

DOUBLE BULLETIN FOR 16th & 23rd AUGUST 2026

Readings for 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. The One who preserved her from sin and filled her with grace did not allow the body that had borne the Saviour of the world to know the corruption of the grave. Her Assumption proclaims Christ's victory over sin and death. It reminds us that death is no longer the final word for those who live in Him. That is why this feast is also our feast. We celebrate not only Mary's glory but our own calling. Our bodies matter. They are temples of the Holy Spirit, destined not for destruction but for resurrection. Every act of love, every sacrifice made for Christ, every hidden fidelity offered to God is preparing us for the life that will never end. The Collect at Mass expresses this hope so beautifully: "Grant, we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory." We ask Mary to accompany us on our pilgrimage, to strengthen us in faith, and to help us persevere until the day when Christ calls us home. Then, by His mercy, what He has accomplished perfectly in His Mother will begin to be fulfilled in us. The Assumption lifts our eyes beyond the struggles of this world. It reminds us that heaven is our true homeland, that Christ has prepared a place for His faithful people, and that one day, with Mary and all the saints, we shall rejoice forever in the presence of God.

...the angels rejoice!

MASSES WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 16th AUGUST 2026

Sun 16 th	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 10.00 am: Phil Whelan RIP (birthday memories) 12.00 noon: People of the parish <u>at Sedbergh</u> 6.00 pm: Joan Baines RIP
Mon 17 th	Monday of week 20 10.00 am: to be confirmed at the weekend
Tues 18 th	Tuesday of week 20 12.00 noon: John Peters RIP
Wed 19 th	Wednesday of week 20 12.00 noon:
Thurs 20 th	St Bernard 12.00 noon:
Fri 21 st	St Pius X 12.00 noon:
Sat 22 nd	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9.30 am: Mass resumes Confessions: 10 – 11am and Adoration

**TO WATCH THE 10AM SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM GOOGLE KENDAL CATHOLIC CHURCH
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KIRKBY LONSDALE: Masses at 5.30pm weekday on Thursdays and weekend Saturday Vigil.
Confessions available on request.

Rosary prayed every Tuesday at 4.30pm. **NO GUIDED HOLY HOUR IN AUGUST**

Please note there is a revised coffee rota as I had omitted 30th August in error. Thank you. *Kathryn*

SEDBERGH NEWS: Sedbergh's voluntary car scheme is closing unless they can get someone to take it on and some drivers willing to volunteer. Please contact Miles Ripley on 07880 161648 if you can assist.

CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!: CAFOD is looking for volunteers to deliver school assemblies and workshops and inspire children and young people to make a difference and take action. For further information please contact Anna Letizia on 07710 094449 or email alletizia@cafod.org.uk

Readings for 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: And then, by us and angels, Your Name shall be adored...

Saint Peter received the charism - the gift - of being the leader of the Church on Earth. That charism remains today in the Pope and in the teaching of the Church (technically known as the 'Magisterium'). The way we live our lives and our morality flow from our faith. We know that we can't simply give lip service to the faith and live wild unfettered lives, making the excuse that we are just weak human beings! So we need God's help in living our daily lives, we need His help in order to so show His life-changing, life-giving Presence to others. We treasure the gift of the Eucharist as our food for the journey of life. We treasure the sacrament of reconciliation - confession - where we bring our weak humanity before the Lord seeking His healing to overcome the evil around us and within us. Every aspect of our lives revolves around the Lord, including our last days as we receive the sacrament of sick and begin our journey home. Through Baptism and the life of faith we are united into one body, the Church, with Christ as our head and with Peter's successor as our leader here on Earth. Let us pray for Pope Francis and his ministry of leadership and unity.

...And this shall be our anthem, "One Church, one Faith, one Lord!"

MASSES WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST 2026

Sun 23 rd	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10.00 am: John Bowman Snr RIP 12.00 noon: People of the parish <u>at Sedbergh</u> 6.00 pm:
Mon 24 th	St Bartholomew 10.00 am:
Tues 25 th	Tuesday of week 21 12.00 noon:
Wed 26 th	Wednesday of week 21 12.00 noon:
Thurs 27 th	St Monica 12.00 noon:
Fri 28 th	St Augustine 12.00 noon: 2.30 - 10pm: Syrian-Malabar Assumption Celebration
Sat 29 th	The Passion of St John the Baptist 9.30 am Mass Confessions: 10 – 11am and Adoration
Sun 30 th	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10.00 am: John & Elsa Whenray RIP 12.00 noon: People of the parish <u>at Sedbergh</u> 6.00 pm:

ROTAS:

CLEANERS:	Margaret Delaney & Eileen Angus (w/c 17 th) Marie & Ken Nugent, Rita Sweeney (w/c 24 th)
COFFEE:	Prayer Group (Sun 23 rd) Overseas Aid Group (Sun 30 th)
COUNTERS:	Richard Hannant & Cliff Goldby (w/c 23 rd) Stephen & Barbara Shaw (w/c 30 th)

NO Childrens Liturgy – back on 6th September. NO Prayer Meetings – back on 2nd September.
Prayer Ministry & Coffee after 10am Mass.
Cenacolo Prayers in Oratory 6pm Thursdays.
Divine Mercy Chaplet recited in church 3pm Fridays.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE SICK; AND THE ANNIVERSARIES OF: Canon William Jackson, Raymond Rigby, Winnie Edgar, Mary Doherty, Frank Bitniak, Doris (Dolly) Keely, Robert Nicholson, Vic Sochaki, Leo Donohue, Robert Judd, Josephine Miller, Mrs Jenkinson, Therese Garnett, John Peters, Michael McEntegart, Margaret Griffin, Mary Frizzell, Margaret Riding, Sylvia Regan, Lewis Somes, Jean Cullen, John Curwen, Pauline Clough, James Matthews, Maureen Garnett, Caroline Dale, Francis Hayton, Mary Gledhill, David Mitchell, Teresa Ratajski, Marshal Keating, Grace Mitchell, John Bowman, Joan Tideswell, William Cragg, Edward Wood, Sheila Goodwin, Stanley Wilkinson, Eileen Harrison, John McSorley, Bill Hodson.

PARISH PRIESTS: Canon Hugh Pollock VG and Fr Simon Marley.

DEACON: Reverend George Bissett

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