

V/. The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary;  
R/. **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. Amen.**

V/. Behold the handmaid of the Lord;  
R/. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

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blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
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now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V/. And the Word was made flesh;  
R/. **And dwelt among us.**

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and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
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now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V/. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.  
R/. **That we may be made worthy  
of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to 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 unto the glory of his resurrec-  
tion. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **Recessional: Fugue on The Magnificat - J S Bach**

*Please remain seated until the Recessional Music has ceased.  
This is integral to the liturgy of the Organ Mass and therefore  
applause is not appropriate. Once concluded, leave the Par-  
ish Church of St Mary & St Giles via the Parish Hall; and at All  
Saints via the West (Tower) door. The Priest will be outside in  
the churchyard.*

#### **Masses this week:**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feria</b> 18:00 Mass at St Mary & St Giles Intention: For the Prime Minister & Government
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St Bernard, Abbott &amp; Doctor</b> 10:30 Mass at All Saints Intention: For all Christian Spiritual Writers
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feria</b> 12:00n Angelus & Mass at St Mary & St Giles Intention: For the Faithful Departed
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	<b>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 09:30 PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles 11:15am Family Mass at All Saints Intention: The Parish

#### **A Prayer to use after Mass**

*We celebrate you as a living temple, Mother of God, for the  
Lord who holds all things in his hands dwelt in your womb  
and made you holy, made you glorious and taught us to cry  
out to you: Hail, abode of God the Word, Hail, holy one, great-  
er than the saints. Hail, golden ark of the Spirit, Hail, unfailing  
fountain of life. Hail, key to the kingdom of Christ, Hail, hope  
of eternal happiness. Hail, virgin mother and unwedded bride.*

(From the Akathist hymn, sixth century)



## **St Mary & St Giles with All Saints, Parish of Stony Stratford with Calverton**

### **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 16th August AD 2020**



**Welcome to the Parish Church where, after the example  
of the early church, we celebrate the Eucharist: the  
“apostles teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread  
and the prayers” (Acts 2:42)**

At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, when bishops from throughout  
the Mediterranean world gathered in Constantinople, Emperor  
Marcian asked the Patriarch of Jerusalem to bring the relics of Mary  
to Constantinople to be enshrined in the capitol. The patriarch ex-  
plained to the emperor that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusa-  
lem, that “Mary had died in the presence of the apostles; but her  
tomb, when opened later . . . was found empty and so the apostles  
concluded that the body was taken up into heaven.”

In the eighth century, St. John Damascene was known for giving  
sermons at the holy places in Jerusalem. At the Tomb of Mary, he  
expressed the belief of the Church on the meaning of the feast:  
“Although the body was duly buried, it did not remain in the state of  
death, neither was it dissolved by decay. . . . You were transferred  
to your heavenly home, O Lady, Queen and Mother of God in truth.”

# INFORMATION



**Safeguarding:** Our Parish Churches have adopted and follow the Diocese of Oxford's recommended policies for the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Details of these policies and of our Safeguarding Officers are available on the noticeboards inside each Parish Church. Should you have any safeguarding concerns then please see one of them.

## Restrictions During the Current Pandemic:

Unfortunately, there are certain restrictions that we are required to observe for some time. I am sure that you will understand that whilst these are requirements placed upon us, they have been done so for good reason.

- ◆ Only 3 or 4 Church Bells are permitted to be rung, because ringing chambers are not large enough for distancing requirements when a full team is present. The Tower Captain and Assistant must keep a record of who is present to ring on what dates and ensure that distancing is maintained on the staircase. Bell ringing practice is not permitted.
- ◆ Entry and exit to our Parish Churches must be via separate doors - entry via the West (Tower) Door and exit via the Parish Hall at St Mary & St Giles - entry via the South Porch and exit via the West (Tower) Door at All Saints
- ◆ There cannot be a social gathering in either of our Parish Churches before or after Mass - social intercourse may take place in the churchyards before or after Mass. Please allow the priest time to take off his vestments and move to the churchyard before leaving either of our churches yourselves.
- ◆ Only one Priest will Celebrate Mass observing the necessary hygiene before, during and after Mass.
- ◆ There will be no 'shared' Mass cards. Instead each week new Orders of Mass will be printed with the full text of the Mass printed upon them. Please do not take a copy for someone else - either retain it for your devotions at home, or place it in the bin provided at the exit points in both churches.
- ◆ The First and Second Readings may be read by Sister Janet from the Legilium which will be placed inside the Sanctuary at St Mary & St Giles. The Nave Lectern and the Pulpit will not be in use as we would have to sanitise it after each person has used it. When Fr Tunji is celebrating if the Rector is away, then he will read the First & Second Readings.
- ◆ Until further notice all singing, singing rehearsals and concerts are prohibited in all places of worship. Within a week or two the Rector & our Director of Music will have planned 'Organ Masses' - these are where incidental music is played on the organ at certain parts of the Mass. But such incidental music will not be accompanied by singing.
- ◆ Collections: Cash donations and envelopes must be placed either in the large plinth donations box at St Mary & St Giles, or in the bowl by the south porch door at All Saints. We are not allowed to pass a collection plate/bag to one another.
- ◆ 'The Peace' may not be shared physically. We may however join our hands and bow to each other at The Peace.
- ◆ When going forward to receive Holy Communion - at St Mary & St Giles please approach centre of the altar rail in single file via the main aisle, observing a two metre distance, and return to your place via the side aisle. At All Saints: again single file two metres apart but keeping to the south porch side of the main aisle on approaching the altar rail and returning to your place on the vestry side. N.B. in both churches Holy Communion must be received whilst standing and please extend your arms as far as you are able. Textile kneelers and cushions have had to be removed.
- ◆ 'Holy Communion' may only be received in one kind, i.e. The Host. This must be received in the palms of our hands and not on the tongue.
- ◆ Please maintain a two metre distance from each other on approaching the altar rails and on leaving our churches after Mass.
- ◆ Lavatory Facilities. A surprise guideline from the Government does allow for lavatories to be used - which may come as a relief! However, this guideline comes with very strict hygiene regulations. Only the larger of the two lavatories only will be open at SMSG (at All Saints there is only one). Strict hand-hygiene must be observed and hand-dryers only used. In the lavatory at each church there will be a spray sanitiser and single use sanitising wipes for each user to wipe the seat, flush-handle, water taps, sink and door handle. Used wipes should be placed in the waste baskets provided.

All of these restrictions, whilst not what we would wish for, do not detract from the fact that once more we shall be able to receive the Lord in his Blessed Sacrament.

**Please take this Service Sheet home with you and use as part of your devotions during the week.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

## The Agnus Dei

(KNEEL)

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

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

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

*The priest shows the consecrated Host to the people, saying:*

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called  
to the supper of the Lamb.

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

*The Communion Antiphon is sung by the Cantor after the Priest has received Holy Communion:*

R/. I shall be called blessed by all generations,  
for He that is mighty hath done to me great things.

My soul doth magnify the Lord  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

He hath filled the hungry with good things  
and the rich sent empty away

He hath holpen his servant Israel  
in remembrance of his mercy.

As he spake to our fathers  
to Abraham and to his seed for ever. R/.

## **Organ Voluntary during the Distribution of Holy Communion: Ave Maris Stella - Marcel Dupré**

*It is customary to kneel throughout the distribution of Holy Communion except when going forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament and upon returning to your place.*

## Prayer after Communion

(STAND)

Let us pray.

*And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while, unless the silence has just been observed. Then the priest, with hands extended, says the Prayer after Communion; at the end of which the people acclaim: Amen.*

*All then pray:*

**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.**

(STAND)

## **THE CONCLUDING RITE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*For the dismissal, the Priest faces the people and blesses them using a form appropriate to the Season:*

May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Priest and ministers face the Shrine of Our Lady and we join in 'The Angelus' (The Memorial of the Incarnation):*

Into heaven Maria is taken up;  
rejoicing, the angels with praises glorify the Lord,  
alleluia!.

Then priest says the Offertory Prayers to which the people  
respond: **Blessed be God for ever.**

(STAND) Pray brethren 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 priest says the Prayer over the Gifts to which all respond: **Amen.**

### 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.**

The priest sings a Eucharistic Preface appropriate to the celebration,  
after which all join in the acclamation: (KNEEL)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
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 priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer of thanksgiving, recalling  
the command of Jesus Christ, 'Do this in memory of me.'

Priest: The mystery of faith:

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues with the priest interceding for the  
Church, the world, all those present at this celebration, and the Faith-  
ful Departed. At the Doxology at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer all  
join in the Great Amen.

Priest: .....for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## THE COMMUNION RITE

### The Lord's Prayer

The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer: (STAND)

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant  
peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy we may  
be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we  
await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Je-  
sus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now  
and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave  
you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the  
faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and  
unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for  
ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### Prayer Thought

The Assumption of our Lady is a powerful reminder that like  
her we have all been promised a share in the resurrection of  
the Lord. Our celebration today is a sign of hope for us as we  
face death which seems to be the ending of everything that is  
good in our lives.

(STAND)

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Organ Introit: Ave Maria - Schubert**

As the Sacristy Bell is rung we STAND, and the Cantor sings  
the **Introit Antiphon:**

A great wonder appeared in heaven:  
a woman clothed with the Sun,  
and the moon under her feet;  
and upon her head, a crown of twelve stars.

Ps. O sing unto the Lord a new song  
for He hath done marvellous things.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world  
with out end. Amen.

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

The priest greets the people

Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**and also with you.**

### Penitential Rite

(STAND)

The priest invites the people to call to mind their sins and repent of them.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The priest pronounces the general absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mer-  
cy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you  
in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Kyries:**

Kyrie, eleison.

**Kyrie, eleison.**

Christe, eleison.

**Christe, eleison.**

Kyrie, eleison.

**Kyrie, eleison.**

**The Gloria in excelsis:**

**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.

### The Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who assumed the Immaculate 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 merit to be sharers of 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.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (SIT)

**The First Reading** Revelation 11: 19a; 12:-6a, 10ab

*(Old Testament Page 213 in the Bibles) the woman is Mary. Her child is the Messiah. The dragon symbolizes the evil forces that oppose God's faithful. Having conquered the evil forces the Messiah is now glorified in heaven where he has won a place for us.*

**The Responsorial Psalm** (from Psalm 45)

R/. **On your right stands the queen,  
in garments of gold.**

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.  
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.  
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:  
forget your own people and your father's house. ©

So will the king desire your beauty:  
he is your lord, pay homage to him.  
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;  
they pass within the palace of the king. ©

**The Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26

*(New Testament Page 147 in the Bibles) asserts that Christ's resurrection is a guarantee that we too will rise from the dead. Christ's complete victory over death will be manifested when all his followers are glorified with him in heaven.*

**Gospel Acclamation** (STAND)

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Mary has been taken up into heaven; the host of angels rejoices. **Alleluia!**

**The Gospel** Luke 1: 39-56

*(New Testament Page 49 in the Bibles) contains two of the most beloved prayers of Catholic piety. The Hail Mary praises the Blessed Virgin as the privileged mother of the Messiah. The Magnificat is Mary's hymn of praise and thanksgiving to God who was now sending the long-awaited Messiah.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*As the Gospel is announced the people respond:*

✠ ✠ ✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the conclusion of the Gospel Reading:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### The Homily

**The Nicene Creed** STAND

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,** *all bow during the next three lines*

**by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**The Prayer of the Faithful** (STAND)

*Priest:* My brothers and sisters, raised body and soul to glory, Mary shines forth as 'a great sign' of our eternal future as the Church. As pilgrims, with her, we bring our prayers to God our Father...

*Intercessor:* For the Church, that we will look forward to the resurrection promised us by Christ...

V/. Lord, hear us.  
R/. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For world leaders, that they will keep the peace and avert the destruction of war and all threats to the common good....

For our parish and for our families, that we may find, with all Christians, unity with the lowly handmaid of Nazareth now exalted to glory...

That the sick and the aged in our community may be give strength and grace through the Holy Spirit, especially....Jane, Cecilia, Joan Carrigan, Rene Hazlewood, Fr Joseph, Lilith, James, Peter, Rosie, Susie, Eileen Scarff, Dee, Stacey, Isa, Wendy, Janet, David, Adam Viard, Ida...

For those who have died, that they will rise with Christ to rejoice with Our Lady and the Saints, especially...Mike, Andy, Beryl Beach, Ivy MacFarlane, Florence Ononeme, John Pendlington, Wesley Salter, Jonny Thorp, Gren Wiseman...and for those whose anniversaries of death occur during this week, amongst them...**16th** Frank Pell; **18th** Alfred Russell; **19th** Pam Rees, Ruby Eglesfield, Joan Dando; **20th** Ernest Barrett; **21st** Stanley Richardson; **22nd** William Morgan...

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.  
**And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Priest:* Lord of heaven and earth, we bring our prayers before you, with the help of the glorious ever-virgin Mary, the first believer called to share in the glory of your triumphant Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are placed upon the altar. The Cantor sings the **Offertory Antiphon:***