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Times of Masses and other Services: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Twentieth Week of Ordinary Time: 16th – 22nd August 2026 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week IV)

W Saturday 15th August: *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)*

NO CONFESSIONS TODAY

5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Robert Arthur Heath RIP (39th Anniversary) (Lesley)

W Sunday 16th August: *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)*

9:00 am: Mass; Jozef & Marta Hajas RIP (Gabriela)

11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Pro Populo; People of the Parish

G Monday 17th August: *Weekday Feria*

10:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion

G Tuesday 18th August: *Weekday Feria*

10:00 am: (St Francis); Service of the Word and Holy Communion

G Wednesday 19th August: *Weekday Feria*

10:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion

W Thursday 20th August: *St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor (memoria)*

NO MORNING MASS OR SERVICE

W Friday 21st August: *St Pius X, Pope (memoria)*

10:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion

G Saturday 22nd August: *Twenty - First Sunday of the Year*

NO CONFESSIONS TODAY

5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Fr John Cairns RIP

G Sunday 23rd August: *Twenty - First Sunday of the Year*

9:00 am: Mass; Fr Simon Hall RIP

11:00 am: Mass; (St Francis); Pro Populo; People of the Parish

PARISH FINANCES

8th / 9th August 2026

Envelopes: £ 310. 51

Loose Plate: £ 250. 45

S / Orders: £ 621. 00

TOTAL: £ 1181. 96

*Thank you for your
continued generosity and
support of our Parish.*

*Your Prayers are
requested for those
who are sick:*

Kathleen Anderson,
Isobel Alana Barnes,
Marica Borsos,
Mary Evans,
Kathleen Fisher,
Andrea Hoffman,
Breda Keaney,
Margaret King,
Brenda Lowe,
Michael Morrissey,
Julie Mortimer,
Anne – Marie Reid,
Simpson Family,
Kay Twomey,
Evelyn Venning
and John Wilcox.

SUNDAY MISSALS (Proper Prayers & Readings): pp 1170

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: This weekend we welcome into our Parish Community: *Veronica Mary Edwards* who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on **Saturday 15th August 2026**. We pray for her and her parents, *Simon* and *Joanna* on this happy occasion.

LAST WEEKEND TO GET YOUR TICKETS FOR THE PARISH FAMILY BBQ – TICKETS ON SALE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH: **Sunday 23rd August 2026 from 3:00 pm.** Tickets: Family Ticket (2 Adults 2 Children) £20.00; Adult £7.00; Children (4 – 16 years) £4.00 each. Please bring your own drinks and either a salad or dessert for a shared table.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK: **Saturday 5th September 2026** in London for the Annual March for Life. Abortion has devastating repercussions for mothers and children, but its wider impact on the family is often overlooked. It can lead to fractured relationships, hidden grief, and guilt. That's why the theme for this year's March for Life is "*Abortion Hurts the Family*." Unite with thousands of others at this family – friendly event, where we recognise the value of life from conception and help all people understand why abortion is a tragedy in itself and one that harms the family to its very core. To find out more go to marchforlife.co.uk. There will be a coach going to the March from Nottingham. Tickets are £30 for adults, £10 for under 16s and £15 for students/unwaged. To reserve places contact Marie: 07948 151264 or marielangford@live.co.uk

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE: As you may have seen, the proposal to legalise assisted suicide which was rejected by the House of Lords in the last parliamentary session is returning to the Commons in exactly the same form on **Friday 11th September 2026**. Our Bishops have asked us to oppose this legislation, on the grounds that it undermines respect for the innate value of life; that it could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives; and that it risks putting many hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. The Bishops have asked us to contact / write to our MPs once again, to express our opposition to this bill. They have provided materials to help us to do this on their website (www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/). SPUC also offers advice on what to say to your MP (SPUC.org.uk/[Fight the Terminally Ill Adults \(End of Life\) Bill](http://www.spuc.org.uk/Fight%20the%20Terminally%20Ill%20Adults%20(End%20of%20Life)%20Bill)). There is only a short time before the bill is debated on 11th September. Please contact your MP as soon as possible.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF SPANNED: Our Diocesan agency supporting people with additional needs (SPANNED) is 50 years old this year and will be marked by a Golden Jubilee Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick at Saint Peter's Church, Hinckley, on **Saturday 26th September 2026 at 2:00 pm**. All are very welcome to share this wonderful milestone. If you are contemplating coming please contact Father Frank Daly, on 01455 634443, or hinckleypriory@gmail.com by 31st August 2026, to help with catering arrangements.

THE NATIONAL CONVERSATION: is a chance for everyone to contribute ideas about how to shape a more united future for England. It has been launched by the Independent Commission on Community and Cohesion. The Commission wants to hear from churches because it knows that we are on the frontline of community life. We see the pressures on families and young people, the impact of economic insecurity and cultural change, the tensions and misunderstandings between different groups — and the deep desire many people still have for belonging, meaning and hope. To engage, use this link: [this is a special link for churches; other sectors have different links](#)). The survey should take around 10 minutes, and should be complete by the end of August.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE: Do you enjoy helping people? Do you have a clear and confident manner on the phone and good IT skills? Catholic Marriage Care is looking for an **Appointments Service Administrator** who is able to work a minimum of 8 hours per week, taking enquiries from people seeking relationship counselling or marriage preparation. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: karen@marriagecare.org.uk

Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to frcathomas@outlook.com by WEDNESDAY (before 6:00 pm) of each week for inclusion in the next issue.