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**Saturday, 1st August 2020.**

## Deacon Shaun's Bulletin

**Saturday, 15th August 2020**

**Weekend email**

Dear Friends,

On the 75th anniversary of VJ Day - the day World War Two ended with Japan's surrender, we pause to remember all those who served in the war and gave their lives for our freedom.

This Sunday we have the joyous celebration of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (Some of you may be wondering why the Assumption is not today, it is because in England and Wales when the celebration falls on **either a Saturday or a Monday it is transferred to the Sunday.**)

Sunday Mass times are:

6pm Our Lady's (Sat)

9.30am Holy Family (Sun)

11.30am Our Lady's (Sun)

At 3pm on Sunday afternoon at Our Lady's we have Vespers and Red Mount devotions.

The readings for the The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the Mass during the day are:

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6,10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 1:39-56

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From the Sunday Missal:

*The Assumption reminds us that Mary's life, like that of every Christian, is a journey of following, following Jesus, a journey that has a very precise destination, a future already marked out: the definitive victory over sin and death and full communion with God, because as Paul says in his Letter to the Ephesians the Father "raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Eph 2:6). This means that with Baptism we have already fundamentally been raised and are seated in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, but we must physically attain what was previously begun and brought about in Baptism. In us, union with Christ's resurrection is incomplete, but for the virgin Mary, it is complete, despite the journey that Our Lady also had to make. She has entered into the fullness of union with God, and with her Son, she draws us onwards and accompanies us on our journey.*

(Pope Benedict XVI)

The second reading for the Office of Readings from the Divine Office for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a reading from the Apostolic Constitution of Pope Pius XII on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

*Your body is holy and glorious*

In their sermons and speeches on the feast day of the Assumption of the Mother of God, the holy fathers and the great doctors of the church were speaking of something that the faithful already knew and accepted: all they did was to bring it out into the open, to explain its meaning and substance in other terms. Above all, they made it most clear that this feast commemorated not merely the fact that the blessed Virgin Mary did not experience bodily decay, but also her triumph over death and her heavenly glory, following the example of her only Son, Jesus Christ.

Thus St John Damascene, who is the greatest exponent of this tradition, compares the bodily Assumption of the revered Mother of God with her other gifts and privileges: It was right that she who had kept her virginity unimpaired through the process of giving birth should have kept her body without decay through death. It was right that she who had given her Creator, as a child, a place at her breast should be given a place in the dwelling-place of her God. It was right that the bride espoused by the Father should dwell in the heavenly bridal chamber. It was right that she who had gazed on her Son on the cross, her heart pierced at that moment by the sword of sorrow that she had escaped at his birth, should now gaze on him seated with his Father. It was right that the Mother of God should possess what belongs to her Son and be honoured by every creature as God's Mother and handmaid.

St Germanus of Constantinople considered the preservation from decay of the body of the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary, and its elevation to heaven as being not only appropriate to her Motherhood but also to the peculiar sanctity of its virgin state: It is written, that you appear in beauty, and your virginal body is altogether holy, altogether chaste, altogether the dwelling-place of God; from which it follows that it is not in its nature to decay into dust, but that it is transformed, being human, into a glorious and incorruptible life, the same body, living and glorious, unharmed, sharing in perfect life.

Another very ancient author asserts: Being the most glorious Mother of Christ our saviour and our God, the giver of life and immortality, she is given life by him and shares bodily incorruptibility for all eternity with him who raised her from the grave and drew her up to him in a way that only he can understand.

All that the holy fathers say refers ultimately to Scripture as a foundation, which gives us the vivid image of the great Mother of God as being closely attached to her divine Son and always sharing his lot.

It is important to remember that from the second century onwards the holy fathers have been talking of the Virgin Mary as the new Eve for the new Adam: not equal to him, of course, but closely joined with him in the battle against the enemy, which ended in the triumph over sin and death that had been promised even in Paradise. The glorious resurrection of Christ is essential to this victory and its final prize, but the blessed Virgin's share in that fight must also have ended in the glorification of her body. For as the Apostle says: When this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the scripture will be fulfilled that says "Death is swallowed up in

victory”.

So then, the great Mother of God, so mysteriously united to Jesus Christ from all eternity by the same decree of predestination, immaculately conceived, an intact virgin throughout her divine motherhood, a noble associate of our Redeemer as he defeated sin and its consequences, received, as it were, the final crowning privilege of being preserved from the corruption of the grave and, following her Son in his victory over death, was brought, body and soul, to the highest glory of heaven, to shine as Queen at the right hand of that same Son, the immortal King of Ages.

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Details of the Live Streaming of Sunday Mass for you:

**From Our Lady’s, London Road, King’s Lynn**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8V030I7usRZiKoTlrwBAKg>

**11.30am tomorrow**

The YouTube link is <https://youtu.be/izkeBlvhDTY>

If anyone would like to like to learn how to work the live stream laptop and to use the camera remote control for changing the views during the 11.30am Sunday Mass and would feel confident in doing so please let me know. I am interested to see if there would be some volunteers that would be willing to assist. I am more than willing to spend time showing volunteers how it works and will also get around to writing step by step instructions.

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Also on Sunday 16th August 2020

**The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist at 11.00am**

<http://www.sjbcathedral.org.uk/>

The Youtube link is:

<https://youtu.be/ozaHLib25p8>

**Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady-Walsingham  
at 9.30am and 12.00 noon**

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

**Westminster Cathedral at 10.30am**

<https://www.churchservices.tv/westminster>

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Mass readings are daily uploaded on the parish website:

<http://www.catholicparish-kingslynn.org.uk/>

The parish newsletter for the week can also be found on the website.

Mass Times during this week are:

Monday 17th August- 12 Noon at Our Lady’s

Tuesday 18th August -4.30pm at QEH for Patients and Staff only

Wednesday 19th August -12 Noon at Our Lady’s

Thursday 20th August -9.30am at Holy Family

Friday 21st August -12 Noon at Our Lady's

Saturday 22nd August -10am at Holy Family

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### **Words for an act of spiritual communion.**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

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This week is the 20th week of the Year and Psalter Week 4 for the Divine Office.

Thursday 20th is the **Memorial of St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church**

#### ***St Bernard of Clairvaux (1090 - 1153)***

He was born near Dijon, in France, in 1090, of a noble family. In 1112 he joined the new monastery at Cîteaux. This had been founded fourteen years before, in a bid to reject the laxity and riches of the Benedictine Order (as exemplified by great monasteries such as Cluny) and to return to a primitive poverty and austerity of life.

Bernard arrived at Cîteaux with four of his five brothers and two dozen friends. Within three years he had been sent out to found a new monastery at Clairvaux, in Champagne, where he remained abbot for the rest of his life. By the time of his death, the Cistercian Order had grown from one house to 343, of which 68 were daughter houses of Clairvaux itself.

Bernard was a man of great holiness and wisdom, and although he was often in very poor health, he was active in many of the great public debates of the time. He strongly opposed the luxurious lives of some of the clergy, and fought against the persecution of the Jews. He was also a prolific writer, of an inspiring rather than a technical kind.

The Church is always suffering from corruption and always being renewed. If St Bernard, so often ill, could take a leading part in this renewal, what excuse do we have?

(Source: <https://universalis.com/20200820/today.htm>)

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Friday 21st is the **Memorial of St Pius X, Pope**

He was born in the village of Riese, near Venice, one of ten children of a very poor family. He was ordained to the priesthood at the age of 23. He was successively bishop of Mantua and of Venice, and was elected Pope, against his wishes, in 1903. In his time as Pope, he sought to "restore all things in Christ." He insisted on the separation of Church and State, and banned the formation of political associations that claimed exclusive religious sanction for their

political programme, whether of the Left or of the Right. He revised the code of Canon Law, founded an institute for scriptural studies, and initiated the revision of the Latin translation of the Bible (the Vulgate) and the reform of the liturgy.

He lived in great poverty even when he was Pope, and preached sermons every Sunday in the courtyards of the Vatican, to any who would listen. In his simplicity and goodness of heart, he performed miracles even when he was alive, and the clamour for his canonization started immediately after his death, on 20th August 1914, broken-hearted at the outbreak of the First World War.

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### **Saturday 22nd is the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Collect for the day is:

*O God, who made the Mother of your Son to be our Mother and our Queen, graciously grant, that sustained by her intercession, we may attain in the heavenly Kingdom the glory promised to your children. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

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Our Grapevine Magazine editor Lotte Gaberle is hoping to pull together the next edition of the Grapevine and would appreciate contributions for the magazine.

Please e-mail Lotte at [lotte.gab@gmail.com](mailto:lotte.gab@gmail.com) with your contributions. Thank you.

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I wish you a lovely Sunday.

With my love, thoughts and prayers,

God bless

Shaun

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