



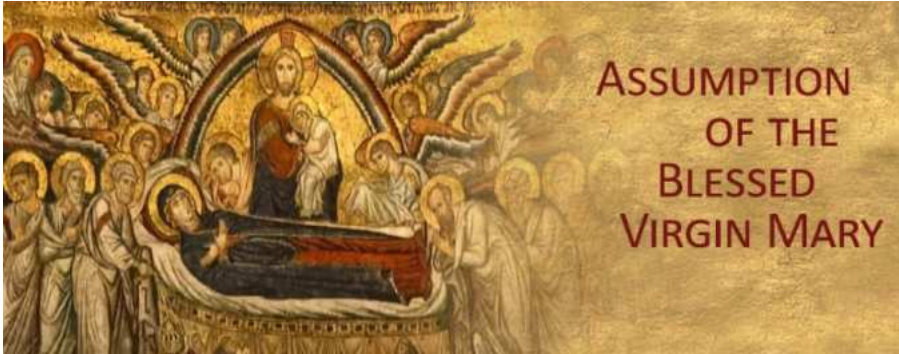
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Newsletter

16th August 2026

THE ASSUMPTION

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston



This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary when Mary is assumed body and soul into heaven. On this feast we not only give honour to Our Lady but see the way in which she points to things about the relationship between Christ and ourselves.

One of the images used in the Mass is that of the Ark of the Covenant. The Ark was carried in the desert and found a home in the Temple in Jerusalem. It was the sign of God's Covenant with his people, the sign of their relationship. So too Mary is the one who bore Jesus, as his mother. The Church, at the Council of Ephesus, defined that Mary was rightly called God-bearer for Christ is truly God with us. It is for that reason that she was especially favoured by God at her Assumption.

But that favour of God is a pointer to God's relationship with his Church and our own hope of sharing in eternal life. Mary is an image of the Church. The Preface of the Mass says, "Today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and the image of your Church's coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people". We are called to renew our awareness that, through our baptism, we are members of the Church, journeying on our way to the fullness of eternal life with God in company with Mary.

Chris Pedley S.J.

(based on the article from 2023)

Image taken from Vatican News Website

Sunday 16 August

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Prayer to Mary, Assumed into Heaven

O Immaculate Mary, Assumed into heaven,
you who are most blessed in the vision of God:
of God the Father who exalted you among all creatures,
of God the Son who willed that you bear Him as your Son and that you
should be His Mother,
of God the Holy Spirit who accomplished the human conception of the
Saviour in you.

O Mary, most pure

O Mary, most sweet and beautiful

O Mary, strong and thoughtful woman

O Mary, poor and sorrowful

O Mary, virgin and mother

woman very human like Eve, more than
Eve.

You are near to God by your grace and by
your privileges

in your mysteries

in your mission, in your glory.

O Mary, assumed into the glory of Christ
in the complete and transfigured perfection
of our human nature.

O Mary, gate of heaven

mirror of divine light

ark of the Covenant between God and
mankind,

let our souls fly after you

let them fly long your radiant path,

transported by a hope that the world does not
contain eternal beatitude.

Comfort us from heaven, O merciful Mother,
and guide us along your ways of purity and
hope till the day of that blessed meeting with
you and with your divine Son
our Saviour, Jesus. Amen.

(Saint Paul VI)



The Assumption of the Virgin or Frari Assumption, popularly known as the Assunta, is a large altarpiece panel painting in oils by the Italian Renaissance artist Titian, painted in 1515–1518. This image is part of that panel.

**THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST
FOR EVANGELIZATION IN CITIES.**

**LET US PRAY THAT IN LARGE CITIES, OFTEN
MARKED BY ANONYMITY AND LONELINESS, WE
FIND NEW WAYS TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL,
DISCOVERING CREATIVE PATHS TO BUILD
COMMUNITY.**



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devices.**

**THE TRADITIONAL ROMAN RITE
STUDY WEEKEND, 11 - 13 SEPTEMBER 2026**

Join us in the beautiful setting of Stonyhurst to explore the key elements of the Roman Church's liturgical tradition. The weekend is intended to offer a deeper understanding of both the Traditional Rite specifically as well as of the New Rite of the Mass, which draws principally on the same heritage of the Church's worship over the centuries.

**[https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/
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**Ernest Ezeani, Andrew Dawson,
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Fr Chris Pedley SJ & Fr Hugh Duffy SJ
The Council meets monthly.**

**Fr Chris will be away on retreat
13th - 21st August**

CAFOD school volunteers needed!

Could you visit your local Catholic school assemblies and workshops to talk about the work of CAFOD and inspire children & young people to make a difference and take action. Contact Anna Letizia on 07710 094449 or [email aletizia@cafod.org.uk](mailto:aletizia@cafod.org.uk)



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Monday & Friday 11.30am to 1pm
Cash/cards taken**

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be made via the PARISH WEBSITE
www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk
Click on the DONATE button &
follow the instructions. It's easy!**



QUIET RETREATS FOR ADULTS

During October half term, Castlerigg Manor is running a quiet retreat for individual adults looking for a few days of peace, relaxation & prayer in the Lake District. Each day: a talk, Mass, evening prayer, time to explore the area, pray, or just relax.

Book at castleriggmanor.com/events or
contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

**THE CHURCH COURTYARD IS NOT
AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL PARKING
YOU ARE KINDLY ASKED NOT TO PARK
YOUR VEHICLE IN THE COURTYARD.**

**DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BAGS
UNATTENDED IN CHURCH**

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CHURCH OPEN 8AM-6PM



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Sunday 16 August

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Revelation 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab (Ps 45) 1 Corinthians 15:20-27 Luke 1:39-56

Mass 7am

Mass 10.15am with Choir

Parish Centre 11.15-12.30 Tea/coffee Gift & Card Shop open

Mass 4.30pm

Mon 17 Aug

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

11.30am-12noon

Exposition

11.30-1pm Gift & Card

Shop Open Tea/coffee

Ezekiel 24:15-24 Deuteronomy 32:18-21 Matthew 19:16-22

Tue 18 Aug

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

6-7.30pm Metanoia

Hot Meal Drop In

Ezekiel 28:1-10 Deuteronomy 32:26-28,30,35-36 Matthew 19:23-30

Wed 19 Aug

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

5.15-5.45pm

Adoration

6.30pm Metanoia

Clothes Drop In

(Narthex)

Ezekiel 34:1-11 (Ps 23) Matthew 20:1-16

Thu 20 Aug

ST BERNARD

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

Ezekiel 36:23-28 (Ps 51) Matthew 22:1-14

Fri 21 Aug

ST PIUS X

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

11.30-1pm Gift & Card

Shop Open Tea/coffee

Ezekiel 34:1-4 (Ps 107) Matthew 22:34-40

Sat 22 August

QUEENSHIP OF BLD VIRGIN MARY

Confessions 11-12.10

Confessions 5-5.30

Mass 12.15

VIGIL MASS 5.35pm

Ezekiel 43:1-7 (Ps 85) Matthew 23:1-12

WE PRAY FOR

Those who died recently:

Anniversaries: Stella Guest, Kath Donnelly, Helen Charnley, Veronica Gray

Those who are sick: Brendan Rawsthorn, Norman Gaskell, Doreen Flynn,
 Agnes Partington, Janet Hadfield

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