

Mass times and intentions: 15th – 23rd August 2026

Saturday	15	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 18.00 – Fabian D’Souza – birthday
Sunday	16	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	17	NO MASS
Tuesday	18	Feria of Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time 10.00 – Ayomide Ishmael RIP
Wednesday	19	Feria of Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time 10.00 – Emmanuel Ayanru RIP
Thursday	20	St Bernard 10.00 – John McDowell
Friday	21	St Pius X 10.00 – Karen Shan RIP
Saturday	22	Our Lady, Mother and Queen 10.00 – Buba and Anicka Adoamnei RIP
		TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Da-Cunha Family – thanksgiving
Sunday	23	11.30 – The People of the Parish

Tuesday to Saturday, after the Holy Mass,
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Holy Rosary

Mass Intentions / Offerings: Special envelopes are available at the back of Church. If you would like Mass offered on a particular date or anniversary, please let the Parish Priest know well in advance – the sooner the better. Thank you for your co-operation.

Mass Attendance last weekend: 239

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 601.37

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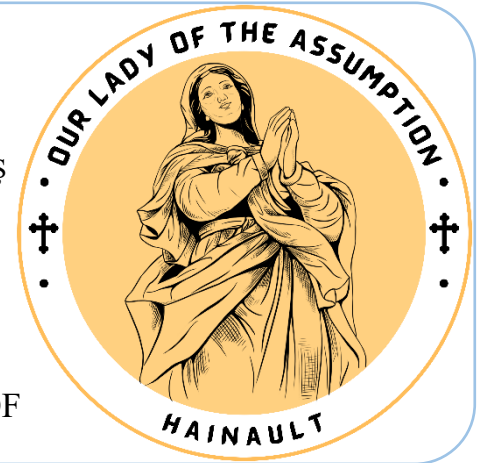
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ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – 16th August 2026

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

6 - A sign is seen in heaven

Responsorial Psalm: *On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.*

496 - My God, and is thy table spread

544 - O Mother blest, whom God bestows

S2 - As I kneel before you

300 - Immaculate Mary (v. 1, 3, 5, 10)

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today is a day of celebration! And I think we should allow that joy to be seen on our faces, heard in our voices and, above all, felt in our hearts. Today we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our heavenly Mother and Patroness, and we also celebrate the Feast Day of our church and our parish community.

And on such a beautiful day, perhaps the first words in our hearts should simply be: **“Thank you, Lord.”**

Today’s Gospel gives us a beautiful image. Mary has just received the news that will change her life. She is carrying Jesus within her, and immediately she sets out to visit Elizabeth. And something wonderful happens: where Mary arrives, joy arrives with her. The child leaps in Elizabeth’s womb, Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit, and Mary begins her beautiful song:

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.” What a beautiful image for our parish on its Feast Day!

I would love the same thing to be said about this church: people come through these doors and find joy. Not because we have no problems. We do. Not because our lives are perfect. They are not. But because, through everything, God has remained with us.

And today we have so much for which to thank Him: for this church, for our children and families, for those who come faithfully Sunday after Sunday, for those who serve quietly, for every helping hand, every prayer, every act of generosity, and for everything that, with God’s help, we have been able to accomplish together.

Not everything during this past year has been easy. But today we can look back and say: **“Lord, You have brought us this far. Thank You.”**

And we believe that Our Blessed Mother has watched over us too. Perhaps there have been dangers from which we were protected without ever knowing it. Perhaps God has been working for us in ways we have never seen. Because a mother does not protect her child only when the child can see her. A mother also watches while her child sleeps.

And I like to think that Our Lady has done the same for our parish: quietly spreading her mantle over us and always leading us towards her Son.

But today is also a day to remember who we are. We are not simply people who happen to attend the same Mass. We are a family. And my hope is that this parish will always be a home where no one feels like a stranger; where someone who is sad can find a kind word, someone who is lonely can find a friend, and someone who has lost hope can hear: **“You are not alone. God is with you.”**

And finally, today’s feast gives us something very precious: **hope**.

The Assumption reminds us that our journey does not end here. Mary has reached the home for which all of us were created. We were created for heaven. We were created for God. We were created for eternity.

So today, dear brothers and sisters, let us rejoice!

Let us thank God for all that has been, rejoice in all that is, and look with hope towards all that is still to come.

May Our Lady of the Assumption continue to watch over this church, our children, our families, the sick and the lonely, and each one of us.

May she keep us united as one beautiful parish family and, above all, keep us always close to her Son.

Our Lady of the Assumption, pray for us!

Amen.

• Our Parish Feast Day – Together in Faith, United as One Family

Today is a very special day for all of us as we celebrate the **Feast of Our Parish – the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, our heavenly Patroness and Mother.

And on such a beautiful day, before asking God for anything more, perhaps the most important thing we can do is simply to say: **Thank you, Lord.**

Thank you for our parish. Thank you for every person who is part of it. Thank you for the blessings we have received, for the difficulties we have overcome, and for all that, with God's help, we have been able to accomplish together during this past year.

There is so much for which we can be grateful. So much has been possible because people have quietly offered their time, their talents, their prayers and their generosity. Some of these things are visible to everyone; many others are known only to God.

For every act of kindness, every helping hand, every prayer, every sacrifice and every sign of love for our parish – thank you.

There have also been challenges and difficult moments. Yet through them all, the Lord has remained close to us. And today we give thanks in a special way to **Our Lady of the Assumption**, who has watched over our parish with a mother's love, protected us from many dangers – even those we may never have known – and continued to lead us gently towards her Son.

Perhaps one of the greatest blessings we celebrate today is simply this: **we are here, together**. Because a parish is much more than a church building. **A parish is its people. It is a family gathered around Christ**. Every person who prays here, serves here, helps someone, gives something, or simply offers a smile and a kind word helps to build this family.

So today my heart is filled with gratitude: **to God for His goodness, to Our Blessed Mother for her loving protection, and to each and every one of you for your faithfulness, generosity and love for our parish.**

May Our Lady of the Assumption continue to protect our children and families, comfort the sick and lonely, and keep us always united and close to her Son.

And now, after having celebrated together around the **table of the Lord**, I warmly invite you all to continue our Parish Feast Day in the **garden behind the church**.

Let us go there together, **as one big and beautiful family**, to share our food, our friendship and the joy of being together. May no one be a stranger among us today, and may there be a place at our table for everyone.

This is our parish. This is our family. And today, this is our celebration.

Happy Feast Day to you all! Our Lady of the Assumption, pray for us!