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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 7th August 2016

Nineteenth Sunday of The Year C

NINETEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 7th – 13th August 2016 (Weekday Cycle II / Psalter Week 3)

<u>Saturday 6th August: The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)</u>	<i>PARISH FINANCES</i>	
10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo: People of the Parish 10:45 am: Confessions	<i>30th / 31st July 2016</i>	
<u>Saturday 6th August: Nineteenth Sunday of the Year C</u>	Envelopes:	
5:00 pm: Confessions	Loose Plate:	
5:30 pm: Mass; Elsie Doherty RIP (Condon)	Standing Orders:	
<u>Sunday 7th August: Nineteenth Sunday of the Year C</u>	<u>TOTAL:</u>	
9:00 am: Mass; Frank Mc Andrew RIP	Chad:	
<u>Monday 8th August: St Dominic, Priest (memoria)</u>	Intercare:	
9:00 am: Mass; Private Intention	SVP:	
<u>Tuesday 9th August: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr, Patron of Europe (Feast)</u>	Sick & Retired	
12:30 pm: Confessions	Priests:	
1:00 pm: Mass; Holy Souls	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i>	
<u>Wednesday 10th August: St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr (Feast)</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.	
<u>Thursday 11th August: St Clare, Virgin (memoria)</u>		
9:00 am: Mass; Bella Lyons RIP & Claire Sheridan RIP		
<u>Friday 12th August: Weekday Feria</u>		
12:30 pm: Confessions		
1:00 pm: Mass; Tommy Joe Clyne RIP (Cannon)		
<u>Saturday 13th August: Weekday Feria</u>		
10:00 am: Mass; Special Intention		
10:45 am: Confessions		
<u>Saturday 13th August: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity & Patronal Feast).</u>	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i>	
5:00 pm: Confessions	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.	
5:30 pm: Mass; Michael Lally RIP (Anniversary)		
<u>Sunday 14th August: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity & Patronal Feast).</u>		
9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo: People of the Parish		

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:		J Lowe & D Wilson
Next Week:		M Cookson & S Neely
Readers:	M Sully	R Marlow
Next Week:	A Simmons	S Grant
Offertory:	K Twomey & J Lyons	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti
Next Week:	M Sharp & S Spowage	R & N Wilson
Coffee:	J Powell & M Calladine	Next Week: PARISH BRUNCH
Cashiers:	N Mason	Next Week: A Simmons
Flowers:	Shirley, Margaret & Sue	Next Week: Ann & Kath
Cleaning:	Team Newbold	Next Week: Team Shalloe
Brasses:	E Rodrigues	Next Week: M Castor

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: Many thanks to everyone who supported the Fair Trade sale last weekend. Details of sales are on the notice board at the back of the Church. Any profits made from the sale of Fair Trade goods are given to Mary's Meals which is a charity helping to feed third world schoolchildren. The next sale is 20th/21st August 2016. 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 this weekend.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: Christ is in Charge.

The parables in today's Gospel paint a vivid picture of who Christ is and what the Church is. The clearer that picture is in our minds, the better we will be able to live as true Christians. In these parables, Christ portrays Himself as the master of the house, the head of a grand estate. We can picture a huge mansion surrounded by beautiful gardens, full of visitors and family members and bustling servants. In the parable, the servants are Christ's disciples, and the head servants, or stewards, are His specially chosen Apostles. This is the picture He wants us to have of His Church: not something vague, cold, and impersonal, but a household, a place of life and communion, work and relaxation. Even when the Master is absent from the estate, the servants are still meant to keep the household going responsibly and energetically. This is an image of the Church in this world, in the midst of human history, before Jesus comes again to judge the living and the dead and to make a new heaven and a new earth. During this period, Jesus has delegated His authority to the stewards, to the Apostles and their successors, our Bishops, who are in charge of overseeing the work of all Christ's disciples. This tells us a lot about Christ's leadership style. He wants us to be His co-workers, friends, real members of his household – not just mindless robots or slaves. And yet, Christ remains the Master. He is the Creator, Redeemer, and owner of the universe. The universe is not a democracy. Christ is not an elected official who we can vote out of office. No, the Lord is Lord by nature, because He is all – powerful, all – wise, and all – loving. And we are His followers. This is the reason that, as Christians we often kneel when we pray – for example, during the Eucharistic Prayer, at the heart of every Mass, when Jesus becomes truly present in the Eucharist. The mere act of kneeling is really a prayer in itself. When we kneel in front of someone, we acknowledge two things about our relationship with that person. First, we acknowledge our dependence. Kneeling says that we need the help and support of the person we are kneeling in front of. It acknowledges that person's superiority and strength. Second, by kneeling we express our trust. Kneeling is a position of vulnerability. In medieval times, when a knight pledged his loyalty to a king or a baron, he would kneel in front of him, and the king would lay a sword on the knight's shoulder. This was a risky move for the knight to make. When you are kneeling, you cannot defend yourself from an attack. You are literally at the mercy of the other person. And in those violent times, knights and nobles were constantly striving for power and position, often taking the law into their own hands. By kneeling in front of a powerful lord, therefore, a knight was expressing his trust in the goodness, fairness, and faithfulness of that lord. Kneeling has never been the only posture Christians have used for prayer, but it has always been one of the most eloquent. Christ truly is our Lord and Master, just as He asserts in these parables. We are dependent upon Him for our existence, redemption, and happiness. And He truly is worthy of our trust, as He proved by dying on the Cross for us. He is the all – powerful, all – good Lord of life and history.

THE GIFT: Bishop Patrick has warmly invited any members of the Parish to the Diocesan training launch of an exciting new Parish resource produced by CaFE (formally known as Catholic Evangelisation Services – www.faithcafe.org), called "The Gift – A Life in the Spirit Course." The six session DVD course is an engaging and joyful exploration of what it means to be spirit-filled Catholics in everyday life. It is presented by Charles Whitehead, Michelle Moran, Jenny Baker and David Payne, with testimonies from clergy and laity from around the country. It is very flexible and easy to run, with discussion questions and times of prayer and reflection. The training launch of the course will be run in the Diocese by CaFE team members over two Saturdays in the Autumn – 22nd October 2016 and 5th November 2016, and so both days need to be attended. The venue is Trinity School, Aspley, Nottingham, NG8 3EZ. Each day will begin at 10:00 am and finish at 3:00 pm, with Mass on the second afternoon at which the Bishop will preside. The cost is £10 per person for both days, to include refreshments and soup and a roll at lunchtime (you may also require a packed lunch). The cost has been kept as low as possible because the Bishop would very much like at least two representatives from each parish to attend these two training days, so that they might be equipped to run this course in their own parishes. The course recently received an Apostolic Blessing, and the Holy Father is praying for a successful launch in Parishes across the UK, and he has encouraged 'Life in the Spirit' courses to be run in every Parish, School and Seminary. Full details can be found at www.thegiftofthespirit.org. This is an exciting opportunity to help prepare our parishes for the work of evangelisation. If you would like to attend please let me know as soon as possible so that places can be booked.