

# ST. ANSELM

## Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

### The Assumption

#### of The Blessed Virgin Mary

This Sunday is a very special day indeed. We celebrate the solemnity (a feast day of the highest rank) of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - the day on which she was bodily taken up into heaven.

In the eastern church this feast is celebrated as the 'Dormition of the Theotokos' - the 'falling asleep of the mother of God' - which I think is a beautiful way to describe it.

In the western church we teach that Mary was taken fully up into Heaven and that her body was not corrupted by death.

"Having completed the course of her earthly life, [she] was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory"

This teaching is connected with our understanding of Mary as the second Eve. This running parallel to the teaching of Jesus as the second Adam.

This is the final part of the four-fold teaching on Mary that we hold.

- 1 - Mary was the Mother of God (Theotokos).
- 2 - Mary had an immaculate conception.
- 3 - Mary had perpetual virginity.
- 4 - Mary was assumed into Heaven.

These 'dogmas' (teachings revealed to the Church by God) form the basis of our veneration of Our Lady.



We set Mary aside as special because only she can fully comprehend what a relationship with Jesus as fully man, and fully God entails. Through her example we can find a way to deepen and further our own relationship with God.

Mary is special because she takes us to her Son in all things. Ask Her for support when your faith is feeling thin.

Fr. Matthew

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*Please let us know of illness or other need as soon as possible. He is available on the above number 24/7.*

### Prayer focus

For all of those who are working towards Fr. Josiah joining us in October - particularly the housing department of the diocese!

### Worship focus

Our weekly Wednesday mass is a focal point of the week ahead of the foodbank. We were joined this week by the Bishop of Sekondi, who will be with us this week?

## This Sunday

### Sunday 14th August

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ●

10am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 4, Year C(II)

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## Notices

Parish BBQ at the vicarage - this Saturday (20th August) 4pm-7pm. There'll be burgers and sausages available, please do bring something to drink and a deck chair. Everyone is very welcome indeed.

We are very short of plastic bags / paper bags for the foodbank. Can you please bring some in on Sunday. Thank you.

We continue in our light August model as we take a breath ahead of a new term in September.

Next Sunday (21st) Anthony will be with us again playing the organ, if you've got a favourite hymn you'd like to request now is the time to do so!

## Years Mind

14th - Clarence Wicks

15th - Helen Dunn, Robert Twigg, Precious Ramsey,

17th - Clifford Newick, Edward Geake

18th - Doreen Holland

## Pray This Week For

Helen Holman, Yolanda De Gale, Wayne Campbell, Anthony, Beryl Higgs, Norma Piggott, H & family, Mavis & Daniel Sibley, Kevin Riley & Family, Pauline Job, Gemma, Val Jones, Fr John Metivier & Family, Rita Ford, Fr Michael Bedford, Simone, Helen & Beth, Adrian Calliste, Christopher, Margaret Joseph and her husband Oliver, Deborah Ann Potts.

## Monday 15th August

Monday of week 20 in Ordinary Time ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: Our online family

## Tuesday 16th August

Tuesday of week 20 in Ordinary Time ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: The evangelisation of England

## Wednesday 17th August

Wednesday of week 20 in Ordinary Time ●

9:45pm - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

12-2pm - Foodbank

Prayer focus: Priests & Bishops of the Society

## Thursday 18th August

Thursday of week 20 in Ordinary Time ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

## Friday 19th August

Friday of week 20 in Ordinary Time ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers & Fathers

## Saturday 20th August

Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: Children around the world

## Sunday 21st August

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Year C(II)