

**ST ETHELBERT'S CHURCH, LEOMINSTER
& ST JOSEPH'S, BROMYARD**

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16th August 2020: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In celebrating this feast we celebrate our belief that, at the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven where she enjoys eternal life in the company of her son. It is a joyful feast for us Christians because it points to what we believe will be our destiny. We believe that what God has done for Mary he will do for us also; that at the end of time God will raise our mortal bodies and bring us into the fullness of God's life for ever.

Services during the week

Sun 16 Aug	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mass 9.00am Leominster Mass 11.00am Bromyard Mass 5.30pm Leominster	People of the Parish Ann Perry
Mon 17 Aug		Mass 9.00am Leominster	Theresa Parry
Tue 18 Aug		Private Mass	
Wed 19 Aug		Private Mass	
Thur 20 Aug	St Bernard	No Private Prayer at Bromyard Private Mass	
Fri 21 Aug	St Pius X	Mass 9.00am Leominster	
Sat 22 Aug	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Private Mass	
Sun 23 Aug	21 st Sunday of Ordinary Time	Mass 9.00am Leominster Mass 11.00am Bromyard Mass 5.30pm Leominster	People of the Parish Sisters in Devizes Community

St Ethelbert's Leominster

At present there will be Public Masses at St Ethelbert's at 9.00am and 5.30pm on Sundays and at 9.00am on Monday and Friday. The number of people that can be accommodated at the Masses is limited and face coverings are essential in order to comply with government regulations. To book a place at one of the Sunday Masses, please contact Fr Paul preferably by email leominster@rcadc.org or by phone.

St Joseph's, Bromyard

This weekend we celebrate the first public Mass as St Joseph's since March, this will take place at 11.00am on Sunday. Sadly, in order to comply with Covid restrictions, we have to limit the number of people that can attend and we have already reached the permitted capacity. I find it hard to tell people that we are full and they cannot attend Mass but we are living in strange times. In order to give more people the opportunity to attend Mass at St Joseph's, I would like to increase the number of Masses, possible one on a Thursday morning and one on a Saturday evening. In order to achieve this, however, we need more volunteers (under the age of 70) to act as stewards to ensure that the regulations are being followed and to guide people to their places. We also need volunteers to sanitise the church after each celebration of Mass. If you can help in this matter please contact Fr Paul.

There will be Mass St Joseph's next Sunday at 11.00am and I would ask that those wishing to book a place to contact me preferably by email leominster@rcadc.org or phone if you do not have email. If more than the permitted number apply, I will let you know that we have already reached capacity.

Please note that St Joseph's will not be open this coming Thursday.

Confessions

At present it is still not possible to hear confessions in the usual way however if you wish to go to confession, please contact the presbytery and I will make suitable arrangements.

Hospital Chaplain

Fr Patrick Lobo is the Catholic Hospital Chaplain. His mobile number is 07922323603.



'Thus says the Lord: have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.'

(First Reading Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Isaiah 56:1)