

## Masses

**18 Dec**  
Saturday  
5:00 pm  
*Vigil Mass*  
Patricia Freed & Sarah Murphy

**19 Dec**  
Sunday  
11:00 am  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (C)**  
*Sunday Mass*  
Mary Kate Carney

**20 Dec**  
Monday  
—:—  
*No Mass*

**21 Dec**  
Tuesday  
10:00 am  
Wellbeing of Sister Nell Dunne

**22 Dec**  
Wednesday  
10:00 am  
Michael Dunne R.I.P. &  
Marina Walshe R.I.P.

**23 Dec**  
Thursday  
10:00 am  
Intentions of Peggy Lawson  
(90th birthday)

**24 Dec**  
Friday  
10 to 10:30 am  
**Christmas Eve**  
**Reconciliation**  
5:00 pm (*Vigil Mass*) Wooding Family  
9:00 pm (*Christmas Night*) People of the Parish

**25 Dec**  
Saturday  
11:00 am  
**CHRISTMAS**  
*Christmas Day Mass*  
All who work in the NHS

**26 Dec**  
Sunday  
11:00 am  
**The Holy Family (C)**  
*Sunday Mass*  
People of the Parish

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday - 10:00 am till 10:30 am  
..Christmas Eve Day

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

## Christmas Week

**25 Dec**  
Saturday  
11:00 am  
**CHRISTMAS**  
*Christmas Day Mass*  
All who work in the NHS

**26 Dec**  
Sunday  
11:00 am  
**The Holy Family (C)**  
*Sunday Mass*  
People of the Parish

**27 Dec**  
Monday  
—:—  
*No Mass*

**28 Dec**  
Tuesday  
10:00 am  
Sr Kathleen Redido

**29 Dec**  
Wednesday  
10:00 am  
Wellbeing of Doreen MacDowall

**30 Dec**  
Thursday  
10:00 am  
Robert MacDowall R.I.P.

**31 Dec**  
Friday  
9 to 9:50 am  
*Adoration*  
10:00 am  
Mary McDonnell R.I.P.

**1 Jan**  
Saturday  
5:00 pm  
*Vigil Mass*  
William and Mike King R.I.P.

**2 Jan** **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas Octave (C)**  
Sunday  
11:00 am  
*Sunday Mass*  
People of the Parish

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday's 4:00 pm till 4:50 pm  
.. or call for an appointment

Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)

19<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.

### FACE COVERINGS NOW MANDATORY

*Following the government's announcement of their Plan B strategy for the Covid pandemic, the wearing of face coverings is now MANDATORY in places of worship, except for children under 12 and those with a medical exemption. Thank you for your continued co-operation in helping us to comply with this legal requirement.*

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

Thank you, 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.

### SYNOD MEETINGS

Pope Francis asked the Catholic church to engage in a process of dialogue & listening as a way forward for ministry & teaching of the Church in an ever-changing world. Our parish will have three discussion groups for parishioners in January to reflect on Communion, Participation & Mission. It's an opportunity for the lay faithful to have your say about the future mission of the church. There are short pre-session meetings after Masses on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Jan. Please come along.

### SCHOOL FORMS

Parents & carers requiring my verification & signature for school applications. Please note the following procedures, till further notice.

St Joseph's Catholic primary school- Return completed forms to school office. They will be forwarded to me for verification & signature.

All other schools-Please put completed forms, & any supporting documents, 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 collection. Thank you. Father Michael.

### CRIB OFFERING 2021

This Christmas our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society's Southwark Crisis Fund. This fund provides emergency grants for children and families in our Archdiocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Every single penny donated to the crib will be given out via these grants. There are envelopes available for those who wish to gift aid their donation.

### CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The Christmas Offering, the collection taken at Masses on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec. (The Holy Family), is your personal offering to the parish priest. There are envelopes available in the church for those who wish to use them.

### RECONCILIATION

There will be additional opportunities to go to Confession in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. from 4 pm - 4.50 pm & Christmas Eve from 10-10:30am. Please ensure that you wear a face covering while in confession & while in the church. Thank you

### 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.

### COMMEMORATION

There will be a Mass of Commemoration for Father Robert Ellis R.I.P. in the church on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2022 at 10:00 am. All are welcome to attend.

### FUNERAL FLOWERS

We will be sending a wreath, on behalf of the parish, to Father Robert Ellis's funeral. If you want to make a donation towards the cost, you may by placing it in an envelope marked "funeral flowers" and placing it in either the collection basket at Mass or through the presbytery letterbox. Thank you.

### 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/cvfwiyNJwjDk73pw8>

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.

### THANK YOU

Father Pat O'Beirne of the Columban Fathers asks me to express his gratitude for the sum of £256.94 which you donated on the weekend of his Mission Appeal in early December.

He is also very grateful for the kind welcome he received from parishioners during his visit.

Merry Christmas