



St Catherine of Siena

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### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Reflection:** The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

([liturgical-year/sunday-connection/sundayconnection.htm/](http://liturgical-year/sunday-connection/sundayconnection.htm/))

*Please Pray for the Sick: Yoland Rahim, P J Tunney, Veronica Ugo, Lily Rahim, Patrick O'Reilly, John Pat Hillman, Clément, Teresa and Masie.*

*Please also pray those who have died recently and all the Souls of the faithful departed.*

Sat	14/08	5:30 pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday	John Harrison (RIP)
<b>Sun</b>	15/08	<b>11 am</b>	<b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	Joy Howell (Get well)
Fri	20/08	6 pm	Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor	No Intention
Sat	21/08	5:30 pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday	John Harrison (RIP)
<b>Sun</b>	22/08	<b>11 am</b>	<b>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Joy Howell (Get well)

#### Confessions

Confession appointments are via email or calls only. See details above.

**Mass Intentions:** If you want to say a special prayer for yourself or your loved ones, please use the Mass Intention envelop.

#### Sacrament of Holy Communion

We Pray for all candidates who would be receiving their Sacrament of Holy Communion in the month of August and October.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion

Children in year 3 and above who **do not** attend St Catherine catholic school and would like to prepare for Reconciliation and Holy communion, Please send your Child's details to: [stcatherine.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stcatherine.bham@rcaob.org.uk). Please include your child's full name and date of birth.

**Masses at SS. Johns and Martins:** See link below; <http://www.ssjohnandmartin.org.uk/>

**Family BBQ:** You're invited to the St Catherine's Family BBQ after mass on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021 to welcome the parish children back to school and for parishioners to enjoy some time with each other. Please bring a dish to share or grill.

**NOTE:** The front lot will be unavailable on 19<sup>th</sup> September for car parking. Please find an alternative means of travel or location to park on that day.

**Fundraising for Hall construction:** Approximately £25,000 has been raised over the past 2.5 years from parish donations – thank you! The Parish will continue to fundraise towards our goal of £50,000 over 5 years (2018 to 2023)

**Weekly offering – Please give generously:** income from the weekly offerings continues to be low due to COVID's impact on Mass attendance and room rentals in the presbytery. The Parish Council requests you to please give as generously as you can each week to help cover the running costs of the church and priests

#### Foundation Governors needed for St Catherine's Primary School

Are you interested in the educational attainment, safeguarding and catholic ethos of young pupils in the parish? Do you have professional skills and experience in areas like Finance, Planning, Employment, Analysis and Communication? Please consider becoming a Foundation Governor for St Catherine's Primary School. Contact [Monica.Todd1@gmail.com](mailto:Monica.Todd1@gmail.com) (07738472605) to learn more about what's involved.

#### 10th Anniversary of the Syrian conflict – how your donations have helped the Syrian people

Thanks to your donations, CAFOD has been helping people in Syria since the crisis began 10 years ago. Over 12 million people have left their homes, 5.6 million are refugees in neighbouring countries and within Syria, 13 million people need help. We've always planned for the long term, standing alongside people who lost everything. None of this work would have been possible without your support of CAFOD. **Thank you.**

#### Part-time vacancy for Donation Support Officer

The Missionary Society of St. Columban in Britain is seeking a part-time Donation Support Officer to join its team, based at St. Columban's in Solihull. For more details about the position and to apply, please contact or email the HR Advisor at 07562 657 382 or [hr@columbans.co.uk](mailto:hr@columbans.co.uk) or visit: [www.columbans.co.uk](http://www.columbans.co.uk). Deadline for applications: Midnight on Sunday 22nd August 2021