

## Masses

**4 Sep**  
Saturday  
—:— *No Mass*

**5 Sep**  
Sunday  
10:00 am  
11:00 am

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in OT (B)**

People of the Parish  
Children of the Parish

**6 Aug**  
Monday  
—:— *No Mass*

**7 Aug**  
Tuesday  
—:— *No Mass*

**8 Sep**  
Wednesday  
—:— *No Mass*

**9 Sep**  
Thursday  
—:— *No Mass*

**10 Sep**  
Friday  
—:— *No Mass*

**11 Sep**  
Saturday  
—:— *No Mass*

**12 Sep**  
Sunday  
10:00 am  
11:00 am

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT (B)**

People of the Parish  
Children of the Parish

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

*call for appointment*

\*If you would like a Mass said on a particular day;  
**Please, give enough notice.**  
Intentions will be as close as possible to request.

## Anniversary of the Dead

Thomas Henry Creighton	Cyril Francis Lacey
Florence Theresa Casey	Anthony Waring (Tony)
Winifred Elizabeth Baker	Wilson
Bernard George Charles	Charles Thomas
Stanley	Alewood
George Stanley	Alan Acason
Bridget White	

*Please pray for the recently deceased*

## Collections

**29<sup>th</sup> Aug**

1<sup>st</sup> Gift Aid £  
loose £



**With GIFT AID your £20 becomes £25**

If you feel it may be more convenient to make your offertory collection online, or by standing order, please use following details:

Bank sort code - **600910**  
A/c no - **71502122**  
Name - **RCAS Our Lady of the Assumption**

*Newsletter editing deadline - 10:00 am, Fridays*  
Please send any announcements, ads, news, etc., to:  
[northfleet@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:northfleet@rcaos.org.uk)

**Twenty third Sunday in Ordinary time (B)**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sep 2021**



# Our Lady of the Assumption

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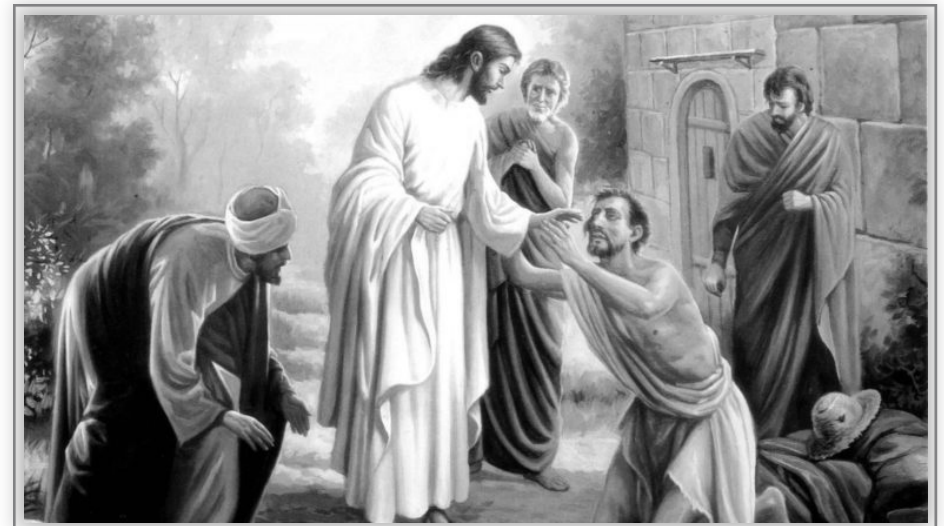
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**Mrs K. Wheeler**



# Welcome Back!

The following provisions will apply in the parish until that September review takes place. We will then hope that it may be possible to move back to a more "normal" situation, which might include a return to a Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass.

**Sunday Mass times**-We will be continuing with the shorter, simpler celebrations of Mass at 10.00am and 11.00am for the time being. There will be no Saturday evening Mass.

**Weekday Masses**-This will continue to be in private. This is not a matter of public health, the numbers who attend weekday Mass are small. I am still dealing with my late mother's estate as Executor of her Will. It is proving to be complicated and time-consuming. There are ongoing maintenance issues with her house. I have, on a number of occasions, had to re-arrange parish appointments because of this. This has included not always being available for Mass at the advertised time. I hope that we will be able to have weekday Masses with a congregation after the September review.

**Church capacity**-Limits have been removed, the normal capacity of the church will apply.

**Entry and Exit**-The one way system no longer applies. You may enter and leave the church using either the main front doors or side door of the church.

**NHS Track and Trace**-If you have the NHS Covid app, please continue to sign in using the QR code at the front door. There should be a reduced number of stewards at each Mass to assist with manual signing in in the normal way.

**Face Coverings**-They are no longer legally required. However, to quote the Prime Minister, "it is intended, and strongly recommended" that they should continue to be worn in indoor settings. They are

considered to be one of the most effective ways of preventing the spread of the virus to those around us. Please continue to wear a face covering at Mass if you possibly can.

**Hand sanitiser** - It is, similarly, strongly recommended that we continue to use the hand sanitiser that is available in the church as we enter and leave.

**Toilet**-The church toilet may now be used! Singing at Mass-There will continue to be no singing at the present time.

**Holy Communion**-This will continue to be under one kind (no chalice).

**Collection**-Please continue to place your weekly offering into one of the collection boxes near the church doors.

**Holy Water and votive candles**-We are instructed to keep holy water stoups empty for the moment. Votive candles may now be lit at the stands in the church.

**Household and support bubbles**-These will no longer have to be adhered to. We will have more freedom to choose where we wish to sit in the church. However, there are still a lot of people who are anxious about the pandemic. Some people have not been double-vaccinated yet, and there are those who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons. There may also be people with serious underlying health conditions at Mass. We have a duty to protect those who are particularly anxious or vulnerable. Please be careful and allow as much personal space as you can between yourself and other parishioners, either individuals or groups.

**Stewards**-Whilst stewards are no longer legally required, they will continue to be in the church before and during Mass. They will be available to answer any questions or concerns that you may have. They will also do their best to ensure that everyone entering the church is seated safely and appropriately.

*This is a time when we all need to be vigilant. Please be careful, and stay safe. Please also let me know if you have any concerns about these new guidelines. Thank you for your continued forbearance.*

Father Michael Ryan-Parish Priest.

## A WAY FORWARD

You will be aware that all of the remaining Coronavirus restrictions were lifted by the government on Monday 19th July 2021. We are asked to use personal judgement and common sense as we move forward. The way forward is still not clear. There are some in the medical and scientific communities who are predicting a very large increase in cases of Covid-19 during the next few weeks. The Delta variant of the virus is very transmissible. We will see what happens.

I have thought carefully about the current unpredictable situation. I am very aware that I bear the ultimate responsibility for the wellbeing and safety of parishioners while you are in and around the church. Therefore, I have made the following decisions, helped by guidance from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The government are going to review the pandemic situation in September. I intend to do the same.

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Father Michael Ryan-Parish Priest.

## FATHER MICHAEL LEACH

A warm welcome to Father Michael Leach, who will be celebrating the parish Sunday Masses on 22nd and 29th August and 5th September. I am very grateful for his help while I am away from the parish for a couple of weeks.

## BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

If you are single again following divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda **01322-838415** or Maura **07795-498445** or [emailbesouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:emailbesouthofengland@gmail.com)

## NHS COVID - 19 APP

Please be aware that, if you have downloaded this app to your smartphone, you can use it to scan the QR code as you enter the church. This negates the need for you to give your details to a steward.

## JOHN FOGARTY

Ordination - 5 November 2021 at 6:30pm.

John will be Ordained, please God, to the Sacred Diaconate on the 5th November at our Cathedral of St George by Archbishop John Wilson.

We are considering booking a small coach for Parishioners depending upon the numbers of those who are interested in attending the Ordination.

As the Ordination commences at 6:30pm, the coach will most likely depart from our Church at approximately 4pm to take account of the Friday Traffic.

There will be a form at the back of the Church, and I would appreciate it if you could add your name to it if you would be interested in attending.

For those who cannot attend the Ordination, there will be a welcoming Mass for John on Sunday 7th November followed by a reception.

Fr Michael.