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Sunday : 9:30 AM - 10 AM
Friday : 6 PM - 7 PM
Saturday : 10 AM

 Adoration
Sunday : 9 AM - 10 AM
Monday : 9 AM - 7 PM
Friday : 6 PM - 7 PM
And 30mins before Morning Mass

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary is assumed into heaven... The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is far more than the story of one extraordinary woman being taken into heavenly glory. It is a revelation of God’s plan for all who belong to Christ. The Catechism teaches: “The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son’s Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians” (CCC 966). In Mary we see not only what God has done, but what He desires to do for us. Throughout her life Mary never sought greatness for herself. She simply said “yes” to God’s will and remained faithful to that yes, from Nazareth to Calvary and beyond. Today’s Gospel shows us one beautiful expression of that faithfulness. After receiving the message of the angel, Mary sets out in haste for the hill country of Judea to visit Elizabeth. She goes carrying Christ within her, but also carrying love, encouragement and presence to someone who needs her. Mary is, in many ways, a woman on the move. Her earthly life was marked by journeys, and at this time of year many of us are travelling too: going on holiday, returning home, visiting family or spending time with friends. Sometimes we travel a long way simply to be with someone we love. Mary reminds us that a journey can become an act of love. Sometimes the greatest gift we can give another person is simply our presence: visiting someone who is lonely, spending time with an elderly relative, calling upon someone who is unwell, or reconnecting with someone from whom we have grown distant. And like Mary, we too are called to carry Christ with us. We may not always have the right words or know how to solve another person’s difficulties, but we can bring kindness, patience, compassion and prayer. Through something as simple as being present, listening or offering encouragement, Christ can make Himself known through us. Yet Mary’s journey to Elizabeth was part of a much greater journey of faith, one which would eventually lead her into the glory of heaven. Christians have cherished this mystery for centuries. In the Eastern tradition it is called the Dormition, the “falling asleep” of Mary; in the Western tradition we speak of her Assumption, solemnly defined by Pope Pius XII in 1950. Both traditions proclaim the same hope: Mary has completed her earthly pilgrimage and now shares fully in the life and glory of God. Her Assumption proclaims Christ’s victory over sin and death. It reminds us that death is not the final word for those who live in Him. Our bodies matter; they are temples of the Holy Spirit, destined not simply for the grave, but for resurrection. That is why this feast is also our feast. We celebrate not only Mary’s glory, but our own calling. Every act of love, every sacrifice made for Christ, every hidden fidelity offered to God forms part of our journey towards Him. As the Collect prays: “Grant, we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory.” The Assumption lifts our eyes beyond the struggles of this world and reminds us that our earthly journey has a destination. We ask Mary to accompany us, to strengthen us in faith, and to help us remain faithful to our own “yes” to God. Then, by His mercy, what He has accomplished so perfectly in His Mother will one day begin to be fulfilled in us. Heaven is our true homeland, where, with Mary and all the saints, we hope to rejoice forever in the presence of God...**the angels rejoice!**



Date	Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intention/ Occasion
Sat, 15 th Aug 2026	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30 AM 06:00 PM	All Parishioners Rosminian Vocations
Sun, 16 th Aug 2026	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10:00 AM 06:00 PM	Eileen Perry (Thanksgiving) Fr. Charles Sormany IC
Mon, 17 th Aug 2026	Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM 07:00 PM	Julie Coyle RIP Mick Foster RIP
Tue, 18 th Aug 2026	Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM 07:00 PM	All Rosminian Seminarians The Unborn
Wed, 19 th Aug 2026	Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM 07:00 PM	Maria Leonor Faro RIP Vocations
Thurs, 20 th Aug 2026	Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church	10:00 AM 07:00 PM	Margaret Hughes RIP (Anniversary) John (Birthday)
Fri, 21 st Aug 2026	Memorial of St Pius X Pope	10:00 AM 07:00 PM	Stanley Antony RIP P J Luka
Sat, 22 nd Aug 2026	Memorial of Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	09:30 AM 06:00 PM	All Parishioners Tony Underwood RIP

‘Blessed is the womb that bore you! Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God.’

At that time: As Jesus was speaking, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, ‘Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!’ But he said, ‘Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!’

‘He who is mighty has done great things for me; he has exalted those of humble estate.’

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.’ And Mary said, ‘My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring for ever.’ And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

Responsorial Psalm

‘Go up, Lord, to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your strength.’ (Vigil Mass)

‘On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.’ (Sunday)

Parish Heritage Day

The Heritage Days are taking place on **Fri, 11th** and **Sat, 12th Sep**. This year's theme is **'Everyday Histories - Exploring daily working lives through the ages'**. If you have any old photos, videos, stories, or information about the church and your time here, and would be happy to create a display, please contact Eva-Marie or the Parish Office. Please support your church by attending on either day, even for just an hour, to learn its history; the more the merrier! Alternatively, if you can volunteer during the event, please sign the sheet at the back of the church. A volunteer meeting date will be announced nearer the time.

St Marie’s Parish Foodbank

Parishioners are kindly invited to support the parish foodbank by donating non-perishable food items, such as dried or tinned goods, as well as toiletries and other essential hygiene products. Donations can be left in the wire basket in the main porch. Thank you for your generosity and for helping to support those in need within our community.

Stamp Collection for Myton Hospice

Thank you to everyone who has been saving their used stamps! Another bag has been delivered to Myton Hospice, where they are sold to raise funds. Please keep saving your used stamps and drop them in the box at the back of the church. Your support makes a real difference

Safeguarding Requirements for Parish Volunteers

As requested by the Archdiocese Safeguarding Team and in line with GDPR requirements, all parish volunteers are asked to update their details. This applies to everyone who supports the parish in any capacity. Volunteers are also required to complete the appropriate Safeguarding training, with the level depending on their role and responsibilities. Thank you for your cooperation and support as we continue to ensure a safe and welcoming parish community. **For any questions or further information, please contact the Safeguarding Representative** through the Parish Office or speak with Fr Aji.

Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill,

The Prime Minister has stated that palliative care and social care funding need to be “fixed” so that vulnerable people can have “peace of mind” about the care that they receive towards the end of their life. Archbishop Longley said: “The dignity of human life and the precious gift of human life is very important, and indeed the preservation of life is something which is at the heart of what we share in common as Christians, but with many other people of faith or of no faith at all.” and encouraged Catholics to write to their Member of Parliament to oppose the bill. The Bill is back in the House of Commons with a vote due on **Fri, Sept 11th**. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to voice your opposition at righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote

‘David’ Movie Screening

DAVID, an animated film based on the biblical story in 1 Samuel, produced in partnership with Angel Studios, will be screened at Showcase Cinema, Coventry, from **Fri, 21st Aug**.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Queenie Smythe, Martin Maughan, Jim Treble, Brendan Kidney

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Peter O'Hare, Benjamin Francis, Hulie Coyle, Eileen Lawson, Mary Mills, Frances McGregor, Margaret Pope, Pauline Diack, Mary Shiels

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Sharon Colleran, George Mears, Freddie Fereday, William Hearne, Hattie Taylor, Val Muir, Lenny Niner, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Ginny Eves, Paula Smith, Breda O’Byrne, Alan Thomas, Antonio Hernandez, Janet Eyles, Terry McSweeney, Johnny Stott, Alan Parish, Emariciana D’Souza, Filipa Faro, Joevi Suniga, Marie Kelly, John Hannifin, Caroline Mukasa, Fr Charles Sormany IC