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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 21<sup>st</sup> August 2016

*Twenty - First Sunday of the Year C.*

TWENTY - FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2016 (Weekday Cycle II / Psalter Week 1)

<p><b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August:</b> <u>St Bernard, Abbot &amp; Doctor of the Church (memoria)</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls 10:45 am: Confessions</p>	<p><b><u>PARISH FINANCES</u></b></p> <p>13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> August 2016</p>														
<p><b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August:</b> <u>Twenty - First Sunday of the Year C</u></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Ron King RIP</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Envelopes:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loose Plate:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Standing Orders:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;"><b><u>TOTAL:</u></b></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chad:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Intercare:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>SVP:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Envelopes:		Loose Plate:		Standing Orders:		<b><u>TOTAL:</u></b>		Chad:		Intercare:		SVP:	
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<p><b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August:</b> <u>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (memoria)</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Special Intention</p>	<p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i></p>														
<p><b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August:</b> <u>Weekday Feria</u></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Private Intention</p>															
<p><b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August:</b> <u>St Bartholemew, Apostle (Feast)</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>															
<p><b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August:</b> <u>Weekday Feria</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Special Intention</p>	<p><b><u>PARISH BRUNCH</u></b></p> <p>Thank you to all attended our Patronal Feast Day Brunch last Sunday. It was a hugely enjoyable and really successful Parish Community Event enjoyed by all who came. Although this was always intended to be a non – profit making event, nevertheless a small profit of <b>£ 26.50</b> was made, which will be donated to the Sick and Retired Priest Fund.</p>														
<p><b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August:</b> <u>Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God (memoria)</u></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Kathleen &amp; Robert Dixon's Intentions (Wedding Anniversary)</p>															
<p><b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August:</b> <u>St Monica (memoria)</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls 10:45 am: Confessions</p>															
<p><b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August:</b> <u>Twenty - Second Sunday of the Year C</u></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Pro Populo: People of the Parish</p>															
<p><b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August:</b> <u>Twenty - Second Sunday of the Year C</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Patrick Doran RIP (1st Anniversary)</p>	<p><b><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></b></p> <p>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.</p>														

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

Jim Lowe wishes to thank Fr. Christopher and all those who offered support and gentle words of condolence after the death of his sister, Jill. Thank you to those who kindly attended her funeral. – **Jim Lowe**

<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>	P Hubberstey	S O'Brien
<b>Next Week:</b>	K Large	N Wilson
<b>Offertory:</b>	M Brown & S Mills	M Castor & Volunteer
<b>Next Week:</b>	M & G Sawicki	J Powell & M Calladine
<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	<b>Next Week:</b> Kay & Eve
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Team Freyne	<b>Next Week:</b> Team Agius
<b>Brasses:</b>	K Bennett	<b>Next Week:</b> L Newbold

**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 **29<sup>th</sup> August 2016**. – *Diane Wilson*.

**FAIR TRADE:** Many thanks to everyone who supported the last Fair Trade Sale. Details of sales are put 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 **THIS WEEKEND 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk) for further information.

**BAZAAR COMMITTEE MEETING:** *Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 7:00 pm* in the Hall. This meeting is to plan for the Macmillan Coffee morning (*Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016*) and the Christmas Bazaar Saturday (*19<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> August.

**SAVE THE DATE – SVP SUMMER OUTING:** The SVP will be having their usual Summer Outing this year on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016** and this year's venue is Sudbury Hall. A bus will be provided and there will be some wheelchair access on the bus. Please watch this space as full details will be in the Newsletter next week.

**MISSIO:** The Autumn edition of Mission Today is available for Red Box holders. Please pick up your copy from the church porch. If you have a box you would like emptying or would to have a Red Box please contact Diane Wilson (917 6697).

***TWENTY – FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: We must Strive for Salvation.***

The Church is reminding us of three things in today's Gospel passage: First, that heaven exists. The banquet in the Kingdom of God is the way Jesus describes salvation and eternal life. Second, that hell exists. This is what is outside that banquet, where there is "weeping and grinding of teeth" – images of the hopeless frustration that the human soul experiences when it is cut off forever from friendship with God. And third, that in order to make our way to heaven, we have to keep on doing our part. It is not enough to have a superficial knowledge of Christ – like the people who said, "We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets." Rather, we have to have a living, lasting, growing friendship with Christ. That is what we were created for and that is what will lead us to true life. And since friendship always involves effort, self-sacrifice, and the investment of time and energy, the same thing is true for our friendship with Christ. Salvation comes from actually following Him, from striving to know Him better and live out His teaching. This is what Jesus means by "the narrow gate" that leads to salvation. To get through a narrow gate you have to leave behind all your excess baggage – you have to go through it on purpose. It is possible to be a Christian on the outside without really making an effort to follow the Christian way in our hearts. Jesus has reminded us today that we cannot take for granted our friendship with Him. It is a real relationship that needs attention and effort. But if we leave it at the level of a reminder, we will be missing the point. We need to ask ourselves today: what more can I do to know, love, and follow Christ better? We can strive more intelligently or energetically in three areas: The first is our life of prayer. Daily prayer and frequent confession are essential aspects of striving to enter through the narrow gate. For a Christian, slacking off on those is the equivalent of a professional athlete slacking off on exercise and missing training. The second area is relationships. All the basic relationships of our lives are opportunities to build Christ's Kingdom, by being like Christ. But it takes effort. The third area has to do with building up our own character. We have to constantly be exercising virtues of self-control and self-discipline, otherwise our character will get flabby, and we will make ourselves vulnerable to temptation. Jesus will never let us strive for the narrow gate all by ourselves. He always helps and strengthens us, but He needs us to decide to put that strength to work.

**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](http://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 – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016 and 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.