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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 14th August 2016

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity & Patronal Feast).

TWENTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 14th – 20th August 2016 (Weekday Cycle II / Psalter Week 4)

Saturday 13th August: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	<u>PARISH FINANCES</u>	
10:00 am: Mass; Special Intention 10:45 am: Confessions	6 th / 7 th August 2016	
Saturday 13th August: <u>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity & Patronal Feast).</u>	Envelopes:	
5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Michael Lally RIP (Anniversary)	Loose Plate:	
Sunday 14th August: <u>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity & Patronal Feast).</u>	Standing Orders:	
9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo: People of the Parish	<u>TOTAL:</u>	
Monday 15th August: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	Chad:	
9:00 am: Mass; Elsie Doherty RIP (O'Connor)	Intercare:	
Tuesday 16th August: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	SVP:	
12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Special Intention	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i>	
Wednesday 17th August: <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 18th August: <u>Weekday Feria</u>		
9:00 am: Mass; Private Intention		
Friday 19th August: <u>Weekday Feria</u>		
12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Terry Pointon RIP (Dooley)		
Saturday 20th August: <u>St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church (memoria)</u>	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i>	
10:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls 10:45 am: 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.	
Saturday 20th August: <u>Twenty - First Sunday of the Year C</u>		
5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Ron King RIP		
Sunday 21st August: <u>Twenty - First Sunday of the Year C</u>		
9:00 am: Mass; Ida D'Onofrio 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:	A Simmons	S Grant
Next Week:	P Hubberstey	S O'Brien
Offertory:	M Sharp & S Spowage	R & N Wilson
Next Week:	M Brown & S Mills	M Castor & Volunteer
Coffee:	PARISH BRUNCH	Next Week: M Calladine & L Wittam
Cashiers:	A Simmons	Next Week: J Walton
Flowers:	Ann & Kath	Next Week: Suzanne & Margaret J
Cleaning:	Team Shalloe	Next Week: Team Freyne
Brasses:	M Castor	Next Week: K Bennett

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 NEXT WEEKEND **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.

BAZAAR COMMITTEE MEETING: **Tuesday 30th August 2016 at 7:00 pm** in the Hall. This meeting is to plan for the Macmillan Coffee morning (**Saturday 1st October 2016**) and the Christmas Bazaar **Saturday (19th of November 2016)**. Although these events are great fund raisers they are also important Parish social events. We are always looking for new members and fresh ideas and we guarantee you will have a warm welcome if you join us at our meeting on 30th August.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Mary is the Pattern of the Church.

The foundations of Christ's Kingdom are laid, but He hasn't yet finished building it up. He is still extending its borders and gathering more and more people into it. This is the work of the Church militant, the Church on earth: to build up Christ's Kingdom and to bring more and more people into His friendship, so that they follow Him and find the meaning their lives are meant to have. But what will happen at the end of history? What will the Church become when the years of building reach their completion? One of the important lessons of today's Solemnity is precisely the answer to that question. Christians have always seen the Blessed Virgin Mary as an image of the whole Church. Mary brought the baby Jesus into the world on the first Christmas, took care of Him as He grew to manhood, and accompanied Him as He fulfilled His mission. The Church as a whole has a similar relationship with the mystical body of Christ – with every Christian, the members of that Body. The Church continually brings Christ into the world through her many works of charity and apostolate, and especially through bringing more Christians into the world through Baptism. And with her teaching and Sacraments, the Church cares for and accompanies her members as they grow to maturity and carry out their missions. And so, just as God assumed Mary into heaven, body and soul, at the end of her earthly mission, so God will lift the whole Church into perfect communion with Himself in heaven at the end of history. Mary's Assumption, then, is God's promise to us. Every Christian who follows Mary's path of humility and fidelity to God's will can look forward to following her into the glories and joys of heaven. This is a point that can be useful in our conversations with non – Catholic Christians. Many of them love Christ sincerely, but rarely pay any special attention to Christ's Mother. They are afraid that if they give special recognition to Mary, they will be taking away recognition from Christ. But that is not true at all. In fact, the Assumption proves that it doesn't: Christ Himself freely and purposely chose to give a special role to his Mother, as the Assumption reminds us, so He will certainly not be upset if we do the same. It doesn't take away from Christ's glory to recognise and appreciate the wonderful things He has done for His Mother! On the contrary! It glorifies Him when we recognise the power of His grace at work in and through her. And for this very reason she herself prophesied, in today's Gospel that, "all generations will call me blessed." Today, let us thank God for the wonders He has done for Mary. And let us take comfort knowing that He wants to do wonderful things for us as well. And let us ask Christ to give us the wisdom and courage to speak about His Mother truly and confidently, so that all Christians can get to know Him better by getting to know better the person who knows Him best.

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.