.00PM	SE SJ SE SE	PAUL ARCHER RIP (GC&HP) SPECIAL INTENTION—ANEENZA AMER (AA) HILDA FONSECA RIP (RC) PETER SMITH RIP (ES)

THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY (YEAR B)

Psalm Response

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST 21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

First reading: Isaiah 36:18-21
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Gospel Reading: Luke 13:22-30

1ST COLLECTION 9/8/09 Total = £2372;
Cash = £773, S/O = £1,230, Gift Aid Rebate £369