

## Masses

<b>4 Dec</b> Saturday 5:00 pm.	<i>Vigil Mass</i> Florence & Dolores (Anniversary)
<b>5 Dec</b> Sunday 11:00 am	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (C)</b> <i>Sunday Mass</i> Rev Patrick Maloney, Maria Lamb and Nell Melvin
<b>6 Dec</b> Monday -: -	<i>No Mass</i>
<b>7 Dec</b> Tuesday 10:00 am	Peace in Poland
<b>8 Dec</b> Wednesday 6:00 pm	<i>Evening Mass</i> People of the Parish
<b>9 Dec</b> Thursday 10:00 am	Deceased family & friends RIP
<b>10 Dec</b> Friday 9 to 9:50 am 10:00 am	<i>Adoration</i> Friends' Welfare
<b>11 Dec</b> Saturday 5:00 pm.	<i>Vigil Mass</i> People of the Parish
<b>12 Dec</b> Sunday 11:00 am	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (C)</b> <i>Sunday Mass</i> Cristino Umali R.I.P.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

*Saturday's 4:30 pm till 4:50 pm  
Or call for an 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

Henry Charles Bonnett	Alex Hennerly
Winifred Burgess	Walter Northcott
Anthony Albert Colin	Harry James Stammers
Harris	Deacon Patrick Maloney
Peter John Stephens	Sidney John Lamb
Laurence Peter Michael Freeman	Shane Asbury

*Please pray for the recently deceased*

## Collections

**28<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

1 <sup>st</sup> Gift Aid	£
loose	£



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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)

**Second Sunday of Advent (C)**

**5<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2021**



# Our Lady of the Assumption

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**Mrs K. Wheeler**



# Welcome Back!

## \*\*\*\*SUNDAY MASSES\*\*\*\*

Starting from the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021, Second Sunday of Advent, we will be returning to the shorter form of Mass that we had become used to earlier in the Covid-19 pandemic. Mass times will remain at 5.00pm on Saturday and 11.00am on Sunday. The homily will be brief and there will not be bidding prayers. We will be continuing to omit the offertory procession and the sign of peace during Mass. Singing during Mass is suspended for the time being. These measures are being put in place to increase our Covid security during the winter months. They will be reviewed periodically.

It is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that you wear face coverings in all indoor settings, except in case of medical exemption or children under 12. Face coverings help to protect ourselves and, very importantly, those around us, to whom we owe a duty of care. Please also continue to use the hand gel which is available as you enter and leave the church.

We need to be increasingly vigilant about **SOCIAL DISTANCING** when we are in or around the church, and to be especially careful at Holy Communion time.

There are often a lot of spare places available towards the front of the church, whilst towards the back it can be too crowded. Please do all that you can to use all of the available church seating space.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation during these uncertain times.

Father Michael.

## NHS TRACK AND TRACE

It would be helpful if you could continue to provide your contact details using the pens and forms provided. This is no longer compulsory, but is recommended practice. If you have the NHS app, please continue to sign in using the QR code at the front door. Please continue to be vigilant and careful. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Father Michael Ryan-Parish Priest.

## BECOMING A CATHOLIC

We will be starting a course, in January, for anyone who is thinking about joining the Catholic Church. Sessions will last for one hour, beginning immediately after the 11.00am Sunday Mass. There will be opportunities to explore the teachings of the Catholic Church, and to discern what God may be calling you to. Please speak to Father Michael or John Fogarty for more information.

## HOLY WATER

We have installed automatic holy water dispensers near the front and side doors of the church. They are part of our efforts to be sure everyone's safety.

## ADORATION - NEW TIME

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will change to a new time of 9.00am to 9.50am from Friday 19th November.

## SCHOOL FORMS

Parents and carers who require my verification and signature for school application forms should please note the following procedures, until further notice.

St Joseph's Catholic primary school-Your completed forms should be returned to the school office. The school will forward the forms to me for my verification and signature.

All other schools-Please put your completed forms, with any supporting documentation, eg baptism certificate, in an envelope marked "school forms". Place the envelope through the presbytery letter-box, 3 The Hill. I will contact you, by phone, when forms are ready for you to collect. Thank you. Father Michael.

## MISSION APPEAL

This weekend we welcome Father Pat O'Beirne to the parish. Father Pat will be making a Mission Appeal on behalf of the Columban Fathers. This weekend's second collections will be taken to support the work and ministry of the Columban Fathers.

## HONOURING SUNDAY

Please take a copy of the Bishops' Statement, Honouring Sunday, concerning the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. They are available on the tables at the front of the church.

## FATHER ROBERT'S FUNERAL

The funeral details of Father Robert Ellis are as follows:

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021-14.00

Reception and Vigil Mass at:

St Thomas Aquinas Church, Ham Street, Ham Common, Richmond, TW10 7HT.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 12noon  
Funeral Mass at English Martyrs Church, Goring Way, Goring by Sea, BN12 4UH.

Followed by Committal at Worthing Crematorium, Horsham Road, Findon, BN14 0RQ at 14.00pm.

## HEATING

We have been trying very hard to resolve the delays to the church heating installation. There are still significant issues around obtaining a 3-phase electricity meter, which must be installed before we can move to commissioning of the heaters. This is very frustrating, and I am very sorry about it, especially as the weather is getting colder. We are looking at the possibility of installing temporary heating for an interim period in the event that the present supply delays continue. Father Michael

## 1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION 2022

Children in primary school Year 3 and above, who are baptised Catholics and attend Mass

in this parish, are invited to prepare for the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Information sheets and course Registration forms can be collected from Fr. Michael at Sat. evening and Sun. morning Mass. They will only be issued to the parent or primary carer of the child or children in question.

There is an online parent information session, Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7 pm. Parents must attend.

## CONFIRMATION 2022

If you wish to register your son or daughter (must be in Years 8-13 at school or 13 years of age by 1st September 2022) for the Preparation Programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2022 please complete the Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/cvfwiyNJwDk73pw8>

The preparation programme will commence in January 2022, with meetings taking place on Sundays from 4:30pm to 5:15pm using a mixture of video conferencing (Google Meet) and physical meetings.

## MISSIO RED BOXES

If you have one of these boxes at home, please bring it to Mass and leave it on the table at the front of the church so that it can be emptied, even if it is not full. Thank you.

## MISSIO CALENDARS 2022

2022 Mission Today (Missio) calendars available at front of the church, free of charge.

## MEDJUGORJE APR - OCT 2022

7 Nights Apartment B&B and return Airport transfer from Dubrovnik or Split from €315 per person sharing. Guaranteed Airport transfer price for any flight. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you.

Tel. 020 3239 8662 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com)