



THE SOLEMNITY OF ASSUMPTION OF MARY

15TH AUGUST – 21ST AUGUST, 2021

NEWSLETTER

# SACRED HEART

Year B • 20th Sunday • Ferial cycle 1  
Psalter Week 2

## THE WOMAN & THE DRAGON



The Catholic World celebrates the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary annually on 15th August. The word assumption comes from the Latin word *assumere*, which means to take to (one) self, and the Webster Dictionary cites an example of the use of the word in the case of assuming a new position. Therefore the assumption could be interpreted as an action of God changing the position of Mary from the world to heaven, in other words taking Mary home to himself.

The belief that God took Mary to himself after her life here on earth is based on the fact that even though she died like any other creature, there is no historical record or place where she was buried. Although the Bible does not explicitly mention the assumption of Mary, there are scriptural records about God taking up holy people, body and soul to heaven. Among those mysteriously taken to heaven are the Old Testament Enoch (Genesis 5:24) and the prophet Elijah (2 Kings, 2:1, 11). Having been convinced about the truth of Mary's assumption, Pope Pius XII, moved by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit formally defined the dogma of the assumption in 1950 to make it a statement of faith.

## READINGS

### FIRST READING

**APOCALYPSE 11:19,12:1-6,10**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**PSALM 44(45):10-12,16**

### SECOND READING

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-26**

### GOSPEL

**LUKE 1:39-56**

## REFLECTION

"St. Alphonsus de Liguori is one among the saints who writes that Mary died for sheer longing and love of the Saviour. Below is a quotation from his seventh discourse, "The Assumption of Mary":

"And now death came; not indeed clothed in mourning and grief, as it does to others, but adorned with light and gladness. thus, did she enter into the glory of the blessed, where she is now seated, and will be seated, Queen of Paradise, for all eternity."

*Glories, p. 420"*



# SACRED HEART OF JESUS — CAMBERWELL

Archdiocese of Southwark  
Twentieth Sunday in ordinary time - Year B

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## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY MASSES

6:00pm (Sat)  
10:00am 12:00 Noon \* 6:00pm  
\* with Children's Liturgy  
3:00pm (KCH chapel)

### CONFESSION:

Sat: 10.30am - 10.45am  
5.00pm - 5.45pm  
Eucharistic Adoration:  
Sunday 4:30 - 5:30pm  
Friday 7:30 - 8:30pm

### MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday 8:45am  
Saturday 9:45am

### ROSARY

After weekday Masses

### PRAYER GROUPS

#### Sacred Heart Association:

Friday: 6.00pm  
1st Friday 7:30pm

#### Our Lady & Divine Mercy:

Thursday 5:30 pm

#### Legion of Mary Seniors:

Thursday 7.00pm

#### Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Saturday 7pm

#### St. John Bosco Junior Altar Servers

Tuesdays 5.30pm

#### Adult Altar Servers

Sunday after 11.30am Mass

### SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST

6.00PM

10.00AM

12.NOON

6.00 PM

### THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SYLVIA & ASHLEY BASTIAN PRAYING FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THEIR LOVED ONES.

MR & MRS JAMES OGUNLEY - FOR GOD'S MERCIES AND PROTECTION.

MADAM YAA KESEWAH BENN RIP-2YRS REMEMBRANC., EMMANUEL MGBA & DAVID MGBA—1ST HOLY COMMUNION THANKSGIVING., CLAIRE OLANREWAJU—B'DAY THANKSGIVING, GOOD HEALTH, GOD'S GRACE & BLESSING., DESIREE & FAMILY—THANKING GOD FOR HIS GRACES & BLESSING.

QUICK RECOVERY OF FRANCIS ANGOL., GERMAINE & FAMILY—SPECIAL INTENTION.

### MONDAY 16TH AUGUST

9.00 AM  
7.00PM

### FERIA

JANET—SPEEDY RECOVERY.  
ELIZABETH LEWALEY-TAYLOR—B'DAY THANKS.

### TUESDAY 17TH AUGUST

9.00AM  
7.00PM

### FERIA

MARY GUINEA F.M., BASIL PEIRERA RIP.

### WEDNESDAY 18TH AUGUST

9.00AM  
7.00PM

### FERIA

PHILO JARIKYE—B'DAY THANKS.

### THURSDAY 19TH AUGUST

9.00AM  
7.00PM

### FERIA

### FRIDAY 20TH AUGUST

9.00AM  
7.00PM

### SAINT BERNARD , ABBOT AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

### SATURDAY 21ST AUGUST

10.00 AM  
6.00PM

### SAINT PIUS X, POPE, MEMORIAL.

PHILO JARIKYE—B'DAY THANKSGIVING., EMILIO APOLONIO (RIP) ANN.

## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Parish community of Sacred Heart, Camberwell celebrates the presence of Christ in our lives. Central and true to our name, we celebrate, we stand, and we dedicate our lives, witnessing to the unfailing love and friendship of God, through His beloved Son, in whose Heart of love we find daily strength for our journey. We are a catholic community, diverse and multicultural. Everyone has a voice and everyone is welcome.

We strive to make visible, God's love and care for the world in word, sacrament, and service to all. Nourished by the sacraments and in our diversity, we strive to create a supportive parish family that fosters communication. We use our talents as responsible stewards-accountable to God, to our neighbour, to our community and to the world at large.

Rev Fr Victor Darlington .

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON****PSALM 53: 6, 8**

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.

**FIRST READINGS****APOCALYPSE 11:19,12:1-6,10**

‘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 - *Thanks be to God*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM****PSALM 44(45):10-12,16**

*R. 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. *R.*

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. *R.*

**SECOND READING****1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-26**

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 destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Mary has been taken up to heaven;  
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!  
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 Gospel of the Lord - *Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May this oblation, our tribute of homage,  
rise up to you, O Lord,  
and, through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,  
whom you assumed into heaven,  
may our hearts, aflame with the fire of love,  
constantly long for you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Luke 1: 48-49

All generations will call me blessed,  
for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Having received the Sacrament of salvation,  
we ask you to grant, O Lord,  
that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
whom you assumed into heaven,  
we may be brought to the glory of the resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## **PARISH FINANCE: WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Donations can be paid into the Parish Account:  
**Sacred Heart Church Camberwell.**  
**Sort Code:** 60-50-01  
**Account Number:** 79102409

## **PARISH FINANCE COLLECTION**

**First collection** amounted to £382.68  
**Gift Aid** amounted to not including standing orders  
£ 339.50

## **GIFT AID & OFFERING**

We have the Offering and Gift Aid boxes at the entrance and exit doors for our offering. Thank you for your generosity.

## **FROM THE FINANCE DESK**

We can now register our gift aid envelope online by picking a form from the parish website. After the details are entered, kindly email to:

camberwellfinance@rcaos.org.uk

## **GIFT AID USERS**

Please all gift aid users are kindly encouraged to pick up their envelopes at the exit door of the church with your names & numbers indicated on the envelopes.

## **GIFT AID ENVELOPES**

Gift aid envelopes for one off donations: we have now gift aid envelopes for anyone wishing to make a one off donation to the church. Please speak to any priest or pick up one from the sacristy.

## **SECOND COLLECTION**

OUR SECOND COLLECTION FOR TODAY IS FOR PARISH NEEDS

## **GCSE and A Level Results.**

Congratulations to all our young people who have received their results, particularly our children from Sacred Heart School, we wish you all the very best for the future.

## **INFANT BAPTISM**

Infant Baptism is ongoing. Kindly see any of the priest after Mass to discuss when you want your child baptised.

## **MASS BOOKINGS**

We have spaces available for the weekday Masses. Kindly call or text any of the priests to book a Mass.

## **ONE BEDROOM FLAT**

A PARISHIONER IS LOOKING FOR A ONE BEDROOM FLAT PLEASE SPEAK TO ANY OF THE PRIESTS IF YOU CAN HELP.

## **Legion of Mary—Junior praesidium**

The junior praesidium of the Legion of Mary is will be held every Thursday at our Lady's chapel from



## **SUNDAY 5 PM ADORATION**

We are reminded that Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Sunday at 5pm to 6pm followed by Mass.

## **MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE, OCTOBER 9TH AT ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL.**

If you are celebrating your 1st / 10th/ 25th/ 40th/ 50th/ 60th + wedding anniversary this year, please apply as soon as possible. Get in touch with us at [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk) so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop. Please let us have the location of your parish in the title of your email, e.g. Clapham, Beckenham. Spaces are limited. We need your names in the format John and Mary Smith. Your home address. The anniversary you are celebrating (2020 anniversaries are welcome!)

## **Marriage and Family Life South East**

## **FOOD BANK**

The food bank team is appealing for generous food donations for the Parish Food bank. Containers are located at each entrance of the church. Please be aware that we can only accept non-perishable items within their expiry date. Thank you all.

## **Archbishop's Certificate**

The Archbishop's Certificate is an online course for all in the Diocese who proclaim their faith to others: as evangelisers, catechists or adult formators. It is a course for all wishing to know their Catholic faith more deeply no matter their stage in life.

The course will commence in October 2021 and the cost will be £ 365 per year. Registration must be completed in advance. Further details can be found here;

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

## **Appeal for Uniform for an Orphanage School**

If anyone would like to donate towards this noble cause please speak to the priest.

## NOTICES OF THE WEEK

### LIVING WITH COVID:

Even though strict Covid 19 rules have been relaxed by the government. As a parish we shall continue to proceed with caution and take personal responsibility to protect ourselves and others around us.

The full choir singing can begin in the gallery.

Bidding prayers will begin from this weekend.

Everyone will be expected to wear a mask in church except those exempted on health grounds.

At the time the priests alone will still be at the sanctuary - without the altar servers .

We shall resume giving Communion at the usual time during the mass followed by notices and final blessing .

Stewards are now only needed to ensure people sanitise their hands on entering the church and when leaving - with no more instructions to direct you to your seats, but they will direct you for communion at the 10AM and 12 noon Masses. Please use your discretion to sit safely and receive communion in the same way.

Stewards will continue to clean the pews after every service or church gathering

We shall continue to bless holy water for individual use only as we still cannot leave holy water in the stumps for public use yet.

The chalice is still not allowed for communicants at this time .

We shall continue to review our parish situation and adapt appropriately. Meanwhile if you feel sick or has come in contact with anyone who tested positive - please quarantine at home and follow government instructions by taking a PCR test.

Also, social gathering and meetings will now be permitted in our church halls, but with great caution and strict hygiene standards.

Any group using the hall are encourage to wear face mask. Members should sanitise on entering and leaving the hall, and the priest should be notified of the duration of the meeting.

Most importantly each group should appoint stewards who will sanitise and ensure the hall is tidied up after each gathering.

For our collective safety, and due to poor ventilation of our parish hall, we shall not be holding parish parties at this time.

The one way entrance and exits door is no longer necessary at this time. Parishioners are now welcome to use both entrances.

May God continue to keep us safe as we adapt to living with Covid. Amen.

### Summer Placement:

Seminarian on placement: Mark Wharton a seminarian of the Archdiocese of Southwark has been signed to Camberwell from September 1st until when he will be called forward for Diaconate ordination.

In his own words he said “ I'm very happy to be coming to serve at Camberwell. I'm 30, have just finished my formation at Allen Hall. I converted to the faith after reading some of the writings of Pope John Paul II and realising that Jesus was present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love meeting people, cooking and American crime drama. My greatest passion is helping people to meet Jesus and to discover the beautiful things that he has in store for them. I am really looking forward to meeting you all and to sharing in your life in Sacred Heart. We all look forward to welcoming Mark to our parish and assure him of our prayers on his journey to the priesthood

### Sacred Heart Catholic Church “Tap to Donate”

#### Online

From **Sunday 25th August**, the parish will join a number of other parishes in the Archdiocese to introduce a contactless method of donation. This will not replace the tradition offertory cash or envelope collection but will be another option to make donations or collections easier for parishioners and visitors in our increasingly Covid secure cashless society.

From your home, by visiting the parish website and clicking on the Giving button you can make donations to the parish. Such donations may be for • the general parish funds (the same as the first collection at Mass) • for a specific fundraising purpose in the parish • Mass offerings • Charitable/second collections (when they occur) You can also bring up the “Giving” page of the parish website on your smartphone by scanning the QR code. Thereafter, you can make online donations by this means.



### **Donation by Credit/debit card**

We can use our credit/debit cards in the contactless/ chip and pin terminals in church. Nowadays, we often don't carry cash with us when we go out, and many venues encourage cashless payments. With credit/debit cards, we can donate as we do online:



- the general parish funds (the same as the first collection at Mass)
- for a specific fundraising purpose in the parish
- Mass offerings
- Charitable/second collections (when they occur)

## PILGRIMAGE 2021

Our postponed pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni and Loreto of 2020 is now being advertised for October half term 2021.

After a long struggle with Covid we now hope October will be a safe time to have this pilgrimage in thanksgiving to God for His protection and in thanksgiving to our blessed Mother Mary for her maternal intercession throughout this difficult time.

Full Package Price: £899.00 inc flights with British Airways from London Heathrow. Single Rooms: £150 / Travel Insurance £39. 3 nights accommodation at Hotel close to St. Peter's Basilica, 2 nights in San Giovanni, 1 night at Loreto - all on half board basis. 1 x 1/2 day tour with coach and local guide in Rome - 1 x 1/2 day walking tour in San Giovanni and Loreto with local guide. Optional extras: Vatican Museum Tour £38. St Peter's Basilica Tour £18.

Full services of English-speaking courier for the duration of the tour. Tickets to Papal Audience included. PRICE BASED ON MIN 40 Paying Passengers. We would like an indication of who might be interested in joining this Pilgrimage.

Do register your interest with either Fr Darlington or Gill at Tangney Tours.

**Telephone:** 01732 886666

**Address:** 3 Station Court, Borough Green, Kent, TN15 8AF

## CONSULTATION AND FORM SIGNING

Since the presbytery and the parish office is not Covid-19 risk assessed, unfortunately face to face consultation and form signing with Fr. Victor is not permitted at this time. However, for those who wish to sign any forms or other documents, they are encouraged to fill in their parts and then drop off the form through our letter box addressed to me. Such forms will be ready for pick up by next day between 10am and 4pm.

For any other consultations please email [camberwell@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:camberwell@rcaos.org.uk) or call any of the priests directly or by text message, we shall respond to you promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.

## NHS TEST AND TRACE APP

For those who have registered with this app you don't need to write down your names as you enter the Church. The parish now have the QR code which you can scan as you enter the church. This is located at the entrance of the Church. For those without the App, please continue to sign in on the sheets provided for each Mass, for the safety of us all. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Do you have skills to offer as a Governor or Trustee in the Catholic schools in Southwark?**

The Education Commission for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark ([rcaoseducation.org.uk](http://rcaoseducation.org.uk)) is looking to build up its list of people able to offer time, expertise and commitment to support primary, secondary schools and sixth form colleges in Southwark.

The Diocese needs local people from its parishes to volunteer as foundation governors in Catholic maintained schools and academies. It also needs people to become trustees/directors in their multi-academy trusts.

Could you spare a few hours a month?

These are fulfilling roles though not without challenges. Governors and trustees work together as a team to ensure a good standard of education is being achieved. Being a governor or a trustee is an opportunity to develop the skills you have, undertake service to the community and to improve the futures of children today.

You do not need to be a parent or work in the education sector. The Diocese welcomes interest from all sectors of society and across all ages. It is looking for people with finance and accounting, legal and HR, premises and health and safety experience. Induction, training and mentoring will be provided.

Some further information can be found here: [DBS-Role-of-Foundation-Governor.pdf](#) ([rcaoseducation.org.uk](http://rcaoseducation.org.uk))

If you would like to know more, please fill in the form below to register your interest. A member of the team will be in contact shortly to talk with you about the process. Suitable candidates will then receive a statement of support from their parish priest, provide 2 referees and undertake a DBS before allocation to a school.

Could you become a Governor? – Education Commission for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark ([rcaoseducation.org.uk](http://rcaoseducation.org.uk))

*Those interested please speak to any of the priests or to see exact details in the parish newsletter in the parish Whatsapp forum or on the parish website*