



Although it is not mentioned in scripture, the Assumption of Mary has been a solidly held belief of our faith since apostolic times. It has been celebrated liturgically since the 6th century AD.

The Assumption of Mary was declared a dogma (a divinely revealed truth) of the Catholic Church by Pope Pius XII in 1950 when he proclaimed, in a document entitled *Munificentissimus Deus*, "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven."

Catholics worldwide meditate on the Assumption of Mary when praying the glorious mysteries of the Rosary, and on its feast day, August 15th. This prayer below can help put you in a fitting frame of mind when reflecting on this wondrous event:

**Almighty and eternal God, who hast taken up into the glory of Heaven, with body and soul, the immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of thy son: grant us, we pray, that we may always strive after heavenly things and thus merit to share in her glory. Amen.**

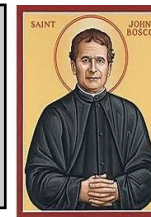
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**Stay with us, Lord, on our journey.**

## AUGUST 16TH 2026 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY YEAR A

### LITURGY THIS WEEK

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| Monday 17th    | No Service in Church |                          |              |
| Tuesday 18th   | 9.30am               | Weekday Mass             | John Bosco   |
| Wednesday 19th | 9.30am               | Mass                     | John Bosco   |
| Thursday 20th  | 9.30am               | Weekday Mass             | Mount Carmel |
| Friday 21st    | 9.30am               | Weekday Mass             | Mount Carmel |
| Saturday 22nd  | 5.30-6.15pm          | Confessions & Exposition | Mount Carmel |
|                | 6.30pm               | VIGIL MASS               | Mount Carmel |
| Sunday 23rd    | 8.45-9.15am          | Confessions & Exposition | John Bosco   |
|                | 9.30am               | MASS                     | John Bosco   |
|                | 11.30am              | MASS                     | Mount Carmel |

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Fr. Clement who celebrated his birthday on 15th August.. We thank him for all he does for our parish and for his care, guidance and support. May God bless him with good health, happiness and many more years of faithful service.

**WELCOME** Next weekend we welcome Fr Samuel Alabi (MSP) will be coming to make the Mission Appeal at all Masses 22/23rd August. The MSP is a religious congregation working in different parts of the world, committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and the salvific work of God the Father in the Holy Spirit. The MSP warmly invites you to support their mission appeal. There will be a collection at the end of all Masses 22/23rd August. Please be generous if you can.

**PARISH SOCIAL** Join us for a fantastic evening of music and fun Saturday 5th September Cliff Richard Tribute featuring Jimmy Jermaine. Doors open at 7.30 £10 tickets (or pay on the door). Licensed bar (cash only). Come along, bring your friends and enjoy an evening of great entertainment, dancing and good company.

**DEEPEN YOUR FAITH MEETING** You are warmly invited to join us to reflect on our faith, and grow closer to God. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 19th August at 7pm in St. John Bosco Church.

**LAMPS** At Mount Carmel & St. John Bosco this week the Sanctuary Lamps & Our Lady's Lamps burn for Ann Bedford.

**A LEVEL AND GCSE RESULTS** We would like to congratulate all our young parishioners who have received or about to receive their results. We are proud of all your hard work, commitment and achievements. May God bless you as you take the next step in your journey, whether continuing your studies, starting an apprenticeship or going to university or beginning employment.

**ST. JOSEPH'S R.C.CEMETERY BANK HOLIDAY MASS** A Mass to remember loved ones who have died will take place on Monday 31st August at 11am at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Moston, weather permitting. If raining it will take place in St. Dunstan's Church.

**SAVE THE DATE** Sunday 6th September 2pm –4pm. The Youth are organising a 'Sports Event' in the Parish Hall. More details to follow.

**SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**-If you know any parishioners who are unable to attend Mass and they would like to receive Holy Communion, please email the parish office: [mcarmeljbosco@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mcarmeljbosco@hotmail.co.uk) including name, address, contact details and a priest or Eucharistic Minister will visit as soon as they are available.

**WELCOME EVERYONE** to Mass especially if you are visiting us for the first time. Introduce yourself to the priest or a member of the Welcome Team. Please take a Newsletter and join in any of the activities.

**SAFEGUARDING** All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult when going to the toilet. Thank you.

**HOPE IN THE FUTURE CYCLE OF PRAYER** This week we pray for the parish of St. Mary and St. Philip Neri, Radcliffe and for Fr. Brady their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school.

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST** For Evangelisation in the city. Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

**JOIN THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION** Whether you are a doctor, nurse, student or allied professional-if you are a Catholic in healthcare, join us to grow in fellowship, prayer and formation together. For more information and upcoming events, visit:

<https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk>

**A TALK ON THE CHARACTERISTICS OF FRANCISCAN PRAYER** Sr Joan Kerley FMSJ will be giving an online talk on the Characteristics of Franciscan Prayer on Thursday 17th September from 7pm. Please visit the diocesan website to register your place: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/talk-on-franciscan-prayer/>

### **MASSES & PRAYERS RECEIVED**

**LATELY DEAD** Edith North, Ann Bedford, Richard Ryan, Pat Woodruff, Ray Frost

**BIRTHDAY MEMORIES** Greg Skorzewski, Patrick Henshaw  
**ANNIVERSARY** Dorothy Cartwright, June Williams, Mary Pearson, Evelyn Graham, Joan Doherty, Jack Knowles

**SICK** Jim Sharples, Elaine Hill, Pat Ryan, Gary Webb, Laurie Edwards, Sharafat Ali, Germaine Priestley, Ada Lee, Anne McCullagh, Paul Yates (Australia), Jennifer McFadden, Pauline Millington, Jean Walsh, Susan Fox, Lesley Carter, Becky Jenner, Angela Morris, Elaine Turnbull, Dylen Birkbeck, Regina McCahill, Charlie Twist, Roy Glover, Kerry Tierney, Dianne Garner, Angela McNally, Agnes Lewis, Christine Clare, Anne Massey, Anthony Royle, Isabel Dean, Rosemary Guilfoyle, Wendy Kwiokowski, Patricia Mason, Corrine Henshaw, Angela O'Connor, Denise Hallows, Lauren Hallows, Orlando Carvalho, Laurie Coates, Brian Leckey, George Leckey, Cairan Kelly, Catherine Brennan, Pam Lawrence, Mary Hastings, Coby, David Knott, Pauline Roberts, Brian Melia, Sr. Angela Linnane, Keeley McPhail, Anthony Smith, Maureen Exton, Beverley Kirby, Brenda Kinghorn, Simon Heans, Kevin Fox, Carol Greaves, Pam Tyler, Helen Burns, Luke Anike, Carol Graham, Keith D, Niamh Silver, Gabi Hesk, Andy McDougal, John Cosgrove, Grace Davids, Bretton Pierce, Bill Melia, Mary Booth, Paula Robinson, Tommy Kirby

**OTHER** Birthday Wishes to Adrian Ikem Okeke, Special Intention for Fr. Ben Griffiths of St. Joseph's Harrogate, Special Intention for the Manning and Henshaw Families, R.I.P.