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*Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021*

### THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – YEAR B

*Mass Intention: Omarr Syed RIP*

Entrance Hymn: 344

Offertory Hymn: 340

Communion Hymn: 360

Recessional Hymn: 366

Kyrie: 480

Gloria: 481

Sanctus: 482

Acclamation: 483

Great Amen: 486

Agnus Dei: 487

*In line with Government legislation and Bishops' Conference guidelines the Cathedral remains open for private prayer and public worship. The obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation is suspended.*

#### WELCOME EVERYONE

Each time you attend a public liturgy in person you will be required to complete a 'Track & Trace' form. Please also note the following guidance and engage with all of the instructions:

1. Sanitise your hands on entry to, and exit from, the building.
2. Face coverings are mandatory unless you're exempt.
3. Switch off, or place into airline mode, any mobile devices.
4. Ensure that there is at least one seat between yourself or your household and another person or household.
5. After the service please take any single-use paperwork with you, returning hymn and Mass books to the back of church.

#### MINISTRIES TODAY

*Welcome Team:* Mrs S Cole; Mrs A Arathoon;  
Mrs M Casey; Mrs L McMahon  
*Readers:* Mr M Jones; Mrs J White

#### THIS WEEK

The Cathedral is open every day from **1000hrs to 1600hrs**

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Aug: *St Stephen of Hungary*

Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Aug: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 20, Year I*

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Aug: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 20, Year I*  
1145hrs – Midday Prayer: Psalter Week IV  
1200hrs – Holy Mass (broadcast via Zoom)  
*Victims of war and violence*

Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Aug: *St John Eudes, priest*

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Aug: *St Bernard, abbot, doctor*  
1400hrs - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
1545hrs - Holy Communion outside Mass

#### NEXT SUNDAY

*Welcome Team:* Mrs N Francis-Crerar; Mrs M Casey  
Mrs C Pritchard; Mrs A Arathoon  
*Readers:* Mrs N Francis-Crerar; Mrs C Pritchard

#### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and all support staff, together with all who work for peace and reconciliations between the nations, in your personal intercessions.

#### SPIRITUAL INVITATION

The ADoRE programme continues next Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> August with an online mini-retreat. Details are displayed on the noticeboard as well as on the Bishopric website, with further information available at: [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com) Registration is free for all and may be made via: [bit.ly/ADOREAUG2021](http://bit.ly/ADOREAUG2021)

#### LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom Invitation details - ID: 899 8743 1508  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89987431508?pwd=Y2t5MFNoVVBBrbnNQelJtSHVrTlFtUT09> Passcode: 003501

Wednesday's Mass Zoom Invitation details - ID: 889 3481 4977  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88934814977?pwd=a2JUOThDSE5ITGE1TEc2S0lZT2Vidz09> Passcode: 266801

#### TODAY'S CELEBRATION

The Catholic Church teaches as dogma that the Virgin Mary "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". This was dogmatically defined by Pope Pius XII on 1st November 1950 in the apostolic constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* by the exercise of papal infallibility. While belief in the Dormition of the Mother of God (Dormition of the Theotokos or "the Falling Asleep of the Mother of God") is Catholic teaching, whether Mary had a physical death as the New Eve has not been dogmatically defined. In *Munificentissimus Deus* (item 39) Pope Pius XII pointed to the Book of Genesis (3:15) as scriptural support for the dogma in terms of Mary's victory over sin and death through her intimate association with "the new Adam" (Christ) as reflected in the passage from 1 Corinthians 15:54: "then shall come to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory".

#### POWERFUL PLEADINGS

This Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021 marks the beginning of Birmingham Diocese's Novena to pray for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi. The Novena of Prayer lasts for nine days and concludes on his feast day on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> August Blessed Dominic arrived at Aston Hall in Staffordshire in February 1842. He spent the next seven years based there, from where he celebrated Mass, preached Missions, heard confessions, and received many people into the Catholic Church, the most famous being St John Henry Newman in October 1845. Well known for his sanctity and holiness of life, Blessed Dominic is also remembered for his love for the poor, and those in need of prayer and help. A copy of the Novena is available on the Bishopric website and the noticeboard.

#### AND FINALLY ...

... the only reason some people seem to get lost in thought is because it appears to be such unfamiliar territory.

*With every blessing*  
*Fr Nick*