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ΤΙΜΕΣ ΟΦ ΜΑΣΣΕΣ ΑΝΔ ΟΤΗΕΡ ΣΕΡϷΙΧΕΣ: Week Commencing 24<sup>th</sup> July 2016

*Seventeenth Sunday of The Year C*

ΣΕϷΕΝΤΕΕΝΤΗ ΩΕΕΚ ΙΝ ΟΡΔΙΝΑΡΨ ΤΙΜΕ: 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2016 (Weekday Cycle II / Psalter Week 1)

<u>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe (Feast)</u>	<u>PARISH FINANCES</u>		
10:00 am: Mass; Special Intention	July 2016	9 <sup>th</sup> / 10 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup> / 17 <sup>th</sup>
10:45 am: Confessions			
11:30 am: Baptism; Kathryn Graham			
<u>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: Seventeenth 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:		
<u>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July: Seventeenth Sunday of the Year C</u>	<b>TOTAL:</b>		
9:00 am: Mass; Faustino Goria RIP	Chad:		
<u>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July: St James, Apostle (Feast)</u>	Intercare:		
9:00 am: Mass; David Powell RIP (Calladine)	SVP:		
<u>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July: Saints Joachim &amp; Anne, Parents of the BVM (memoria)</u>	Apostleship of the Sea:		
12:00 pm: Requiem Mass; Mary Elizabeth Briody RIP	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i>		
5:30 pm: Reception; Elsie Doherty RIP	<b>‘MANY THE GIFTS’</b>		
<u>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July: Weekday Feria</u>	Bishop Patrick McKinney will		
10:30 am: Requiem Mass; Elsie Doherty RIP	celebrate a Jubilee Mass at 11:00 am		
<u>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July: Weekday Feria</u>	in St Barnabas’ Cathedral on Saturday		
9:00 am: Mass; Private Intention	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2016 for Chaplains,		
<u>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July: St Martha (memoria)</u>	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy		
12:30 pm: Confessions	Communion, Catechists, Readers,		
1:00 pm: Mass; Special Intention	Teachers, Musicians and all others		
<u>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July: Weekday Feria</u>	who exercise any form of lay ministry		
10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo: People of the Parish	in the Church throughout the Diocese.		
10:45 am: Confessions	<b>Your Prayers are requested</b>		
2:00 pm: Wedding Service: Jonathan Couldridge & Kendra Korte	<b>for those who are sick:</b>		
<u>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July: Eighteenth Sunday of the Year C</u>	Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey,		
5:00 pm: Confessions	Marica Borsos, Betty Cockrill,		
5:30 pm: Mass; Iain Findlay RIP	Rosetta Coronata, David Fox,		
<u>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July: Eighteenth Sunday of the Year C</u>	Audrey Mc Coy, John Myatt,		
9:00 am: Mass; Margaret Ferguson RIP	Bernadette Retallick, Mary Staley		
	and John Webster.		

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

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS**

<b>ROTAS:</b>	5.30 pm	9.00 am
<b>Welcomers:</b>		M Simpson & L Newbold
<b>Next Week:</b>		K Orford – Perkins & M Castor
<b>Readers:</b>	K Large	C Hallam
<b>Next Week:</b>	M Cummins	A Horgan
<b>Offertory:</b>	M King & J Williams	J Powell & M Calladine
<b>Next Week:</b>	J Fox & N Brennan	D & D Wilson
<b>Coffee:</b>	M Calladine & L Wittam	<b>Next Week:</b> C & M Hallam
<b>Cashiers:</b>	J Walton	<b>Next Week:</b> J Brennan
<b>Flowers:</b>	Suzanne, Margaret J & Pauline	<b>Next Week:</b> Kay & Eve
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Team Begley	<b>Next Week:</b> Team Powell
<b>Brasses:</b>	K Bennett	<b>Next Week:</b> L Newbold

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE:** Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Mary Elizabeth Briody* who died on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2016. Mary's Requiem Mass will take place on **Tuesday at 12:00 pm** followed by burial at Beeston Cemetery. Also *Elsie Doherty* who died on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016. Elsie will be received into Church on **Tuesday evening at 5:30 pm** and her Requiem Mass will be on **Wednesday at 10:30 am** followed by burial at Beeston Cemetery. We remember them and their families at this sad time. May they rest in peace.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** This weekend we welcome into our Parish Community *Kathryn Lydia Graham* who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2016. We pray for her and her parents, Richard and Mary on this happy occasion.

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS** to *Kendra Korte* and *Jonathan Couldridge* who will be married next **Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> July 2016** at the Assumption Church at 2:00 pm. We pray for them as they begin their married lives together.

**POOR CLARES:** The Sisters send their thanks for the donations of food and money which they received from our Parish. They want you to know that our parish is always remembered in their prayers. The next visit is planned for this week 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 **30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> 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 and also information about Mary's Meals can be found on the Fair Trade Notice board at the back of church or you can visit the website: [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk) for further information.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (14<sup>th</sup> August 2016):** is our Patronal Feast Day and to celebrate it we will be having a Parish Brunch after the Sunday morning Mass. All are welcome to come and join in with this extended celebration of our Feast Day. Further details to appear nearer the day.

**SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH CLUB:** This **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016** at 1:00 pm. For tickets please contact Stella on 0115 925 5140. This is the last lunch before the summer break – the next one will be **29<sup>th</sup> September**.

***SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: Christ Reveals His Heart.***

Today Jesus is taking us to "Prayer School." He is teaching us what Christian prayer is all about. The words of the Our Father, abridged here in St Luke's version, are God's own instructions on prayer. Each phrase is a fountain of wisdom. They are worth studying and thinking about deeply, because they show us how God wants us to approach Him and to be with Him. But Jesus knows that because we are human beings – we tend to fall into routine. So even though He gives us the perfect words to use in prayer, He knows we will have a tendency to just learn them by heart and then mindlessly rattle them off. And so, He also teaches us two attitudes that should form the background of every Christian's life of prayer. These attitudes, if we keep them fresh, can make sure that our prayer never becomes just an empty, boring shell, but is always a living, powerful force. The first attitude is persistence. If we are persistent in prayer, as the friend was persistent in the parable, we give God more freedom to act in our lives, because our desires get more in harmony with God's. The second attitude is confidence. Since we live in a fallen world, we sometimes project our own imperfections onto God. We think that He, like us, is selfish, easily angered, and resentful. As a result, sometimes we hesitate to open our hearts to Him in prayer. But Jesus tears down these misconceptions. God is our Father, a better father than even the very best earthly fathers. So if earthly fathers know how to be generous and wise with their children, we can rest assured that God is much more like that with us. He won't give us stones when we ask for bread. This official instruction on Christian prayer is solid practical advice, but it is also something else. It actually gives us a glimpse into the heart of Our Lord. It shows us that He is a God who yearns for friends, not slaves. Jesus tells us: "Seek and you will find, ask and you will receive." Seeking and asking are free actions – they are up to us. Jesus cannot force us to do either one of them. And that is the funny thing about friendship; it cannot be forced. As much as God wants to regain our friendship, and to deepen it day after day, He can only do so if we share, at least a little bit, that same desire, if we yearn for His friendship as He yearns for ours. He longs for us to do so. He does everything He can to stir up that desire within us: surrounding us with the beauties of nature and culture, sending us His Son to be our Saviour, giving us a Church that survives every vicissitude of history. He does all that and much more, but ultimately, because He will settle for nothing less than true friendship, He never takes away our options: we can still choose to go our own way and not follow Him. This is our Lord. An all – powerful friend who never abuses His power, an ever – present

God who never imposes His presence, an all – wise Master who is always gentle with His knowledge. If Jesus were not so interested in our friendship, He would not be so eager for us to keep on asking, seeking, and knocking. But, amazingly, He is.