



ANTIPHON AT THE ENTRY

**A great sign appeared in heaven:
a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.**

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son,
body and soul into heavenly glory,
grant, we pray,
that, always attentive to the things that are above,
we may merit to be sharers of her glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

'A woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet.'

11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple.

And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God.

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, 'Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps.(45)44

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

The daughters of kings are those whom you favour.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. **R.**

Listen, O daughter; pay heed and give ear:
forget your own people and your father's house. **R.**

So will the king desire your beauty.
He is your lord, pay homage to him. **R.**

They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

'Christ the first fruits, then those who belong to Christ.'

15:20-27

Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For 'God has put all things in subjection under his feet.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Mary has been taken up into heaven;
the host of angels rejoice.**

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

'He who is mighty has done great things for me; he has exalted those of humble estate.'

1:39-56

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.'

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring for ever.'

And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation, our tribute of homage,
rise up to you, O Lord,
and, through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
whom you assumed into heaven,
may our hearts, aflame with the fire of love,
constantly long for you.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

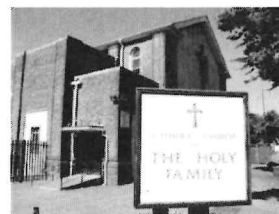
**All generations will call me blessed,
for he who is mighty has done great things for me.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the Sacrament of salvation,
we ask you to grant, O Lord,
that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
whom you assumed into heaven,
we may be brought to the glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 15 th	4.00 pm	John Conneely (Anniversary)	16th August 2026: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary FEASTS: Thursday St Bernard Friday St Pius X, Pope Saturday Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sunday 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time Adoration & Confession: Tuesday & Thursday
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RECENTLY DEAD: Denis Coady RIP. Requiem Mass on Tuesday 18th August 2026, 11.15 am

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Cusack, Maisie Burke, Violet McGinley, Paulette Mullins, Michael Abbey, Catherine Ryan, Darren Captani, Winifred Roe, Kitty O'Sullivan, Brendan Lavery, Anne Twist, Agnes Carey, Carmel McVicker, James Duggan, Bridget McGroty, Seamus Kirk, Rosaleen Nugent, Edward Keane, Kathleen Mills, Mary Carter.

SICK LIST: Anselm John Baptiste, Fr Morty O'Shea, John Garvey, Cath McGrath, Amie Faulkner, Clare Bergin, John Leo Daly, Fr Michael White, Everly Arnold, Eileen Carter.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST: For evangelisation in the city. 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.

GOING INTO HEARTLANDS or SOLIHULL HOSPITAL? - feel welcome to ask Chaplain Father Roger Raven for spiritual support. (0121 424 1369).

SECOND COLLECTION: Church Maintenance. **NEXT WEEKEND:** Church Maintenance.

ALTAR LAMPS: Spaces available – please see May.

FOR THOSE DISCERNING GOD'S CALL – Visit the National Office for Vocations at www.ukvocation.org or www.religiouslife.org or www.ukpriest.org

Fr Fretch is going on holiday from Monday (17 August). We wish him all the best for an enjoyable time with family and friends. **Fr Vitalis will be looking after the Parish in his absence.** If you are in urgent need of a priest, please use the emergency number (Corpus Christi) below to contact them. If you have any queries, please see May Raughter in the Parish office and speak to Barbara Conneely for any urgent safeguarding concerns. Thank you.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant us and all the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on us the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to our vocations. Give the Church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests, fervent religious and committed lay people. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Saint Justin, and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve You and one another in faith and love. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

“O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.” (Saint Justin Russolillo, SDV)

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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Barbara Conneely. She can be contacted at sg.holyfamily.bham@rcaob.org.uk, or alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

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