

The Parishes of St Jude & St Aidan

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Sunday 16th August
ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August		Mass	Intention
Saturday	15	St Jude's - 5.30pm	PARISHONERS
Sunday	16	St Aidan's - 9.00am St Jude's - 10.30am	Solemnity of the Assumption Russ Murray (LD)
Monday	17	St Jude's - 10.00am	
Tuesday	18	St Jude's - 10.00am	
Wednesday	19	St Aidan's - 11.45am St Jude's - 7.00pm	
Thursday	20	St Jude's - 10.00am	Robert Frodsham (BR)
Friday	21	St Aidan's - 10.00am	PRIVATE INTENTION
Saturday	22	St Jude's - 5.30pm	Thomas Lavin (A)
Sunday	23	St Aidan's - 9.00am St Jude's - 10.30am	

Confessions at St Jude's: Wednesdays 6.15pm – 6.45pm / Saturdays 4.45pm-5.15pm

Pope Leo XIV's August prayer intention: For evangelization in the city. Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

This week we celebrate **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

When Mary's earthly life was completed, God took her body and soul into heavenly glory. Pope Pius XII solemnly defined this belief as dogma in 1950, but the definition confirmed a faith already expressed for centuries in Christian worship and teaching. The feast celebrates Christ's saving power. Mary is not divine or an independent source of salvation. She is a redeemed human being whose unique privilege comes entirely from Jesus. Her Assumption displays His victory over sin, death, and bodily corruption.

The difference between Ascension and Assumption is that the Ascension refers to Jesus Christ returning to heaven by His own divine authority after His resurrection. He is the eternal Son of God and the source of salvation. The Assumption refers to Mary being taken into heavenly glory by God. The distinction is clear: Christ ascended; Mary was assumed.

Sacramental Programme 2026-27

Registration forms are now available in church for any children in year 4 (or above) who would like to join the sacramental programme this year. Please complete and return your form at any Mass before 7th September.

CRAFTING THE WORD OF THE LORD

"A unique, visual and tactile presentation of biblical stories" created by Francesca Vause. A unique handcrafted exhibition of biblical stories to be held in Our Lady and All Saints church, Parbold, starting Monday 7th until Friday 11th September. Entrance is free but donations welcomed

CAFOD school volunteers needed!

Could you visit your local Catholic school to **talk about the work of CAFOD**? We are looking for **volunteers** to deliver school assemblies and workshops and inspire children and young people to make a difference and take action. Contact aletizia@cafod.org.uk

Up and coming events:

Season of Creation / St Francis Jubilee Pilgrimage Walk and Mass - Saturday 5th September.

Pilgrimage Mass in Honour of Blessed Dominic Barberi - Monday 31 August
Mass in honour of Venerable Elizabeth Prout, foundress of the Sisters of the Cross and Passion. - Saturday 12 September 12:00pm

RCIA programme on Saturday, 19 September 2026, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, in the St John's Church Meeting Room, WN1 1XD

Deacon Jim's last Mass before he retires will be at 9am on Sunday 6th September. There will be a small celebration after Mass in the Parish Centre to thank Jim for his many years of service. If anyone would like to contribute to his retirement collection, please put your donation in the basket in St Aidan's porch or in a clearly marked envelope into the regular collection.

It is with profound sadness that the Archbishop asks for prayers for the eternal repose of the soul of Father Joseph Kendall who tragically and unexpectedly died last week. Fr Joe was ordained in 2012 and was assistant Priest at St Julies and St Aidan in 2015. Please pray for him, his family, the Archbishop, his brother Priests and the formation community at Valladolid at this tragic time.