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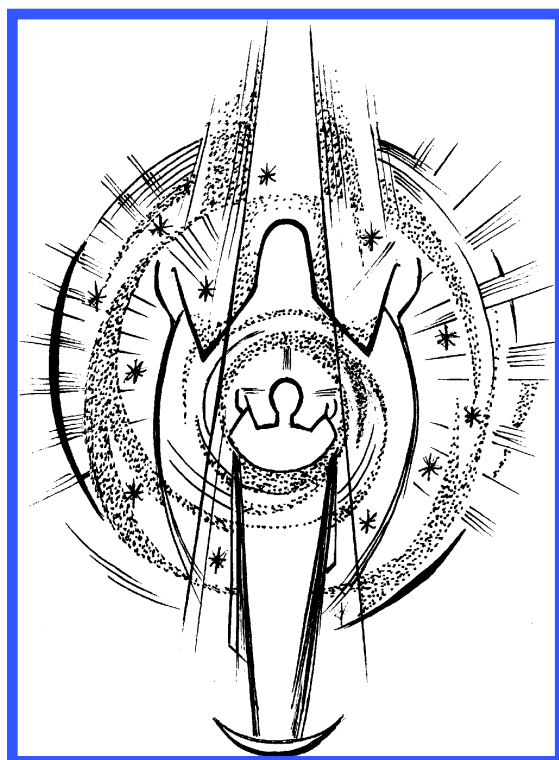
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FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Who is this Woman clothed in the Sun?

'All generations will call me blessed, because the Almighty has done great things for me, his lowly handmaid'. Who is this woman in glory, shining like the sun, a vision of light beyond measure?

She is Mary of Nazareth - she is the poor girl of a poor community whom God has raised up to confound the rich, the powerful and the intellectuals! She is the homeless mother to confound the self-satisfied and proud! She is the unmarried mother to confound the moralisers! She is the asylum-seeker and refugee to confound the selfish nationalists! She is the distraught mother of a convicted and then executed criminal to confound the self-righteous!

She is our sister and mother, our fellow disciple. She is a sign of all the Church is called to be: if we are to be 'Light of the World' then we too must be prophets that disturb the rich, pull down the powerful - and raise up the poor!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS with Sacraments of Initiation at 10.00am (Live-streamed)

MONDAY: No Liturgy

TUESDAY: No Liturgy

**WEDNESDAY: Feast of St John Eudes, Priest, founder of a missionary Order (1601-80)
No Liturgy**

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THURSDAY: Feast of St Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot & Theologian (1090-1153)

FRIDAY: Feast of St Pius X, Pope and Reformer of the Liturgy (1835-1914)

Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12.00 noon

SATURDAY: Feast of Mary, Queen of Heaven

**Nuptial Mass for Eneyi Pemu and Kenneth Iyoyogie at 11.00am,
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 4.00-4.30pm only**

TODAY [1] We celebrate the **Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Virgin, Mary**. We celebrate a God who is faithful to His promise in Jesus to raise humanity to the fulness of life in the Resurrection. Mary, the first and greatest of disciples, shares the fulness of Her Son's Resurrection as a sign that we too will enter that eternal fulfilment when we journey through death into the infinite love and mercy embrace of God for all eternity.

[2] We rejoice to **Receive into Full Communion with the Universal Church** our elected Catechumen, Shane Murphy. He will be **confirmed in the Holy Spirit, together** with Ronald (who will also make his First Eucharist). Please pray for them as they prepare to be filled with the Holy Spirit for ministry and mission.

[3] **Mass with the LGBTQ+ community & friends at 3.00pm - all very welcome**

NEXT SUNDAY [1] We celebrate on the **Twenty-First Sunday of Year A** Jesus sharing his authority with us His Church in the figure of Simon Peter. And the question He asks the disciples, He asks each one of us - 'Who do you say I am?' Who is Jesus for you? How central is He in your life ... and mine?

[2] **'Come and See' meeting of our new Journey of Faith** for 2026-2027 after Mass. 12noon to 1.00pm

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION We pray today for the **Ministry of our Pastor**, Fr Richard. The priest is the servant of the Eucharist, who gathers the People of God that the Spirit might form us as the Missionary Body of Christ, and then sends us out into the world to work with God - co-creators with the Father, bearers of healing Salvation with Jesus and renewers of the face of the Earth with the Spirit. The priest is our brother who walks with us and helps us listen together to the Voice of the Spirit in our times - to see 'the Sign of the Times' that we the Church might be God's radical love poured out with abundant generosity into the hurting heart of the world. As a brother he is our shepherd who needs us all to be shepherds; he is a prophet who challenges us - and wants to be challenged by us! A priest is to be a leader who knows how to serve, a preacher who knows how to listen, a prophet who has the courage both to challenge and be challenged. The ordained priest and the Priestly People - journeying with one another in faith and love, forming each other as a People of Hope, a People of Love, a People of Mission - God's People! This is what being a 'Synodal' Church means.

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DIOCESAN PRAYER We pray for the parish in communion for Mission of Christ the King, Amesbury, served by Fr Anthony Parish (also parish priest of Salisbury parishes) and all their scattered community.

COLLECTIONS MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR PARISH'S MISSION

GA: £5.00 + Loose £207.12 + Card Reader £107.21 + S.O. £206.35 = £376.05

Sea Sunday Collection £123.98 MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 16th Aug **Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady (celebrated on Sunday)**
- 23rd Aug Journey of Faith 'Come and ~See' meeting after 10am Mass
- 29th Aug Community Stewards meet at 1.15pm (Assisi Centre)
- 30th Aug Baptismal Sunday - names to Richard or Eustace now please
- 3rd Sept Parish Finance Committee at 7.30pm (on Zoom)
- 4th Sept First Confirmation Meeting Assisi Centre at 5.30pm
- 6th Sept **Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino - Day of Rededication and Celebration**
- 9th Sept Parish Pastoral Council meets after 6.30pm Mass (Assisi Centre)
- 4th Oct **Parish Synod Meeting 12.30-2.00pm - for everyone please book it**

CALLING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO CONFIRMATION We will prepare our young people (aged 13 +) for the Sacrament of Confirmation. **The Church wishes that Confirmation is delayed until an age when young people can decide for themselves to take this step of commitment to Christ.** Parents can encourage, but must not make this decision for their children. We invite names of young people who would like to explore the possibility of receiving Confirmation, and will meet with them on **Friday 4th Sept at 5.30pm** in the Assisi Centre and begin a Programme of Preparation (along the lines of the Journey of Faith) in October. We hope to arrange a date for Confirmation in February/March. Young People, please approach Richard or Mary as soon as possible.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC? If you or someone you know might be thinking about becoming a Catholic, or simply want to know more about our faith, then the **Journey of Faith Group** is for them. If already a Catholic but have not been Confirmed, or simply what to deepen your faith, then this group is also for you. Please contact Richard or Mary Hopper. **We will have a 'Come and See' meeting after Mass on Sunday 23rd August**

URGENT NEED OF A ROOM FOR A HOMELESS LADY I am appealing for help with accommodating a homeless Catholic Nigerian lady. For 15 years she worked as GP medical doctor in her homeland and then came to study in UK (achieving a Masters in Public Health) and is seeking to transition to being a GP in UK. Because of Visa complications she has found herself unable to work and homeless on the streets. Can anyone offer this lady a room in their home until the Visa issues are sorted and she is able to start work again and eventually transition to being a GP serving our country. Please contact Fr Richard for more information. Thank you.

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PREPARING FOR YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM Parents seeking the baptism of their children are asked to inform Eustace Tameh or Fr Richard as soon as possible. Next Baptism celebration: **BAPTISMAL SUNDAY 30th August at 10am Mass**
Parents Preparation Sessions: Friday 21st & 28th August at 6.30pm (Church)
Rite of Child Catechumen (or Welcoming): Sunday 23rd August at 10am Mass

CHANGE IN PARISH PARKING - PLEASE NOTE If you are attending a liturgy or parish activity Mon – Fri, you can park for free by signing in using the Parish Visitor Free Parking QR code to be found in the sacristy. This change is to stop abuses of the free parking. **Please sign in within 10 minutes of parking.**

PATRONAL FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6th
Just a few weeks away until we rededicate ourselves as a parish to be Good News to the Poor and servants and witnesses of the foot-washing Jesus whom we love. **PLEASE, PLEASE make every effort to come ready celebrate as a community during and after the Mass.** Please come in cultural dress, bring some food to share from your culture. Come and ask God's blessing and inspiration to guide our parish into the future. Being a 'synodal parish' means being a community that walks together, listens to one another and cares for each other especially in hard times. ***St Nicholas of Tolentino pray for us!***

PARISH SYNOD DAY - SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER Three years ago, with real commitment and enthusiasm our parish welcomed the opportunity to have our voices heard during the the preparation for the International Synod of Bishops called by Pope Francis to explore the them of 'Synodality' and to re-shape the governance of the Church globally and locally to a more inclusive model where all our voices are heard and shape policy and mission. **Both our Parish Feast and this FIRST PARISH SYNOD DAY is to further the process of embedding 'synodality' in our parish and to set priorities for our community's life and mission into the future.** It is vitally important that as many parishioners take part. There will be extra refreshments after Mass and then 12.15pm to 2.00pm we will gather for 'conversations in the Spirit'. We will arrange for our children to have supervised play during this time, so all parents can participate in the 'Synod' meeting. **PLEASE PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY AND MAKE IT A PRIORITY TO COME AND PARTICIPATE. THANK YOU!**

CAMPAIGN IN SUPPORT OF REFUGEES AND ALL SEEKING ASYLUM AMONG US
Organised by SVP, Jesuit Refugee Service and Caritas (CSAN) to counteract the current hate speech and violent action against our sisters and brothers. Please look at their website - www.jrsuk.net/defend- asylum. There is a post-card campaign and I will order them for the parish. More information to come on Parish Noticeboard and in our Newsletter **PLEASE SUPPORT THIS!**

SEASON OF CREATION 1st Sept to 4th Oct With heatwaves, wildfires, drought, floods and turbulent wether condition we are seeing the result of global inaction to halt Global warming which is killing people and damaging the planet. Let us observe the Season of Creation in our prayer, liturgy & **ACTION TO HEAL OUR BEAUTIFUL PLANET - 'listen to the cries of the poor, the cry of the Earth'**

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