

MASSTIMES & INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 16th AUGUST 2009

Sunday, 16 August, 2009 – The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary – White

5.30 pm (Saturday) CAROLINE BAILY'S INTENTIONS

10 am Inc. Childrens Liturgy Wellbeing of FR. JOHN St. Peter's Choir

Monday, 17 August, 2009 – Feria – Green

NO MASS TODAY

Tuesday, 18 August, 2009 – Feria – Green

4.30 pm EXPOSITION

5 pm KITTY McHUGH

Wednesday, 19 August, 2009 – Feria – Green

10 am PRIVATE INTENTION

Thursday, 20 August, 2009 – St. Bernard – White

9.30 am EXPOSITION

10 am PRIVATE FAMILY INTENTION

Friday, 21 August, 2009 – St. Pius X – White

10 am PATRICIA WARBURTON, R.I.P. Marcello

Saturday, 22 August, 2009 – The Blessed Virgin Mary – White

10 am Welfare of VICTORIA Dad

10.45 am & 4.45 pm Confession

Sunday, 23 August, 2009 – Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green

5.30 pm (Saturday) MYRA & ALAN TAYLOR, R.I.P. Julia, Joe & Olivia

10 am Inc. Childrens Liturgy MYRA & ALAN TAYLOR, R.I.P. Maureen Hatfield

Your Prayers are asked for:

Mary Bell who died last week in a Westgate Nursing Home, may she rest in peace.

The sick: Fr. John, Kate Aldous, Margaret McSweeney, Michael Oakley, Jessica Bright, Louis Clark, Geoff Shawcase, Carole French, Archbishop Kevin, Teresa Rowan, Sister Anna, Eva Brewer, Pat Whaley, Len Lane, Peg Bunnage, Joyce Doyle, Canon Clements, Victoria, Win Thilman, Theresa Daniels, John Hammond.

Poppy Williams who was baptised here at St. Peter's last Sunday, and her mum Nicola and Dad Mark.

Sean McNiff back from Afghanistan, thanks you for your prayers; remember our forces still there.

MASS ATTENDANCES

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday (8 August)	5.30 pm	64
Sunday (9 August)	10 am	124

PARISH INCOME

 Weekend of 8 & 9 August

Offertory	Saturday	£128.74
	Sunday	£217.00

Anniversary this week:

Marian Ade-Browne (1999), Christopher Lovell (2003), Norman Bartlett (1997), Anthony Karcone (2004), Josephine Minihane (2006), Mary Ellen Castle (2001).

Tea & Coffee after Sunday 10 am Mass – Come along it's ONLY 20p a drink!

GOOD WITH FIGURES? The parish needs a volunteer or two, possibly a retired accounts clerk/accountant, who will enter the parish financial records and data on the computer system – must be computer literate – only an hour or so each week. See a member of Finance Committee.

THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS – 19th June 2009 to 19th June 2010 has been declared by Pope Benedict to be a year of special prayer for Priests and the Priesthood – remember our current priests and pray for new vocations.

PETRINEWS

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 16 August, 2009

Procession in the Garden of Remembrance after Mass on Sunday to the statue of Our Lady.

Fr. John writes:

Today we celebrate Mary's glorious ASSUMPTION which is the fulfilment of our Christian destiny, and with her we proclaim the greatness of the Lord. A few days ago Jesus showed this promise at his Transfiguration, which was followed by his Passion, Death and Resurrection and in today's celebration we see Mary is rewarded with this promise and of course the promise made to us.

I am back among you, after an extended holiday, partly spent in Hospital, but I do feel better and this has been helped by your prayers and good wishes. Thank you for the many cards and Masses promised me when I arrived back at the Presbytery. I still need some more tests by the Medics, but hope soon to be running on full engine power.

THANK YOU

To Fr. Boniface who has been saying the Masses here at St. Peter's for the past two weeks. Also thank you to those parishioner, our Ursuline Sisters and Daughters of Jesus, who kindly volunteered to pick Fr. Boniface up from Broadstairs.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The postponed meeting of St. Peter's Finance Committee will take place this Monday evening in the Hall at 7 pm.

DIARY DATES

- Tuesday, 1 September, Pie 'n Mash at Pavs Cafe, West Bay, organised by the local Churches Together group. Please get your ticket from Rosemary this weekend, £6.50.
- Saturday & Sunday, 26/27 September. Sister Angela Cronin, OSU, speaks about HARVEST FAST DAY – Cafod.

- Weekend of 25/27 September. Hope for a new beginning. A special "Beginning Experience" weekend at Aylesford Priory, for those who have lost a spouse through death, separation or divorce. See Poster in porch.
- Saturday & Sunday, 3/4 October – our Harvest Festival.
- Saturday, 10 October, 2009. Visit of the Relics of St. Theresa of Lisieux at Aylesford. With, to date, over 165 Deanery names, an extra TWO coaches have been booked the list was closed last weekend, we can take few more bookings because of the extra spaces. *Those who have agreed to go should pay their £10 THIS weekend please to Colleen.*
- Thursday, 17 December – ANNUAL CAROL CONCERT with Whitstable Brass Band at 7.30 pm.

Young people 8 years to 19 years old please return, by next weekend, the questionnaire about what you want to have in the Mass and in the Parish.

During this current flu pandemic the following conditions for the reception of Holy Communion will be maintained: **SACRED HOST IN THE HAND ONLY** (No delivery of the host directly on the tongue). **NO COMMUNION FROM THE CHALICE.**

Sunday +PLUS

“Here am I,” said Mary, “I am the Lord’s servant; as you have spoken, so be it”

Luke 1:38



16 August 2009 Year B

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Divine Office Week IV

Live the Word Readings for the week:

Sunday 16 August

The Assumption of the BVM

Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6, 10;
1 Corinthians 15:20-26;
Luke 1:39-56

Monday 17 August

Judges 2:11-19;
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday 18 August

Judges 6:11-24;
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday 19 August

Judges 9:6-15;
Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday 20 August

Judges 11:29-39;
Matthew 22:1-14

Friday 21 August

Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22;
Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday 22 August

Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17;
Matthew 23:1-12

Next Sunday’s readings:

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18;
Ephesians 5:21-32;
John 6:60-69

*“ Abraham
is the
father
of us all”*

Romans 4:16

Celebrating a radical woman

Although only proclaimed as a dogma in 1950, the Assumption had been taught in the Church for centuries as a truth that emerged from the faith of the people. It also points to what we believe God will do for us. We believe that our whole person, body and soul, will be raised to a new existence in the peace of God. The dogmatic definition expresses the hope “that faith in the bodily assumption of Mary into heaven may make our faith in our resurrection both stronger and more active”.

Mary’s importance is not limited to giving us hope about the afterlife; she gives every Christian hope in the growing struggle of everyday life. In Luke’s Gospel Mary is portrayed as the one who glorifies God because “the Almighty has done great things for me”. She is a woman of the people whose spirit soars because God has not overlooked this lowly handmaid. But she is also a dangerous woman because she is the one who voices the subversive hope of those who are poor.

For many poor people, the song of Mary expresses their hope in the liberating power of God. For them Mary is not alive in statues and pictures but in the real and powerful change that can be brought about in the world when God’s preferences and God’s choices are taken seriously. She is the mother of all who are oppressed and overlooked and scorned. She was the little one, the lowly servant, made great by the choice of God. That same choice is extended to all who are lowly. Denis McBride C.Ss.R.

More from Denis McBride at: www.denismcbride.com



What are we waiting for?

What binds Christians and Jews together is our common heritage; we all look back to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as the ancestors of our faith. Both religions teach that God promised a “messiah” would restore the kingdom to Israel. Disagreement exists over what this actually means, and therefore whether or not it has already happened.

The Jewish belief is that God will send an “anointed one” who will throw out the prevailing political system (in Jesus’ time the Roman occupation) and restore the geographical land of Israel to the Jewish people. This Messiah will be a king who will rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. An age of peace will follow, a time

known as the “Messianic Age”. For Jews, the Messiah is not God, or a “son” of God. The Jews are not waiting for a “New Covenant” but a time when they are gathered in Jerusalem (the “kingdom”) and the knowledge of God is spread throughout the world.

The kingdom of God that Jesus spoke about was wider than Israel and wider than the Jewish people. In Jesus’ last great commission the invitation to be part of God’s kingdom was extended to all people: “Go, make disciples of all nations.”

This is not an easy message to understand, and even Jesus’ own disciples, after all his

Eternal youth

The feast of the Assumption is the feast of Mary’s eternal youth. Delivered, body and soul, into heaven, she is for ever the young and beautiful Queen and Mother of every Catholic heart. We share in the joy of the angels, and realise all the more that what God has done for Mary is what God desires for us. We pray that Mary may be the first among the saints to welcome us to our heavenly home.

Donald McKinnon

teaching, and having witnessed his death, say to the resurrected Jesus, “Right, now will you restore the kingdom to Israel?” But Jesus keeps his patience.

Andrew Lyon