

Our Lady of Compassion

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Times of Services and Mass Intentions

Saturday 17th August 2024

6.00pm: Ints Baby Ted Tarrant

Sunday 18th August 2024

Twentieth Sunday of the Year

8.30am People of the Parish

10.30am

Monday Feria

10.00am

Tuesday St Bernard of Clairvaux

10.00am

Wednesday St Pius X

10.00am

Thursday The Queenship of the BVM

10.00am

Friday: Feria

10.00am

Saturday 24th August 2024

6.00pm: People of the Parish

Sunday 25th August 2024

Twenty-First Sunday of the Year

8.30am

10.30am

All weekend Masses are live-streamed, via the OLC Facebook page and YouTube channel. To join the Facebook Group, please contact Ken Lowe at: olcsaffronwalden@gmail.com
Tel: 01799 528441.

Prayers

Your prayers are asked for all who are unwell, including **Baby Ted Tarrant, Dee Harbridge, Sarah Fitzgibbons, Heather Finch, John Quinn, John Latham** (father of Eileen Miles), **Judith Pender** (sister of Dave Powell), **Rosalind Kenn, Lucy Major, Peggy Ludlow, Moira Robertson, Rachel Draper** (niece of Patrick), **Tom Green, Gemma Gaskin-Roberts, Jean Perkins, Barbara Hughes, Hubert Baber, Tony, and Michael Moylan, Barry Gilder, Sue Gilder, Frances Tabone (née Jones), Anna** (mother of Slawek Gawlik), **Sue Bouton, Sarah Hooper, Paul Johnson, Aileen Rourke, Bobby Hughes, Tom Faux, Rosemary O'Rourke** (mother of Sinead Dorn), **Carmel Beimann, Paul McCarthy, Jude Mack, Olivia Sturgess, Oliver Hutchings, Michael Waterworth** (colleague of Michael O'Sullivan), **Inoo Faux, Nicholas Ripper, Pauline Gudgeon** (Aunt of Kate Griffin), **Harold Cudden-Large**, and for all in the parish who are housebound.



Please consider using a standing order to send your weekly offering, as this is the quickest way for the funds to come to the parish.

Standing order details can be obtained from Ken Lowe at:

olcsaffronwalden@gmail.com Alternatively, donations can be made at: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations

Walden Community Action for R Youth News

Walsingham House Anniversary Mass and Celebration

Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Saturday 31st August. Whether in Chingford, Canvey Island or Abbotswick, we have been blessed with 40 years of volunteer teams at our vibrant Diocesan Youth Retreat Centre "Walsingham House". Join us for Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm, followed by a picnic in the beautiful grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick throughout the afternoon. If you can share any photos, or to find out more information, you can email info@bcys.net, visit www.bcys.net or search @brentwoodcys on Instagram and Facebook.

Mass and BBQ

For young adults, Our Lady Immaculate, Chelmsford, Sunday 8th September.

If you are 18+, having left school, from 1st September then you are very welcome to join a group of young adults for a BBQ from 3pm with Mass at 7pm, at Our Lady Immaculate Church in Chelmsford. No need to book, simply come along to meet other young adult Catholics and find out more about upcoming events just for you!

Prayer List

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to add a name to the weekly list, or to tell us of changed circumstances.

Parish Administrator-Leyton

To provide administrative support services to the Parish Office by implementing and maintaining office systems, processes and procedures and delivering a welcoming, appropriate service to those attending the parish office. Hours: 15 hours per week - Monday to Friday from 9:30-12:30- 3 hours per day. Salary: £13.15 per hour
Start Date: September 2024. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) leyton@brcdt.org
Closing date for applications is 30th August 2024.

The Assumption

Pius XII declared the dogma of the Assumption on November 1st 1950, it didn't come out-of-the-blue—he didn't just wake up one morning and the idea popped into his head. The idea of Mary being taken up into heaven is a very old one; as early as the 6th century in the Eastern Church and the 7th century in the Latin Church, the Assumption has been celebrated in works of theology and spirituality, painting and liturgical music. So Pius XII wasn't proclaiming anything new: he was looking back across the many centuries and saying to all the People of God, living and dead: 'You were not wrong to believe this.'

The dogma of the Assumption is many things on many levels: it is a poem, it is an image, a symbol and - above all - a *promise*. We have to see it in all these different ways so that we don't just think of a woman floating upwards, higher and higher, towards a heavenly realm - that wouldn't be helpful at all. Besides, heaven isn't 'up there', it isn't a place in the sky; Jesus said that the kingdom of God is within us—so in some way, the mystery that the Assumption hides and reveals is also within us. The mystery includes these promises:

The sanctification of matter. Because Mary was taken up in body as well as soul, the body is raised up to a new dignity—with all its aches and pains. The flesh and all that our creatureliness involves, will not be lost - like Mary, it will be raised up and glorified in a way we simply can't imagine.

The honouring of women. The Assumption removed centuries of distortion and misunderstanding about women, who were traditionally seen as the tempters of men, the carriers of bodily desires and needs, and the instigators of sexual sin. What's the first thing that Adam says when God asks him what he has done? He whines: 'The woman tempted me! It's her fault!'

Yet it is a woman who is given this unique honour; with Mary's assumption into heaven, all women are honoured and glorified with her; the dignity, the dignity and immeasurable richness of woman is made manifest.

So in declaring the dogma of the Assumption, he was not declaring, but confirming a belief that had already been held for many centuries. In this case, it is what infallibility means.