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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 12th June 2016

Eleventh Sunday of The Year C

ELEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 12th – 18th June 2016 (Weekday Cycle II / Psalter Week 3)

Saturday 11th June: <u>St Barnabas, Apostle (Feast)</u>	<i>PARISH FINANCES</i>	
12:00 pm: First Holy Communion Mass Pro Populo: People of the Parish	<i>4th / 5th June 2016</i>	
Saturday 11th June: <u>Eleventh Sunday of the Year C</u>	Envelopes:	
5:00 pm: Confessions	Loose Plate:	
5:30 pm: Mass; Betty & Joe Granville's Intentions	Standing Orders:	
Sunday 12th June: <u>Eleventh Sunday of the Year C</u>	TOTAL:	
9:00 am: Mass; Antonio Ferrara RIP	Chad:	
Monday 13th June: <u>St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor (memoria)</u>	Intercare:	
9:00 am: Mass; Kennedy Family RIP	SVP:	
Tuesday 14th June: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i>	
9:00 am: Mass; Special Intention		
NO CONFESSIONS TODAY		
Wednesday 15th June: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	<i>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</i>	
9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion	Please remember in your prayers the following children from our Parish who will be making their First Holy Communion THIS Saturday at 12 noon: <i>Orla Hampson, Alan Joshy, Eleanor Newman, James Niland, Saoirse O Sullivan, Chioma Okpala, Dominika Okwuolisa, Amelia Sutton, Lola Teece and, Archie Walton.</i>	
Thursday 16th June: <u>Weekday Feria</u>		
9:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls		
Friday 17th June: <u>Weekday Feria</u>		
12:00 pm: Mass; Private Intention		
NO CONFESSIONS TODAY		
Saturday 18th June: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i>	
10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey, Marica Borsos, Betty Cockrill, Rosetta Coronata, Jean Fox, Audrey Mc Coy, John Myatt, Bernadette Retallick, Mary Staley and John Webster.	
10:45 am: Confessions		
Saturday 18th June: <u>Twelfth Sunday of the Year C</u>		
5:00 pm: Confessions		
5:30 pm: Mass; Norman Mortimer RIP (Condon)		
Sunday 19th June: <u>Twelfth Sunday of the Year C</u>		
9:00 am: Mass; David Powell RIP (Walton)		

Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to frcathomas@live.com by Thursday of each week for inclusion in the next issue

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY: “DAY FOR LIFE”

ROTAS:	<i>5.30 pm</i>	<i>9.00 am</i>
Welcomers:		J Lowe & D Wilson
Next Week:		M Cookson & S Neely
Readers:	P Hubberstey	A Horgan
Next Week:	K Large	R Marlow
Offertory:	J Fox & N Brennan	M Castor & Volunteer
Next Week:	K Twomey & J Lyons	J Powell & M Calladine
Coffee:	J Powell & M Calladine	Next Week: N Burrows & M Walton
Cashiers:	N Mason	Next Week: A Simmons
Flowers:	Shirley, Margaret & Sue	Next Week: Ann & Kath
Cleaning:	Team Begley	Next Week: Team Powell
Brasses:	E Rodrigues	Next Week: M Castor

POOR CLARES: The Sisters send their sincere thanks to Parishioners for all the donations that they have received and for the continued support, our Parish is always in their prayers. The next visit will be *Monday 27th June 2016*.

FAIR TRADE: Many thanks to everyone who supported the last Fair Trade sale. There isn't a Fair Trade sale in June but the FAIR TRADE people will be having a stall at the Summer Fair and along with some of the usual goods they will also be selling some Fair Trade craft items. The next Fair Trade sale at church will be *30th/31st July 2016*. Any profits made from the sale of Fair Trade goods goes to Mary's Meals. Some leaflets are available about the work of Mary's Meals or you can visit the website: www.marysmeals.org.uk for further information.

THE SUMMER FAIR! NEXT SATURDAY: 18th June 2016; 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please bring along any cakes and plants Friday afternoon from 2:00 – 5:30pm or from 9:00 am Saturday. Both these stalls are usually very profitable, so please do help us out with these items if you can. Any last minute donations of 'as new' tombola gifts or fancy goods can still be left in the box in the porch, or brought along Friday afternoon. Raffle prizes can be given to Marie, Diane or any Committee member. As we will be using the outside space, the CAR PARK WILL BE CLOSED Saturday morning. We will be putting gazebos up from about 9 am. Help with that would be very much appreciated if you can spare an hour or so. We have not had any volunteers to paint faces! If you would like to do this, please get in touch – Julia 946 9025. Most importantly – Thank you for all donations and for buying raffle tickets. Please come along on the day to make it an enjoyable, social and fun event for the Parish. All proceeds go to Church funds. – *The Bazaar Committee*.

ASSUMPTION FAMILY DISCO: Saturday 2nd July 2016 in the Church Hall from **6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**: attention families! An evening of music, dancing and party games. Refreshments on sale for children, adults welcome to bring own drinks. Tickets £ 2. 50 for adults, £ 1. 50 for children, under 2's free. All children get free entry in to the sweetie draw! Tickets available from Cath Agius and Clare Newman.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C: The Right Coffee Cup.

In today's Second Reading, from St Paul's Letter to the Galatians, Paul is making a distinction between works and faith. He says that salvation comes from "faith in Jesus Christ." That is what brings us into a right relationship with God. This view of salvation was quite different than the view held by the Jews at the time. They thought that salvation came through what Paul called, "the Law." They thought that by perfectly following the Law (the Ten Commandments plus the thousands of specifications and rituals derived from them), you could get back into a right relationship with God. That was the mainstream view, and St Paul was preaching against it. The Christians in Galatia had received Paul's message, but when he moved on, some Jewish Christians started going back to the old ways. When Paul heard about that, he wrote this letter, in which he crushes definitively the old, Law-centred view of salvation. He writes, "We acknowledge that what makes a man righteous is not obedience to the law, but faith in Jesus Christ." We need this reminder as much as the Christians in Galatia did. We are still vulnerable to the age-old temptation that trapped Adam and Eve: the temptation of trying to achieve happiness through our own efforts alone. We are easily deceived into thinking that by arranging our lives with just the right combination of religion, popularity, money, and prestige, we will create our own heaven on earth. But that is a lie. Happiness and fruitfulness lie in Christ alone, in union and friendship with Him. That is why He came. A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. Conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life. Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen. He returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups – porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite. He put the cups and the coffee pot on the coffee table and told everyone to help themselves. When all the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said: "If you noticed, all the nice looking, expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. Why is that? The cup itself adds nothing to the quality of the coffee. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups...And then you began eying each other's cups. Do you think this can tell you something about your problems and stress?" It is a simple story. But it's down to earth and, it illustrates St Paul's point. With our own efforts in life, all we can do is make cups. Jobs, money, prestige, popularity, appearances – these are just the cup, just the outside, just the container of life. But no mere cup, even the most beautiful and flashy, can satisfy our thirst. What really matters, what matters more than anything, is that our cups be filled with the right drink: with Christ. The coffee cup is meaningless without the coffee. Just so, all our efforts and achievements in life are meaningless unless they are filled by friendship with Christ.

THANK YOU: A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the Beetle Drive a few weeks ago and/or who made generous donations to the Lourdes Fund. Sorry this is so late, but it's currently a very busy time at sixth form. In total we raised **£330. 00** which will make a significant difference for the Sixth Form volunteers going to Lourdes who helped to run the event. Thank you for all your support. – *María Walley*.