



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



## 'CALLED TO BE SENT (FAITH & MISSION)'

Community in Double Jubilee of 175 Years of Parish Community  
and 100 years in Heaven of St Allamano

# The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Saturday 15:

5-5.45pm: Confessions (Church)

6.00pm: Costantino Family RIP

### Sun 16 August 2026:

#### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.30am: Pro Populo (ints)

10.30am: Corsini Family RIP

6.00pm: Chrissie Hynes RIP

### Monday 17:

9.30am Morning Prayer

6.00pm: Sian Marie & Ross (ints)

### Tuesday 18:

9.30am Morning Prayer

10am: Ruby & Anthony Alvares RIP

Holy Rosary after Mass

### Wednesday 19: Saint John Eudes

6.00pm: Jean Grossman RIP

### Thurs 20: Saint Bernard

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am: Ralph Dacomb RIP

Holy Rosary after Mass

10.30am Tea & Coffee in JPll Room

6pm Adoration & Confessions (Church)

### Friday 21: Saint Pius X

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am: Jean Crossman RIP

Holy Rosary after Mass

1.00pm: Christian Meditation in Church

### Saturday 22: Our Lady, Mother & Queen

5-5.45pm: Confessions (Church)

6.00pm: Ambrose Walsh RIP

### Sunday 23 August

21st in Ordinary Time

## Solemnity of

## The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings Rev 11:19a:12:1-6a, 10ab: 1Cor 15:20-27: Lk 1:39-56

We celebrate this Sunday the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. It was yesterday, 15th August, but we transfer the celebration to Sunday so that we can give the appropriate honour to Our Lady. It is the greatest of all the feasts which the Church celebrates in her honour.

We give great importance to our saints. We do not adore them, but we recognise that they have lived a truly Christian life, that they have imitated Christ in different ways, and that they now rejoice in God's presence. They encourage us in our own lives and make it easier for us to follow Christ through the example of their virtues. They remain close to us through their writings and images.

Our Lady, of course, is the first among all the saints. As the Second Vatican Council states: "Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, unites in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the Faith; and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father."

No wonder the "real" image of Our Lady is not simply that of a beautiful young girl, but of a caring mother who lovingly points us towards her Son.

Being made by Jesus the mother of every Christian, with the words to St John, "Woman, here is your son" and "Here is your mother", we come today to honour her memory on this Feast of her Assumption.

The Assumption was defined as a dogma in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, when he declared that "the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory", continuing the long tradition of the Church.

May Our Lady guide us, pilgrims in this secularised world, with her motherly care, so that we may all carry out God's will and, one day, be received with her Son, Jesus Christ, into the glory where they live for ever.

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A warm welcome to new parishioners and our visitors during this holiday season. Please say hello to our Priest after Mass.

Fr Godfrey warmly invites all our young parishioners aged 18 - 35 to join him for a social gathering and meal together on Thursday 27th August at 6.30pm in the JP11 Room. To help with preparations and catering, please let Fr Godfrey know if you are able to attend by Tuesday 25th August. You can contact him by: mobile: 07947 371234 or email: [godfreymsumange@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:godfreymsumange@rcdow.org.uk) Hope you can join us for a lovely evening together!

As we continue to celebrate our Double Jubilee, we pray for all the priests and curates who have ministered to our parish community at Mary Immaculate & St Gregory the Great. Each week, we remember in prayer the priests and curates who served our parish and give thanks for their ministry. In this week, we remember Canon John Hookway, Parish Priest from 1914 to 1940 (installed as Canon from 1929). We also remember the curates who served during this period: Fathers Philip Grady, Wilfrid Harrington, George Baudouin, Stephen Shaw, Joseph Fehrenbach, Archibald Bardne and Walter Donovan.

Registration for Next Pastoral Year's Sacraments are now available in the porch and on our website: Programmes and forms are available for children & adults who would like to receive to receive sacrament initiation for the year 2026/2027: -

- Sacrament of Baptism for under 7s
- Children aged over 7 (catechetical age) not yet Baptised.
- Sacrament of Holy Communion for Year 3
- Sacrament of Confirmation for Year 10.
- RCIA (Adults) for those who wish to be accepted in the catholic church or adults not yet baptised and/or confirmed.

The deadline to submit the forms for the Sacraments (except Baptism for under 7s), is the 15th September 2026.

Visit to the Sick/Hospital/Housebound: if you know of anyone who is sick and would like a visit, please contact the parish priest/parish office on 020 8449 3338.

**Summer Raffle: Help The SVP Alleviate Poverty:** our members, volunteers & staff provide friendship, practical help and daily support to people in need in our community. Every ticket you buy makes a difference, supporting their work. £1 each/£5 strip. Available after all Masses 22/23rd August (CASH ONLY please).

**Turin Pilgrimage: 6-10 October 2026:** Pilgrims going to Turin are requested to attend the following: **All are held on Thursdays in September: 7pm-8.30pm in the JP11 Room. Retreat (Pt 1): 10th Sept, Retreat (Pt 2): 17th Sept and Final Notes Meeting on Thursday 24 Sept in preparation for the pilgrimage.** If there is anyone who would wish to join the retreat days (but are not attending the pilgrimage) - please contact Fr. Godfrey.

**Altar Servers:** Please can all altar servers attend special training from the 1st to 3rd September from 4.30 to 6.00pm in the JP11 room.

**Receiving Holy Communion** allows us to welcome Jesus, truly present in His Body and Blood, into our hearts. Practising Catholics who are free from grave sin may receive Holy Communion, on the tongue or in the hand, with reverence. When receiving in the hand, place one hand flat on top of the other, forming a throne for Our Eucharistic Lord. The Host must be consumed immediately in the presence of the Minister. **If you are not Catholic**, you are warmly welcome to join the queue and receive a blessing instead. Please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. **If you are gluten intolerant**, please speak to a Minister in the sacristy before Mass to request a gluten free host.

### Patronal Feast of Saint Gregory the Great

**Novena starts 28 August**  
after each Mass

**Sunday 6th September**

(Please note there is no 8.30am Mass)

**10.30am Mass**

Followed by lunch in the hall afterwards

### Can you help please?

There is a food list in the porch. Can you kindly provide a dish or two on the day - thank you. Please sign up on the list!



Please remember in your prayers the sick, their families and all who care for them: Rosemary Chester, Catherine Evans, Janine Kelly, Louie Sheehy, Stephen Mealy, Martin Harrison, Victor Annan, Mary Spearman, Alice Power, Carlotta Brunelli, Nula Mole, Linda Quilter, Clare Buckmire, Martin Quilter, Margaret Kelly, Angela Manzi and Mary Quigley, Karen Sanchez

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**OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY: 10.30am-12 noon AND 4.00pm-5.30pm**

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & WEEKENDS: CLOSED**

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