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## The Assumption of Blessed Mary: (Year B) 15th August 2021

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St Teresa's church is monitored by CCTV cameras 24 hours a day. Live streaming of all services takes place at St Teresa's and can be viewed at www.churchservices.tv/borehamwood or through the link on our website

FIRE SAFETY NOTICE: If anyone has difficulty in hearing, walking or anything else that may slow down safe exit in the event of a fire, please let us know before the service starts, so that we can arrange for assistance for you.

Saturday 14th August Vigil: The Assumption 6pm Felix Costa (Int) Sunday 15th August The Assumption of the 8.30am Antony John Pinto RIP (Ann) Blessed Virgin Mary 10am Mary Connaughton RIP Monday 16th August 9.15am Feria Rozy D'Souza RIP Tuesday 17th August Feria 9.15am Roy & Norma Coles (Int) Wednesday 18th August No Mass Thursday 19th August Feria 9.15am PJ McCarthy RIP (Ann) Friday 20th August St Bernard 9.15am Pinto & Clarence family deceased RIP Saturday 21st August Vigil: 21st Sunday 6pm Zenaida Macayan RIP (Ann) Intentions are now booked until 2022- allow plenty of time if you want a special date Confessions 5pm-5.40pm Saturdays in the Lady Chapel at St Teresa's - no booking necessary

Liturgy of the Word: 15th August 2021

**Entrance Antiphon:** A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon

beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

**Responsorial Psalm:** 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!

**Next week:** Joshua 24:-2,15-18, Psalm 33:2-3,16-23 resp v9, Ephesians 5:21-32, John 6:60-69

Fr. John writes: On 1st November 1950, Pope Pius XII proclaimed "for the joy and exultation of the entire Church;" that it was a divinely revealed truth that the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. But the belief in Our Lady's Assumption has been evident in the Church from very early times. Whilst attending the Council of Chalcedon in 451, the Patriarch of Jerusalem received a request from the Roman Emperor to be given relics of Our Lady to be reserved in a Church built in her honour. The Patriarch advised that that would not be possible, since it was settled tradition in the East that three days after her death, Mary's tomb was found to be empty by the apostles. The circumstances of Mary's death are not recorded in Scripture, but from the earliest times the Church has interpreted the vision of St John at Patmos, recorded in the book of the Apocalypse, as a description of the glory of the mother of God in heaven. St John sees the very sanctuary of God in heaven opened and can see the ark of the Covenant. For the Jewish people, the ark was the very presence of God amongst them, it was carried with them when they were in the wilderness, borne before them in battle and once the Temple was built, the Ark, made of wood which would not decay, was placed in the Holy of Holies in the Temple. Mary becomes the chosen vessel to carry the glory of the presence of God which was Jesus, she is the ark of the new covenant and her obedience to the will of God becomes the perfect example for us. The only human to be without sin, the new Eve prepares the way for us to be united with God and imitates her beloved Son's resurrection by being assumed into heaven.

The Mother of God has taken her place in heaven and intercedes for us. She will always protect us and guide us on our own journey to share, with her, eternal joy with Christ.

The Financials....

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106

Last week's Offertory

Envelopes £ 445.00

Loose Plate £ 136.45

Contactless donations £ 161

Virgin Money Donations via website £ 50

Total weekly income for this week £ 792.45



LOTS OF NEW YEAR OFFERTORY ENVELOPES STILL TO BE COLLECTED PLEASE! Please ask a Steward for yours or call in at the Parish Office. For GDPR reasons, we are not allowed to leave these out in the church.

Why not change the way you donate? Ever thought about donating regularly by way of a standing order? You won't need that Sunday scrabble for cash for the plate or for the fiddly envelopes and once set up you can forget about it! All you need to do is fill in a form, return it to us & let us do the rest. Having less cash in the church is much safer for us all. Contact us if you would like to make the change!! Of course we have our new contactless machine at St Teresa's but - you have to be here in person! Don't forget to use our Virgin Money Giving, which can be accessed via their site or by clicking on the button on our website. Look at the "About us" page on the website & you will see



Dates for your diary - Oh yes! Blow off the cobwebs from the calendar that you bought in a burst of optimism last year, we are arranging events again ( & saying a lot of prayers!)

Saturday 2nd October: The return of the Russian Choir. Sunday 3rd October: Our International Lunch returns. Saturday 9th October: 2pm Service for the blessing of pets

Tuesday 2nd November: 7.30pm Mass of Remembrance for all those Parishioners who have died over the past 2 years, especially those during lockdown for whom we could not have a proper memorial at the time.

Sunday 7th November: Blessing of the Graves at Allum Lane



APF Red Boxes are back! - To all our red box holders in both churches, please bring your boxes to St Teresa's during July & August. If you

leave them in the sacristy, they will be emptied & ready for collection from the same spot the following week. If you are now contributing by direct debit and no longer want the box. Please put a note on it The APF Misso booklet will be attached to the emptied box and contains details on the back page of how to give by DDR

**Protecting your privacy:** Any personal details that you provide to this parish,



(name, address, email, telephone number etc.) will be held on file & stored on the parish computer securely. If applicable, your details will also be entered into the appropriate Sacramental Register. For Volunteers groups, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers etc., your details will be shared with other group members in this parish to enable you to arrange cover etc. If you do not wish your details to be shared, please let the Parish Office know You can read our full privacy policy on rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy



A big thank you to **Mgr Harry Turner** who is helping us out when Fr Dominic is at Camp Unity or covering for Carpenders Park whilst Fr John is on holiday.

BAPTISMS: .We welcome, Kaia, Oscar & Tommy who are all being baptised here this weekend. Our baptisms take place on a Saturday afternoon. If you would like your child to be baptised, please complete the registration form over the website & Sue will get in touch once she receives it. You will need to take a short online preparation course as we are currently not running any classes.



First Holy Communion & Confirmation Programmes for 2021-2022 - registrations live on the website now!! We hope to start these pro-

grammes in the autumn through until May 2022 when we are aiming to have the services. As ever, things may change but please get your child registered so that we can include you in any correspondence from the start. Go to "Sacraments" tab on the website and then scroll down to the one you want - then complete the online form, submit it, & it will make its way to us.





Fit, Fed and Read is a free high-quality holiday activity programme, for children aged 8-11, who are eligible for free school meals. More details and the booking form can be found on

the following link: https://bit.ly/3exK9pk

HAPpy – Hertfordshire's Holiday Activity
Programme - is offering a wide range of
free opportunities this summer for 5-16
year olds, eligible for free school meals.
More info can be found on the following
link https://sportinherts.org.uk/happy/booking/



