



Welcome to St Matthew's Perry Beeches
Parish Mass with Holy Baptism
Sunday 16th August 2026 (Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary)

TODAY'S HYMNS:

Introit: **315**
Sing we of the blessed Mother
Gradual: **394**
Tell out my soul
Offertory **313**
For Mary, Mother of our Lord
Communion: **452**
Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Recessional: **318**
Ye who own the faith of Jesus

The Collect

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

A reading from Isaiah 61.10-end

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Psalms 45.11-18

Response: Sing praises to God, sing praises

Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely;
forget your people and your family's house.
The king will have pleasure in your beauty;
he is your master; therefore do him honour.

Sing praises to God, sing praises

The people of Tyre are here with a gift;
the rich among the people seek your favour.
All glorious is the princess as she enters;
her gown is cloth-of-gold

Sing praises to God, sing praises

In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king;
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
With joy and gladness they are brought,

and enter into the palace of the king.

Sing praises to God, sing praises

In place of our fathers, O king, you shall have sons;
you shall make them princes over all the earth.

I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another;

therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever.

Sing praises to God, sing praises

A reading from Galatians 4.4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke 1.46-55

And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Post communion prayer

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Everyone is welcome to coffee/tea and biscuits in the Lounge and Family Room after the service.

There will be no weekday services this week

**Next Sunday: 23rd August (Trinity XII)
10am Parish Mass with Sunday School**

Our church relies on the generosity of visitors and worshippers. If you would like to make a contribution to the ministry and mission of St Matthew's but don't have any cash, there is a contactless card reader on the table by the front door.

Congratulations to Leo and Reice, who will be baptised during today's Parish Mass. We welcome them into the family of faith and it is good to be able to celebrate with them and their family and friends today.

If you could offer someone a lift to church, please let us know.

Many thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with Messy Church this summer, it has been wonderful to see the church so full with children and families. The last session of the summer will be on Thursday 20th August.

You can continue to make contributions to the food bank by putting any goods in the basket by the door.

Please put your request for prayers during the intercessions on the sheet on the table.

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of flowers, please place any donations in the pot on the table

Fr George will be on holiday from 17-22 August, so there will be no weekday services this week. For any urgent enquiries during this time, please contact the Area Dean, Fr Douglas Machiridza, who can be emailed at Ad.handsworthandcentral@cofebirmingham.com

We are buying a memorial stone to commemorate Fr Michael Westlake's time at St. Matthew's. Contribution towards the cost of this would be gratefully received.

The Sick and Those in Need:

Please contact Margaret Cox if you would like to add anyone to our prayer list.

Sat: Barbara Linley, Andrew & Gail Walker, John Hope, Barbara Hayward

Mon: Fr Barry Smart, Revd Frank and Margaret Finch,
Bali Dhugga, John Duncombe, Pam Millard

Tue: Jayne Middleton, Loretta Charles, Bernadette O'Sullivan,
Lorna Wild, Barrie Greenwood, Graham Staton

Wed: Shirley Woodley, Eileen Eveson, Jean Hayes, Irene Roberts

Thu: Dai & Lal Gravell, Shirley and Ray Hollins, Mark Hawkins
Ann Edwards, Mark and Shiv Furnell

Fri: David & Anne Gadd, Barbara Dring, Sue & Tony Kyte

Thank you for worshipping with us at St Matthew's today. If you are new to church, or if you would like a meeting with the Vicar, please complete the form below and leave it on the table by the main entrance.

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Please tick any that apply:

- I am new to church and would like to find out more
- I would like a meeting with the Vicar
- I would like to join the church email list

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