

# St Saviour's Church

15 August 2021 - Mary Mother of the Lord (Assumption)



Orthodox tradition is clear and unwavering in regard to the central point [of the Dormition]: the Holy Virgin underwent, as did her Son, a physical death, but her body – like His – was afterwards raised from the dead and she was taken up into heaven, in her body as well as in her soul. She has passed beyond death and judgement and lives wholly in the Age to Come. The Resurrection of the Body ... has in her case been anticipated and is already an accomplished fact. That does not mean, however, that she is dissociated from the rest of humanity and placed in a wholly different category: for we all hope to share one day in that same glory of the Resurrection of the Body that she enjoys even now. (Bishop Kallistus Ware on the Dormition or Assumption of the BVM )

## Parish Notes:

**Reserve your seat** at St Saviour's mass via Liz on 07718918846

**Baptism** - Congratulations to Riley-Jay Parry and his family as he is welcomed into the family of God's church at 11:00am.

**Thank You** - to Fr Colin Sutton for preaching, presiding and baptising for us today.

**Ecumenical Prayer** - The Ecumenical Assumption Celebrations is on this evening at Mary's Butetown beginning at 6.30 with a BBQ at 6.30 followed by Vespers, Procession and Fireworks. If you would like to attend this event, don't forget to book your place!

**Assumption Posies** - At the end of Mass today we will bless posies of lavender and rosemary grown in our garden. You can take one as you leave church today.

**Penrhys Pilgrimage** - Many thanks to those who took part in yesterdays sponsored walk from Llanwonnos to the Shrine of Our Lady of Penrhys. If you would like to make a donation towards sponsorship, envelopes are available at the back of church.

**Church Cleaning** - From September we'll be reintroducing our cleaning rota. If you would like to join the cleaning rota. Please speak to Liz or David.

**Licensing date of Fr Phelim** as Area Dean for Kings Norton, Mosely and Shirley in the diocese of Birmingham will be Monday 13 September at 7pm in St John's Church in Longbridge. If anyone would like to attend please let Fr Phelim know. Fr Phelim and family move to the new vicarage on Monday 23 August and we wish them a peaceful move.

**Interregnum** - Fr Phelim moves to Birmingham on 23 August. Please contact Fr Chris or the Church Wardens for any parish or ministry related queries. From September the interregnum will begin and Fr Dyfrig Lloyd, the area dean, will coordinate ministry then.

**Covid Risks Update** - Despite the relaxation of most measures the CinW advises we continue with our precautions against infection and ensuring our churches remain as safe as possible for vulnerable people. Masks are still a legal requirement and social distancing is advised as are ongoing assessment of risks by each PCC moving forward.

## This week:

### Sun 15 Mary Mother of Christ (Assumption)

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11:00 Baptism (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

### Mon 16:

6:00pm Mass (St G)

### Tues 17:

10:00 Mass (St S)

### Wed 18:

10am Mass (St G)

### Thur 19:

17:45 Mass (St S)

### Fri 20:

No Mass (St S)

### Sat 21:

No Mass (St S)

### Sun 22: OT21

*St Saviour's:*

9:30 Sung Mass;

*St German's:*

11:00 am Sung Mass

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

1 Chronicles 15-16:2  
Ps 131  
1 Cor 15:54-57  
Luke 11:27-28

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Josh 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b  
Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-21  
Eph 5:21-32  
John 6:60-69

## PSALM:

**On your right stands  
the queen in gold of  
Ophir.**

**COLLECT:**

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

**OPENING HYMN**

Blest are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs,  
their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens  
our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell in lowliness with men,  
their pattern and their King;

Still to the lowly soul  
he doth himself impart,  
and for his dwelling and his throne  
chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;  
may ours this blessing be;  
give us a pure and lowly heart,  
a temple meet for thee.

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

As I kneel before you,  
As I bow my head in prayer,  
Take this day, make it yours  
and fill me with your love.

*Ave Maria,  
Gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum,  
Benedicta tu.*

All I have I give you,  
Every dream and wish are yours,  
Mother of Christ,  
Mother of mine, present them to  
my Lord.

As I kneel before you,  
And I see your smiling face,  
Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word  
Is lost in your embrace.

**COMMUNION HYMN**

Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst  
me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings within and fears without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon,  
cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown  
Hath broken every barrier down;

Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love  
The breadth, length, depth, and  
height to prove,  
Here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

**CLOSING HYMN**

Sing we of the blessed Mother  
who received the angel's word,  
And obedient to the summons  
bore in love the infant Lord;  
Sing we of the joys of Mary  
at whose breast that child was fed  
Who is Son of God eternal  
and the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows, of  
the sword that pierced her through,  
When beneath the cross of Jesus  
she his weight of suffering knew,  
Looked upon her Son and Saviour  
reigning from the awful tree,  
Saw the price of our redemption  
paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary  
when she saw the risen Lord,  
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,  
waited on his promised word:  
from on high the blazing glory  
of the Spirit's presence came,  
heav'nly breath of God's own being  
tokened in the wind and flame.

Sing the greatest joy of Mary,  
when on earth her work was done,  
And the Lord of all creation  
brought her to his heav'nly home:  
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed, raised  
on high and crowned with grace,  
May your Son, the world's redeemer,  
grant us all to see his face..

## FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Revelation

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready.

Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

This is the word of the Lord.

*Rev 11*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**On your right stands the queen in the gold of Ophir.**

At Ephrata we heard of the ark;  
we found it in the plains of Yearim.  
'Let us go to the place of his dwelling;  
let us go to kneel at his footstool.'

Your priests shall be clothed with holiness;

your faithful shall ring out their joy.  
For the sake of David your servant  
do not reject your anointed.

For the Lord has chosen Zion;  
he has desired it for his dwelling:  
'This is my resting-place for ever;  
here have I chosen to live.'

*Psalm 34*

## SECOND READING

A reading from the 1st letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet..

This is the word of the Lord.

*1 Cor 15*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Mary has been taken up to heaven;  
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:  
'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord  
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;  
because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.  
Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed,  
for the Almighty has done great things for me.  
Holy is his name,  
and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.  
He has shown the power of his arm,  
he has routed the proud of heart.  
He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.  
The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.  
He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy  
– according to the promise he made to our ancestors –  
of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'  
Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*John 6*