

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

### Saturday 14 August

Vigil Mass **6.30pm**  
Val Regan (The Curragh)  
Seamus Cleary (Milltown Malbay)

### Sunday 15 August

Mass **10.00am**  
Val Regan (The Curragh)  
Seamus Cleary (Milltown Malbay)

### Monday 16 August

Morning Mass **9.30am**

### Tuesday 17 August

Morning Mass **9.30am**

### Wednesday 18 August

Morning Mass **9.30am**

### Thursday 19 August

Morning Mass **9.30am**

### Friday 20 August

Morning Mass **9.30am**  
Hilda Johnson  
Audrey Johnson

### Saturday 21 August

Vigil Mass **6.30pm**  
John Morrin  
John Crean  
Mary Ellen & Michael Goldrick

Elizabeth Connolly

Peter McCarthy

### Sunday 22 August

Morning Mass **10.00am**

## MINISTERS OF THE WORD

### Saturday 14 August

Giles Durcan

### Sunday 15 August

Michael Forde

### Saturday 21 August

Martin Fox

### Sunday 22 August

Marianne O'Foghlú

## MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

### Saturday 14 August

Phyllis Jennings

### Sunday 15 August

Máire Heneghan

### Saturday 21 August

Theresa Quirke

### Sunday 22 August

Martin Fox

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## The Solemnity Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 2021



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### WHAT IS THE ASSUMPTION?

The first name of this solemnity was the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Later, its name in the East carried over, the Dormition (or Falling Asleep) of Mary. In the West, it became known as the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This solemnity celebrates the fact that Mary's Assumption is "a pledge of the future participation of the members of the mystical Body of Christ in the paschal glory of the Risen Christ." It shows that

the Lord "reserves a munificent reward for his humble Servant because of her faithful cooperation with the divine plan, which is a destiny of fullness, happiness, glorification of her immaculate soul, her virginal body, perfect configuration to her Risen Son" (Directory, no. 180). The Mass has a proper vigil, and the solemnity replaces the Mass of the day when it occurs on a Sunday in Ordinary Time.

What does this all mean?

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which the Church celebrates every year on August 15. Simply put, the dogma of the Assumption states that at the end of her life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken, body and soul, into Heaven.

While this event isn't reflected in Sacred Scripture, it is clearly part of the Church's earliest observance. In the sixth century, St. John Damascene wrote in one of his sermons, "Your sacred and happy soul, as nature will



have it, was separated in death from your most blessed and immaculate body, and although the body was duly interred, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay; your most pure and sinless body was not left on earth, but you were transferred to your heavenly throne.”

Theologically speaking, death is often understood to be a consequence of original sin. Since Mary was conceived without Original Sin, some theologians have wondered if Mary died or if perhaps she was taken into Heaven without experiencing death. The Catechism of the Catholic Church doesn't answer this question but simply states, “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” (no. 974)

The Solemnity of the Assumption reminds us of the unique role that Mary served in the process of our salvation. Although she was without sin, we have the possibility of receiving God's forgiveness for our sins through Christ. Her entry into Heaven prefigures our own hope of experiencing the same eternal life.

**Ordinarily, the celebration of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation for Catholics, but when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday, that obligation to attend Mass is lifted.**

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## Parish Office

**The Parish Office will be closed Monday, August 16th & Tuesday August 17th.**

*Signed Mass Cards are available in the Sacristy and the Parish Office*

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### Parish Envelopes

**Envelopes are provided in collection boxes and in the Church**

We encourage people to consider setting up a Bankers Order. Forms are available in the Parish Office or in the Church. We would like to thank people who are contributing in these times

I will give thanks to your name,  
because of your kindness and  
your truth: When I called, you  
answered me; you built up  
strength within me.

—PS 138:2-3

