

Assumptiontide Festival



Saturday 20th August

11.30am

Festival Concelebrated Mass

1.00pm

Lunch

2.15pm

A Scripture Rosary

2.45pm

Procession of Our Lady

3.00pm

Benediction

at the church of
St James, Latchford

The Angelus



The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary:
And she conceived by the Holy Ghost

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord:
Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.**

And the Word was made flesh:
And dwelt amongst us

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.**

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:
**That we may be made worthy of the promises of
Christ.**

Let us pray.
We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our
hearts, that, as we have known the incarnation of
thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so,
by his Cross and passion we may be brought to the
glory of his resurrection; through the same Christ
our Lord,
Amen

Solemn Concelebrated Mass

Introit Hymn

In splendour arrayed, in vesture of gold,
The Mother of God in glory behold!
O daughter of David, thou dwellest on high,
Excelling in brightness the hosts of the sky.

O maiden thou art a mother renowned;
A mother who yet as Virgin art crowned;
The Lord of the angels, God high and supreme,
Took flesh of thy substance, the world to redeem.

All kindreds and tongues thine offspring adore,
Creation must bow his footstool before.
At thy gentle pleadings may he from his height
Disperse all our shadows and fill us with light.

The Father we praise, who chose for his Son
A mother all-pure, th' immaculate one.
All praise to her offspring who saveth our race:
Like praise to the Spirit who filled her with grace.

Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Preparation

My brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred
mysteries.

(pause for silent reflection)

You do great things for us, and holy is your Name.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You have mercy on those who fear you in every
generation.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You cast the mighty from their thrones and lift up
the lowly.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive our sins, and bring us to everlasting life

Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God,
who assumed the Blessed Virgin Mary,
the Mother of your Son,
body and soul into heavenly glory:
grant, we pray,
that always attentive to the things that are above,
we may be made worthy to share her glory:
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

First Reading

Revelation 11¹⁹, 12^{1-6, 10}

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 45^{9-11, 13-15}

R. The queen stands at your right hand,
arrayed in gold.

Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear, forget
your people and your father's house, and so shall
the king desire your beauty.

Bow to him, for he is your lord.

R. The queen stands at your right hand,
arrayed in gold.

All glorious is the princess within, gold embroidery
is her clothing. She is led to the king, with her
virgin companions. With joy and gladness they are
led along as they enter the palace of the king.

R. The queen stands at your right hand,
arrayed in gold.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15²⁰⁻²⁷

Gradual Hymn

Virgin-born, we bow before thee:
blessed was the womb that bore thee;
Mary, Mother meek and mild,
blessed was she in her Child.
Blessed was the breast that fed thee;
blessed was the hand that led thee;
blessed was the parent's eye
that watched thy slumbering infancy.

Blessed she by all creation,
who brought forth the world's salvation,
and blessed they, for ever blest,
who love thee most and serve thee best.
Virgin-born, we bow before thee;
blessed was the womb that bore thee;
Mary, Mother meek and mild,
blessed was she in her Child.

Gospel

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Mary has been taken up into heaven:
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you

And also with you

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
St Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 1³⁹⁻⁵⁶

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Fr Daniel Howard

Prayers of Intercession

Frances Ireland, Reader

response after each prayer:

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

response at the end:

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,**

Amen

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn at the Offertory

Her Virgin eyes saw God incarnate born,
when she to Bethl'em came that happy morn;
how high her raptures then began to swell,
none but her own omniscient Son can tell.

As Eve when she her fontal sin reviewed,
wept for herself and all she should include,
blest Mary with man's Savor in embrace
joyed for herself and for all human race.

All saints are by her Son's dear influence blessed,
she kept the very fountain at her breast;
the Son adored and nursed by the sweet Maid
a thousandfold of love for love repaid.

Heaven with transcendent joys her entrance graced,
next to his throne her Son his Mother placed;
and here below, now she's of heaven possessed,
all generations are to call her blessed.



The Preparation of the Altar

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his holy church.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church's coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people; rightly you would not allow her to see the corruption of the tomb since from her own body she marvellously brought forth your incarnate Son, the Author of all life.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

the concelebrants continue the Eucharistic prayer

..... Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

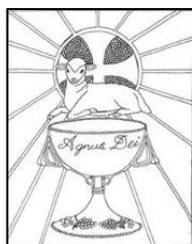
Christ will come again.

the Eucharistic prayer ends with these or similar words:

..... Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.

Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

We pray as Jesus taught us, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever

Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ
Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

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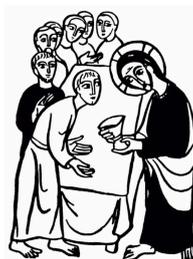
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.



Hymn after Communion

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.

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

As I kneel before you,
And I see your smiling face,
Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word
Is lost in your embrace.
*Ave Maria, Gratia plena,
Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu.*

Prayer after Communion

Having received the Sacrament of salvation, we ask you to grant, O Lord, that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom you assumed into heaven, that we may be brought to the glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory
Amen**

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

May God, who through the childbearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary, willed in his great kindness to redeem the human race, be pleased to enrich you with his blessing
Amen

May you know always and everywhere the protection of her, through whom you have been found worthy to receive the author of life.
Amen

May you, who have devoutly gathered on this day, carry away with you the gifts of spiritual joys and heavenly rewards.
Amen

And may the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
**In the name of Christ,
Amen.**

Final Hymn

Sing we of the blessed Mother
Who received the angel's word,
And obedient to his 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 high on Calvary's tree,
Saw the price of man's 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,
Heavenly breath of God's own being,
Manifest through wind and flame.

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
When on earth her work was done,
And the Lord of all creation
Brought her to his heavenly 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.



A Scripture Rosary

*a contemplative time of worship
using a Scripture Rosary
(separate leaflet)*

Procession of Our Lady

Let us proceed in peace.
In the name of Christ.
Amen.

Processional Hymn

Ye who own the faith of Jesus,
sing the wonders that were done
when the love of God the Father
over sin the victory won,
when he made the Virgin Mary
mother of his only Son.

Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.

Blessed were the chosen people
out of whom the Lord did come;
blessed was the land of promise
fashioned for his earthly home;
but more blessed far the mother,
she who bare him in her womb.

Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.

Wherefore let all faithful people
tell the honour of her name;
let the Church, in her foreshadowed,
part in her thanksgiving claim;
what Christ's mother sang in gladness
let Christ's people sing the same.

Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.

Let us weave our supplications,
she with us and we with her,
for the advancement of the faithful,
for each faithful worshiper,
for the doubting, for the sinful,
for each heedless wanderer.

Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.

May the Mother's intercessions
on our homes a blessing win,
that the children all be prospered,
strong and fair and pure within,
following our Lord's own footsteps,
firm in faith and free from sin.

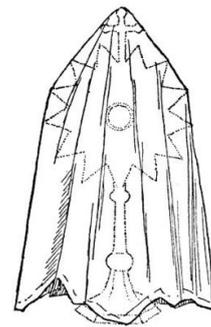
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.

For the sick and the aged,
for our dear ones far away,
for the hearts that mourn in secret,
all who need our prayers today,
for the faithful gone before us,
may the holy Virgin pray.

Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.

Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,
praise thy Saviour and thy Son,
praise the everlasting Spirit,
who hath made thee ark and throne
o'er all creatures high exalted,
lowly praise the Three in One.

Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.



Hymn Before Benediction

Ave Maria! O Maiden, O Mother,
Fondly thy children are calling on thee,
Thine are the graces unclaimed by another,
Sinless and beautiful Star of the Sea!
Mater Amabilis, ora pro nobis!
Pray for thy children who call upon thee;
Ave Sanctissima! Ave purissima!
Sinless and beautiful Star of the Sea!

Ave Maria! The night shades are falling,
Softly our voices arise unto thee,
Earth's lonely exiles for succor are calling,
Sinless and beautiful Star of the Sea!
Mater Amabilis, ...&c

Ave Maria! Thy children are kneeling,
Words of endearment are murmured to thee;
Softly thy spirit upon us is stealing
Sinless and beautiful Star of the Sea!
Mater Amabilis, ...&c

Ave Maria! Thou portal of Heaven,
Harbour of refuge, to thee we do flee:
Lost in the darkness, by stormy winds driven,
Shine on our pathway, fair Star of the Sea!
Mater Amabilis, ...&c

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Hymn

O saving victim opening wide
the gate of heaven to man below,
our foes press hard on every side,
thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend
for ever more, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end,
in our true native land with thee.

Devotions and Intercessions follow here.

We sing the following hymn - 'Tantum ergo' - as the priest censes the Blessed Sacrament.

Therefore we, before him bending,
this great Sacrament revere;
types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here;
faith our outward sense befriending
makes the inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing
to the Father and the Son;
honour, might, and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run:
ever, too, his love confessing,
who from both with both is one.

The priest stands to sing the Collect:

O God, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left
unto us a memorial of thy passion: grant us, we
beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of
thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive
within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



After which we bow our heads to receive the Blessing as the Sacrament is shown to us with the sign of the Cross.

The Divine Praises are repeated after the priest:

Blessed be God;
Blessed be his Holy Name;
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man;
Blessed be the Name of Jesus;
Blessed be his most Sacred Heart;
Blessed be his most precious Blood;
Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament
of the Altar;
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete;
Blessed be the great Mother of God,
Mary Most Holy;
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception;
Blessed be her glorious Assumption;
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother;
Blessed be St Joseph, her most chaste Spouse;
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

As the Blessed Sacrament is taken from the Altar we sing:

**Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ In the most Holy Sacrament.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. (x3)**

Hymn

Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with waters gushing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be,
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
in death's dread moments make me only thine;
call me and bid me come to thee on high
where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the divine assistance remain with us
and may the souls of the faithful
through the mercy of God
rest in peace

Amen.

Today's Festival at St James' Latchford

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation for hospitality today to:

Fr John Goode, Priest in Charge

Frances Ireland, Reader

Brian Carter, Churchwarden

Peter Ratcliffe, Sacristan

Fr Geoffrey Hardman

and to all the members of the congregation who have made us so welcome.



Forthcoming Events

you can find details of all the Society of Mary events in the north west by visiting our website:
<<http://www.som-northwest.org.uk/Programme.htm>>

Saturday 17th September

Walsingham Festival at Liverpool Cathedral

Saturday 8th October

Northern Provincial Festival

York Minster

Saturday 5th November

Ward Requiem Service

St Michael and All Angels, Peel Green,

Saturday 10th December

Festival of the Immaculate Conception

St George the Martyr, Preston

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