

Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady

Tuesday is the solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven, and is a **Holyday of Obligation**. Mass times in St. Albert's will be 9.15am and 7.30pm. I am very grateful to Father Frank Graham MHM, who will be with you for both Masses. Fr. Frank is a Mill Hill Missionary, based in Freshfield and was here last year making an appeal. I am sure you will make him welcome while he is here, and I am very grateful to him for supplying for me.



What does Solemnity of the Assumption celebrate?

On August 15, the Church celebrates the fact that Mary, the Mother of God, was assumed into Heaven at the end of her earthly life.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 974) teaches, "The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body."

CAFOD—Fix the Food System

Your response has been amazing—thank you!

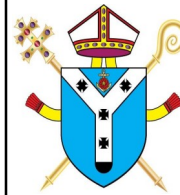
Today CAFOD word invites you to sign a letter. CAFOD works with small farmers around the world who produce lots of the world's food. But many of them are facing a huge problem. For hundreds of years they have freely used and shared their own seeds, but laws are being passed that limit what they're allowed to do with their own seeds, giving them little choice but to buy more expensive seeds from large companies. These laws make it even harder for small farmers and their families to produce enough food.

Selina is a small farmer from Bangladesh and she told CAFOD, "to keep the seeds in our own hands is the main thing, without seeds being a farmer is not possible." Please sign Selina's letter on your way out of mass. By signing your name alongside Selina, we can send a strong message to the World Bank that the Catholic community stands with small scale farmers. The letter is at the back of the church and I will leave it there for 2-3 weeks for you to sign.



Visit to Ladywell

When we had our Parish meeting last year, you asked for pilgrimages and days of recollection in the parish. I am in a conversation with the shrine of Ladywell in Preston about a day trip one Saturday in September. I hope to finalise the details this coming week and will let you know next week. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for more details.



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St Albert The Great RC Parish
Stockbridge Village

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19th Sunday of the Year (A)

13th August 2023

Mass Times & Intentions

Sunday 13 th August 10.00am	(19th Sunday of the Year) Joseph Teoh & Parishioners
Monday 14 th August 9.15am	(Saint Maximilian Kolbe) No Service
Tuesday 15 th August 9.15am 7.30pm	(Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) Carl Mills Fr. Tony Slingo
Wednesday 16 th August 9.15am 1.30pm	(Saint Stephen of Hungary) No Service FUNERAL SERVICE Anthony Busher
Thursday 17 th August 9.15am	No Service
Friday 18 th August 9.15am	Communion Service
Saturday 19 th August 9.15am	(Saint John Eudes) No Service
Sunday 20 th August 10.00am	(19th Sunday of the Year) Betty Powell & Parishioners



**'Man of little faith,
why did you doubt?'**

Please remember in your prayers:

The Sick in our parish:

Pat Fleming, Sylvia Fleming, Tobin Lee, Katie Westwell, Rose Mary Marston, Ethel Waite, Betty Carroll, Anne Viz, Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Carolyn Young, Patricia Louise Jones, Mr & Mrs McDonagh, Christopher McRae, Sister Savio, Dee Kelly, Denise Ball, Br. John Smith MHM, Fr. Tony Slingo

Those who have died recently

*Eternal Rest, grant unto them O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace,
Amen*

Parish Mass Times

Weekday Masses -

From next Tuesday 22nd August, for a 6 week trial period, we will have:

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday—
Friday 9.00am—9.55am**

Mass Tuesday - Friday at 10.00am .

If it is successful, we will make it permanent, if our numbers do not improve, I will speak with the congregation affected and seek their opinion.



First Reconciliation and Communions 2024

Next years first Reconciliation and Holy Communion Programme dates have already been sent out to parents and guardians of children who enter Year 4 in September. Application forms for entry into the preparation programme will be available, every Sunday after Mass during September, they will not be available at any other time. The closing date for entry into the preparation programme will be Friday 29th September, after that no applications will be accepted and a Mass of Enrolment will be held on **Sunday 22nd October** at 10.00am in St. Albert's church, which attendance is compulsory.

Proof of Baptism is an absolute. If your child was baptised in St. Albert's, we will have it recorded in the baptismal registers held here. If your child was baptised an another parish, you will need to approach the parish and request a baptismal certificate.



Cathedral Walking Group

After the last walk fell foul to the weather, the Cathedral Walking Group will get out for their latest walk on 19 August. They will meet at Refreshment Rooms, 2 Bedford Rd E, Birkenhead CH42 1LS and walk along the coast of the River Mersey. Bring a picnic lunch, and any drinks, although coffee can be bought at Port Sunlight. For any further information, please contact David Stevens on 07578831431



Bleed Control Packs

Earlier this year, every parish centre in the archdiocese had a life-saving bleed control pack installed after we were inspired by the work that Ava White's family has been doing since her tragic death in 2021.

The archdiocese has secured funding from Heineken to purchase a bleed control pack for every parish in the archdiocese. We are hoping that these will be delivered to all parishes in the next 2-3 months.

We have secured training on these life-saving packs which will be delivered by Knifesavers. The training is free and will be held on Wednesday 25 October at the St Margaret Clitherow Centre. We would welcome parishes to book onto this, so they are fully trained on how to use this equipment. To book, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/knifesavers-training-day-archdiocese-of-liverpool-event-registration-694286458487?aff=oddtcreator>

Anyone interested in going on this course? Please let me know.



Altar Servers & Parish Day Out

At last I have managed to arrange our parish day out. It will be to **Blackpool Pleasure Beach** on Tuesday 29th August.

Tickets for the park are £28 (for a group of 15) and I will arrange a coach during the week. There is a list at the back of the church for you to sign up on, Altar Servers, there is a list in the sacristy for you to sign up. If you do want to go, please do sign up as soon as possible, as I have to pre-book to get the tickets at this price.



Pause for thought.....

Don't deceive yourself, my friends. You will become light when you do acts of love. But when, instead of doing acts of love, going out of yourself, you look at yourself like an egotist, then your light will be dimmed. -



Pope Francis