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ΤΙΜΕΣ ΟΦ ΜΑΣΣΕΣ ΑΝΔ ΟΤΗΕΡ ΣΕΡϷΙΧΕΣ: Week Commencing 17th July 2016

Sixteenth Sunday of The Year C

ΣΙΕΤΕΝΤΗ ΩΕΕΚ ΙΝ ΟΡΑΙΝΑΡΨ ΤΙΜΕ: 17th – 23rd July 2016 (Weekday Cycle II / Psalter Week 4)

Saturday 16th July: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	<u>PARISH FINANCES</u>	
NO MORNING MASS NO MORNING CONFESSIONS	<i>9th / 10th July 2016</i>	
Saturday 16th July: <u>Sixteenth Sunday of the Year C</u>	Envelopes:	
5:00 pm: Confessions	Loose Plate:	
5:30 pm: Mass; Pro Populo: People of the Parish	Standing Orders:	
Sunday 17th July: <u>Sixteenth Sunday of the Year C</u>	TOTAL:	
9:00 am: Mass; Winifred Lally RIP	Chad:	
Monday 18th July: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	Intercare:	
9:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls	SVP:	
Tuesday 19th July: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	Apostleship of the Sea:	
10:30 am: Funeral Service: Jill Lowe RIP	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i>	
12:30 pm: Confessions		
1:00 pm: Mass; Elizabeth Trotter RIP		
Wednesday 20th July: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	<u>‘MANY THE GIFTS’</u>	
9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion	Bishop Patrick McKinney will celebrate a Jubilee Mass at 11:00 am in St Barnabas’ Cathedral on Saturday 3 rd September 2016 for Chaplains, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Catechists, Readers, Teachers, Musicians and all others who exercise any form of lay ministry in the Church throughout the Diocese.	
Thursday 21st July: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i>	
9:00 am: Mass; Private Intention		
Friday 22nd July: <u>St Mary Magdalene (Feast)</u>		
9:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls	Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey, Marica Borsos, Betty Cockrill, Rosetta Coronata, David Fox, Audrey Mc Coy, John Myatt, Bernadette Retallick, Mary Staley and John Webster.	
10:30 am: Leavers Mass at English Martyrs Primary School		
Saturday 23rd July: <u>St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe (Feast)</u>		
10:00 am: Mass; Special Intention		
10:45 am: Confessions		
Saturday 23rd July: <u>Seventeenth Sunday of the Year C</u>		
5:00 pm: Confessions		
5:30 pm: Mass; Pro Populo: People of the Parish		
Sunday 24th July: <u>Seventeenth Sunday of the Year C</u>		
9:00 am: Mass; Faustino Gorla RIP		

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

ROTAS:	5.30 pm	9.00 am
Welcomers:		M Cookson & S Neely
Next Week:		M Simpson & L Newbold
Readers:	P Hubberstey	S Yarwood
Next Week:	K Large	C Hallam
Offertory:	M & A Simmons	M Castor & Volunteer
Next Week:	M King & J Williams	J Powell & M Calladine
Coffee:	N Burrows & M Walton	Next Week: M Calladine & L Wittam
Cashiers:	A Simmons	Next Week: J Walton
Flowers:	Ann & Kath	Next Week: Suzanne, Margaret J &
Cleaning:	Team Agius	Next Week: Team Begley
Brasses:	M Castor	Next Week: K Bennett

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Jill Lowe* (sister of Jim) who died on Sunday 26th June 2016. Her Funeral Service will take place THIS Tuesday 19th July 2016 at 10:30 am followed by burial at Beeston Cemetery. Also *Elsie Doherty* who died on Friday 8th July 2016. Elsie's Funeral details will follow in due course. May they rest in peace.

POOR CLARES: The Sisters send their thanks for the donations of food and money which they received from our parish this week. They want you to know that our parish is always remembered in their prayers. The next visit is planned for 25th July 2016 and anyone wishing to come with me to the convent is most welcome. – *Diane Wilson*.

FAIR TRADE: 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.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: Friendship with Christ is the one thing necessary.

If Jesus Christ truly is the one Lord of life and history, the one Saviour, the one Way, Truth, and Life (which He is), then it is certain that "only one" thing is needed for a fulfilling, meaningful, and fruitful life: to stay as close to Him as possible at all times. Much more important than what we can do for Christ is what we can be for Him, and what He can be for us. Martha was doing all kinds of tasks, and that was good. But Mary was listening to Him, letting Him serve her, being His close, intimate friend, and that was even better, "the better part." Friendship with Christ is the one thing needed. Therefore, our task here on earth is to make a conscious choice to shape our lives accordingly, to keep Christ first, to live from His love and for His love. Jesus doesn't congratulate Mary because she won the spiritual lottery or had received a particularly beautiful soul from God. He praises her because she has "chosen the better part." She chooses it. She chooses to submit to the Lord, to let Him be for her what He in truth already is for everyone – the one needed thing. Martha, on the other hand, has a divided heart. She loves Christ, but she still depends on her own strength to earn His love in return. She hasn't learned that what matters is not so much what we can do for Christ as what He has done and wants to do for us. Jesus kindly teaches her in this encounter that the greatest thing she can do for Him, the "one needed thing," is to let Him rule completely over her heart, to take her place at His feet and listen to His words. Keeping Christ first, keeping His friendship as our highest priority and His will as our greatest desire – that is "the better part." But it is not always easy to do. After sitting at the Lord's feet and listening to His words, we have to go off and live them out. This means living by His standards, standards very different than those of the world around us. It means being honest when everybody else is cheating or cooking the books. It means speaking well of others when everybody around us is gossiping and criticising. It means governing desires for pleasure when everyone around us is just giving in. It means staying faithful to our duties and relationships, always giving our best at home, at school, and at the office, even when we get tired, even when no one notices. But above all, it means doing all things because we love Christ and want to follow Him. It is the grace of His friendship that strengthens us to follow His instructions in the Gospels. And it is the grace of that friendship that makes following them worthwhile. And it is the grace of that friendship that will fill our hearts with the wisdom and joy that, as Jesus promised Mary, "will not be taken from us." During the Mass, Christ has something to say to each one of us. That is why He comes to us individually

in Holy Communion. Like Mary, let us choose the better part and listen carefully. And let us promise that we will live accordingly during the coming week, having confidence not in our own strength, as Martha did, but in the power of God's grace at work within us.