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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 31st July 2016

Eighteenth Sunday of The Year C

EIGHTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 31st July – 6th August 2016 (Weekday Cycle II / Psalter Week 2)

Saturday 30th July: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	<i>PARISH FINANCES</i> <i>23rd / 24th July</i> <i>2016</i>
10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo: People of the Parish 10:45 am: Confessions 2:00 pm: Wedding Service: Jonathan Couldridge & Kendra Korte	
Saturday 30th July: <u>Eighteenth Sunday of the Year C</u>	
5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Iain Findlay RIP	Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: TOTAL: Chad: Intercare: SVP:
Sunday 31st July: <u>Eighteenth Sunday of the Year C</u>	Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.
9:00 am: Mass; Margaret Ferguson RIP	
Monday 1st August: <u>St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor (memoria)</u>	‘ MANY THE GIFTS ’ 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.
9:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls	
Tuesday 2nd August: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	
12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Private Intention	
Wednesday 3rd August: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	
9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion	Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick: 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.
Thursday 4th August: <u>St Jean – Baptiste – Marie Vianney, Priest (memoria), Patron Saint of Priests</u>	
9:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls	
Friday 5th August: <u>The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major</u>	Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick: 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.
12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Special Intention	
Saturday 6th August: <u>The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)</u>	
10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo: People of the Parish 10:45 am: Confessions	Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick: 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.
Saturday 6th August: <u>Nineteenth Sunday of the Year C</u>	
5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Elsie Doherty RIP (Condon)	
Sunday 7th August: <u>Nineteenth Sunday of the Year C</u>	Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick: 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.
9:00 am: Mass; Frank Mc Andrew 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

SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY FOR THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS

ROTAS:	5.30 pm	9.00 am
Welcomers:		K Orford – Perkins & M Castor
Next Week:		J Lowe & D Wilson
Readers:	M Cummins	A Horgan
Next Week:	M Sully	R Marlow
Offertory:	J Fox & N Brennan	D & D Wilson
Next Week:	K Twomey & J Lyons	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti
Coffee:	C & M Hallam	Next Week: J Powell & M Calladine
Cashiers:	J Brennan	Next Week: N Mason
Flowers:	Kay & Eve	Next Week: Shirley, Margaret & Sue
Cleaning:	Team Powell	Next Week: Team Newbold
Brasses:	L Newbold	Next Week: E Rodrigues

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to *Kendra Korte* and *Jonathan Couldridge* who will be married this *Saturday, 30th 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 *29th August 2016*. – *Diane Wilson*.

FAIR TRADE: The next Fair Trade sale at Church will be THIS WEEKEND, *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 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 for further information.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (14th 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. Tickets will be on sale after Mass from this weekend.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: We all have a mission.

At first glance, Jesus' response to the man's request in today's Gospel seems strange. The man has a real problem. His brother is trying to make off with the lion's share of their inheritance. But Jesus refuses to step in and set things straight. Why? Later, at the end of His earthly life, Jesus will say to Pontius Pilate, "My Kingdom is not of this world." Essentially, He gives the same answer to this man's request for probate fairness. Jesus refuses to usurp the normal functions of earthly, human justice, even though He could have done so. This tells us a lot about our Lord. It tells us what He came to do, and how He went about doing it. Christ came not to take over the world, but to imbue it with a new spirit, to redeem it from within through grace. This was His mission, and through the Church, it remains His mission. That is what Jesus came to do. And how did He do it? By staying focused, by being mission – centred. By refusing to arbitrate this man's legal complaint, Jesus gave us an example of what it means to be mission – centred. Jesus refuses to be side tracked. He sticks to His mission. The more closely we follow this example, the more focused, fulfilling and fruitful our own lives will be. We too are called to make the eternal Kingdom our first priority. As Jesus says at the end of the parable, we are called to "become rich in the sight of God." That is our mission, which we can only fulfil if we become as mission – centred as Christ was, not letting ourselves get side tracked. We have to be as eager and hardworking in pursuit of goodness and holiness as the man in the barn – building parable was in pursuit of money. And that goes for each one of us. Christ has given each one of us a mission – even if we seem to lead the most ordinary of lives. Let me prove it to you by giving you a quiz. This quiz has two parts. Each part has three questions, which you have to answer for yourself. Here are the questions in the first part: **1.** Name the man of the match in the last World Cup Final, European Cup Final, FA Cup Final and League Cup Final. **2.** Name five Nobel Prize winners. **3.** Name any two of the last people to be Knighted by the Queen. Okay. Remember how many of those questions you got right. Now, here are the questions in the second part of the quiz: **1.** Name a teacher who had great influence on you and helped you learn and grow as a person. **2.** Name someone who has helped you through a difficult time. **3.** Name two friends who have been there for you during good times and bad. Now, remember how many of those questions you got right. Most of us were probably able to answer all three questions of the second part and maybe one question from the first part. This shows that what is most important in life is not always what is most spectacular. The biggest impact doesn't always make the biggest headline. Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta used to say that none of us are called to be successful, but all of us are called to be faithful. What God is asking each one of us to be and, to do, in our lives may not make the headlines on the ten o'clock evening news, but they will certainly help someone become wiser and happier, and bring them closer to heaven, and that is much more important.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD: Next Saturday is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord and although it is not a Solemnity it is nevertheless an important Feast day. At first glance it can sound almost magical in that, Jesus goes up a mountain and His clothes become dazzlingly white and prophets appear and talk to Him. And then, when it is all over and Jesus tells His disciples to say nothing. We should indeed focus on the absurdity of the incident. There is simply no reason for all this to have happened and there is no particular reason to have put it into the Gospel – the evangelist makes no capital out of it, it is simply there. And this is the strength of the Transfiguration as an historical incident. *There is no reason for anyone to have invented it.* It is not central to the Christian faith. It is not used to win arguments. There is only one reason to put it into the Gospel, and that is because it actually happened. It is one of those cases of the evangelists writing things down without knowing why they were important, and their very puzzlement is what makes the story so convincing. Why, then, did it happen? Surely so that we could see and understand that Jesus is at once one of the prophets and the one that was prophesied by them; and that He is God, and lives for all eternity in glory and unapproachable light. The true miracle of the Transfiguration is not the shining face or the white garments, but the fact that for the rest of the time Jesus hid His glory so well.