



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST. KENELM

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LITURGY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 16th AUGUST 2020 The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass Times in Church this week

Sat 15th Aug	The ASSUMPTION	6.30pm
Sun 16th Aug	of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	10.00am
Mon 17th Aug	Feria	_____
Tues 18th Aug	Feria	10.00am
Wed 19th Aug	St. John Eudes P	_____
Thurs 20th Aug	St. Bernard Ab D	10.00am
Fri 21st Aug	Pope St. Pius X	_____
Sat 22nd Aug	The Queenship of MARY	6.30pm

Message from Father Gerry

Dear Friends, I hope you are all well. Did you enjoy the heat this past week? I wish I could - I like the sun but it doesn't like me. I'd love to go brown but it'll never happen; I just turn tomato-red.

This weekend the Church celebrates the beautiful Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady into Heaven. Christians have honoured Mary on this Day as far back as the 4th Century AD, and given thanks to God that, at the end of her life, Mary was assumed (taken) body and soul into Heaven. It is only right and fitting that Mary, who by saying "Yes" to the Angel Gabriel, brought Jesus into our world, should be the first to receive the eternal life with God that Her Son won for us by dying on the cross. Today we pray that, helped by Mary's prayers, we may follow her example of generous faithfulness to God and, with her, enjoy one day the gift of the unending joy that Her Son wishes to bestow on each of us.



Mass this week will be celebrated at the following times:

Saturday 15th August: 6.30pm **Sunday 16th August: 10.00am**
Tuesday 18th August: 10.00am **Thursday 20th August: 10.00am**

The Obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still suspended. Our capacity in Our Lady & St Kenelm's remains at 33 persons. You will be welcome at Mass if you are fit and able to come. I can assure you that every effort is being made to ensure your safety and protection in the church, and I thank those that are working so hard to keep the church clean and virus free, but if you are uneasy about returning to church at this time or have symptoms of Coronavirus, you must stay at home. The virus has not gone away yet.
Stay safe.

Fr Gerry

MASS INTENTIONS to Parish Clergy please

Mass Intentions. If you require a Mass intention, speak to Father Gerry either personally at Mass or give him a call on the phone. He celebrates Mass every day.

What Should I do if I Can't go to Mass?

Follow Mass on-line: *<https://www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now/>
*<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-all-saints> or visit the Birmingham Archdiocese website to find other churches in the diocese to stream.

Making a Spiritual Communion

- * Make the sign of the cross
- * You could read the Gospel of the day
- * Then share prayer intentions
- * Say the Lord's Prayer
- * Make an act of spiritual communion
- * Close with the sign of the cross.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

A Prayer in Time of Danger and Illness

*God Our Father, each person is precious to You. You are the Giver of life. Have mercy on us and protect us at this time, as the Coronavirus threatens health and life. You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble. Watch over those who are suffering, give strength to those who are aiding the sick and give courage to all in this time of anxiety.
We ask this of you in the name of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen*

Envelope Offertory Giving

Weekly Offertory Envelopes are **now** available for collection in the narthex of the church.

John Conlan writesMaintenance work in church continues

We have carried on doing vital maintenance work (remember the roof leaks before lockdown) while the church has been closed even though the parish income has fallen dramatically in the absence of offertory collections. If anyone who has not been able to give would consider switching to bank standing order to help us during this time it would be enormously helpful. You will find a standing order form with instructions for completion on the "Your Offertory Giving" page on the parish website at <https://www.ourladyandstkenelm.org.uk/how-to-support-the-parish.html>

We are working hard to ensure that your church is in the best condition possible for the day when we all meet up again at Mass.

**Your Offertory giving is still vital.
Please consider a standing order.
Thank you for continuing to support your parish.**

LEBANON EMERGENCY APPEAL SOS ACN

LEBANON EMERGENCY APPEAL SOS AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED THIS IS AN EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR THE PEOPLE OF BEIRUT. Parishioners have been very generous supporters of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) in the past, usually through the Red Box retiring collections in the narthex ACN is providing help to 5,000 poor families worst affected by the blast which devastated the port area and a Christian district of the Lebanese capital. ACN reports thousands of young Christian volunteers are on the ground in Beirut delivering emerging help, as Lebanon reels from the explosion that ripped through the heart of the capital. As attendance in church is limited, individual contributions could be sent directly to ACN. Here is a link <https://acnuk.org/news/lebanon-young-ministers-of-mercy/>



Sound System in church

Pete Ash has made a start upgrading the sound system in Church and further work is planned in the week ahead as a loop system is being installed for use by parishioners with hearing aids. As a temporary measure, St Cecilia's statue has been relocated close to the choir area during rewiring work.

Please continue to pray for Father Bruce who is having tests & investigative work for his throat.

**Next Weekend Sat/Sun 22/23 August '20
21st SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**MASSES at usual weekend times
Saturday : 6.30 pm.
Sunday : 10.00 am.**