



CARDIFF CATHEDRAL ✝ CADEIRLAN CAERDYDD

Domus mea domus orationis vocabitur

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

15th August | Readings: Year B (Sunday), Cycle 1 (Weekday) | Psalter: Week 4

“The feast of the Assumption of Mary is a call to each of us, especially those who are afflicted by doubt and sadness, and live with their gaze turned down, unable to raise their glance. Let us look up. Heaven is open. It does not inculcate fear. It is no longer distant because on the threshold of Heaven, a mother, our mother, is awaiting us. “

- Pope Francis

“On 1 November 1950, Venerable Pope Pius XII proclaimed as Dogma that the Virgin Mary “having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory”. This truth of faith was known by Tradition, was affirmed by the Fathers of the Church, and was a particularly important aspect in the veneration of the Mother of Christ. Precisely this devotional element, so to speak, was the driving force behind the formulation of this Dogma. The Dogma appears as an act of praise and exaltation of the Holy Virgin. It also emerges from the text of the Apostolic Constitution, where it affirms that the Dogma is proclaimed for “the honour of her Son... for the increase of the glory of that same august Mother, and for the joy and exultation of the entire Church”. What was already celebrated in the veneration and devotion of the People of God as the highest and most permanent glorification of Mary was thus expressed in the form of a dogmas; the act of the proclamation of the Assumption was presented almost as a liturgy of faith.”

- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

ALERT LEVEL ZERO

Over the next couple of weeks we will begin to relax the measures at the Cathedral, in line with the regulations given by the Welsh Government, and the guidance from the Bishops Conference. The plan going forward is outlined below.

1. **We will remove most of the social distancing signs.** There will be a section of the Cathedral that will retain the social distancing measures, and this will be marked out in the customary fashion. We will also provide laminated signs reading “Please leave a space” for those who wish to sit in the main body of the Cathedral. Please respect the wishes of the parishioners who would like to maintain social distancing.
2. **Masks remain mandatory, unless you are exempt.**
3. Holy Water stoops will **remain empty.**
4. Holy Communion can be received **on the hand or on the tongue.** If you wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, I ask that you join the back of the Communion queue.

The main difference will be the social distancing. This will be under regular review.

WORKS AT THE CATHEDRAL

You will notice that a number of pews at the entrance to the Cathedral are ‘out of action’ at the moment, and those of you who watch via the livestream will have noticed that the camera has been obscured since early last week. This is because on Monday (16th) scaffolding will be erected in the organ loft. To gain access to the loft the contractors will have to erect a tower in the central aisle of the Cathedral, with the intention of lifting the scaffold onto the gallery.

We apologise for the inconvenience this will cause. However, this work is long overdue, and I am most looking forward to the removal of our flying friends from the roof space.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

It seems I was a little hasty in bringing back regular periods of Adoration at the Cathedral. Due to the works taking place, it would be imprudent to bring back adoration, as the level of noise in the Cathedral during these times is uncertain.

Adoration will return once the works on the interior are completed.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Frederick Blackburn who will be baptised this Sunday at the Cathedral. We assure Freddie and his parents of our prayers on this most important day.

On Monday, the baptism of Matteo Taiza will take place at the Cathedral. Again, we offer him a hearty congratulations, and assure his parents of our prayers.

If you wish to enquire about being Baptism, please speak to Fr Robert.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of souls, who called the Apostles to be fishers of men, raise up new apostles in your Holy Church.

Teach them that to serve you is to reign, to possess you is to possess all things.

Kindle in the young hearts of your sons and daughters the fire of zeal for souls. Make them eager to spread your Kingdom on earth.

Grant them courage to follow you, who are the Way, the Truth and the Life; who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us.

Help our seminarians who are preparing for Priesthood.

EXTRA PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

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EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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ALTAR SERVING

If you're interested in serving on the altar, please speak to Fr Robert, or one of the servers.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

If you, or a loved one, are admitted into hospital, please contact the hospital Chaplaincy team: (029) 2074 3230

Chaplains:

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CATHEDRAL OPENING TIMES

Monday to Friday 11am - 3pm

Saturday: 9am - 12noon & 4:00pm - 6:30pm (after Mass)

Sunday: 10:00am - 12noon & 4:20pm - 6:30pm (after Mass)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Available Monday to Friday 12noon - 12:25pm & Saturday at the advertised times.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday and Thursday after Mass until 3pm & Saturday 10:30am - 12noon

Saturday 14th August

4:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation until 5:15pm

5:30pm Vigil Mass: Intentions of Donor

Sunday 15th August - ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

11:00am Mass: Blackburn Family

5:30pm Mass: Cathedral Community

Monday 16th August

12:45pm Mass: Dana Brent, RIP GB

2:00pm Baptism

Tuesday 17th August

12:45pm Mass: Rosie & Richard Withers—Anniversary OD

Wednesday 18th August

12:45pm Mass: John Monaghan, RIP

Thursday 19th August

12:45pm Mass: Archbishop & Priests of the Diocese HC

Friday 20th August - St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor

12:45pm Mass: Intentions of Donor

Saturday 21st August - St Pius X, Pope

10:00am Mass: Andrew Coulson, RIP HC

Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation & Adoration until 12noon

4:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation until 5:15pm

5:30pm Vigil Mass: Martin Evans

Sunday 22nd August - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am Mass: Cathedral Community

5:30pm Mass: Special Intention: Barrie Thomas