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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 4th September 2016

Twenty - Third Sunday of the Year C.

TWENTY - THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 4th – 10th September 2016 (Weekday Cycle II / Psalter Week 3)

<p><u>Saturday 3rd September: St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor (Feast)</u></p> <p>11:00 am: Jubilee Mass at St Barnabas' Cathedral with Bishop Patrick Mc Kinney "Many the Gifts" for all Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Catechists, Teachers & Musicians and all others who exercise any form of lay ministry in the Church throughout our Diocese.</p>	<p><u>PARISH FINANCES</u></p> <p>27th / 28th August 2016</p>
<p><u>Saturday 3rd September: Twenty - Third Sunday of the Year</u></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions</p> <p>5:30 pm: Mass; Theresa Reilly RIP</p>	<p>Envelopes:</p> <p>Loose Plate:</p> <p>Standing Orders:</p> <p><u>TOTAL:</u></p> <p>Chad:</p> <p>Intercare:</p> <p>SVP:</p> <p>Sick & Retired</p> <p>Priests:</p>
<p><u>Sunday 4th September: Twenty - Third Sunday of the Year</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Antonio Ferrara RIP</p>	
<p><u>Monday 5th September: Weekday Feria</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Private Intention</p>	
<p><u>Tuesday 6th September: Weekday Feria</u></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions</p> <p>1:00 pm: Mass; Holy Souls</p>	<p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i></p>
<p><u>Wednesday 7th September: Weekday Feria</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>	<p>CHURCH GROUNDS: Many thanks to all who recently helped to make the garden and church grounds look so good. I know that a lot of hard work, time and effort has gone in to the weeding, pruning, grass cutting and general tidying up. It is lovely to see the great fruits of all these hard labours. On behalf of all the Parishioners we express our sincere thanks for the generosity shown and the time given to these endeavours, not just at this time but throughout the whole year. Once again many thanks.</p>
<p><u>Thursday 8th September: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Intentions of Fr John Cairns</p>	
<p><u>Friday 9th September: Weekday Feria</u></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions</p> <p>1:00 pm: Mass; Intentions of Isobel Barnes</p>	
<p><u>Saturday 10th September: Weekday Feria</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Special Intention</p> <p>10:45 am: Confessions</p>	<p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></p>
<p><u>Saturday 10th September: Twenty - Fourth Sunday of the Year</u></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions</p> <p>5:30 pm: Mass; Pro Populo: People of the Parish</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>
<p><u>Sunday 11th September: Twenty - Fourth Sunday of the Year</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Mary Philomena "Phyllis" Bennett RIP (Choir)</p>	

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 Cummins	S Yarwood
Next Week:	M Sully	C Hallam
Offertory:	M & A Simmons	D & D Wilson
Next Week:	M King & J Williams	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti
Coffee:	C & M Hallam	Next Week: N Burrows & M Walton
Cashiers:	N Mason	Next Week: A Simmons
Flowers:	Shirley, Margaret & Sue	Next Week: Ann & Kath
Cleaning:	Team Begley	Next Week: Team Powell
Brasses:	E Rodrigues	Next Week: M Castor

POOR CLARES: The Sisters' send their sincere thanks for the donations they have received from us this week and they want us to know that our Parish is very special to them and we are remembered in their prayers every day. The next visit is planned for 3rd October 2016. – *Diane Wilson*.

FAIR TRADE: Many thanks to everyone who continues to support the Fair Trade Sales. Details of sales are put on the notice board at the back of the Church and any profits made from the sale of fairly traded goods are given to Mary's Meals which is a charity helping to feed Third World schoolchildren. The next Fair Trade Sale is 17th/18th September 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.

SAVE THE DATE – SVP SUMMER OUTING: The SVP will be having their usual Summer Outing this year on *Wednesday 21st September 2016* and this year's venue is Sudbury Hall; the Museum of Childhood in Staffordshire. The coach will leave Church at 1:30 pm to arrive Sudbury approx. 2:30pm. The coach will be able to accommodate wheelchairs on board but this will obviously reduce the number of seats available so if anyone can board the bus with help, their wheelchair could be stored in the luggage compartment. It would be good if we could know the parishioners who would require wheelchair space on the bus as soon as possible. There is a more detailed Itinerary on the SVP Notice Board at the back of Church for everyone to read, so please try and read it so that everyone is familiar with the proceedings. Obviously every help will be given to anyone requiring it. There is also a list for names and requirements on the board. AS USUAL PRIORITY will be given to the sick/elderly or housebound of the Parish before remaining seats are filled. We are hoping to accommodate about 40 people including SVP members. AS SUDBURY HALL IS A NATIONAL TRUST PROPERTY it would be good if anyone is a member of the trust to bring their membership cards with them in order for us to get a discount.

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 - THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: Following Christ is a Full - Time Job.

Jesus is making two things clear to us today. First, He wants us to have no illusions about following Him. His path is a hard path. Our nature is fallen, and to get back up again, even with His grace helping us, is going to be hard. It will involve self – sacrifice and suffering: “Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” That is the obvious lesson in this Gospel passage. We can never let ourselves forget it. But there is another lesson too, equally worth our attention. Jesus is teaching us that following Him involves more than feelings and vague inspirations. We are supposed to use our minds, to put our creativity and intelligence to work in the adventure of following Christ. This is clear from the examples Jesus uses. The builder and the warring king had to channel their enthusiasm through the cool filter of reason. Christians must do the same. The emotional excitement that comes from a retreat or a pilgrimage or a special grace-filled encounter with the Lord is like the blossoms on a cherry tree. They bloom quickly and fill our souls with a sweet aroma, but then the long summer comes, and we have to persevere patiently, following an intelligent plan of spiritual and apostolic work, before the fruit matures. Love, even the lasting love that comes from friendship with Christ, is often born amidst intense emotions, but it matures through sweat and suffering, and those can only be endured with the aid of reason and conviction – both of which go deeper than mere passing emotions. Following Christ is more than following a whim; it is a long-term project that deserves and engages the whole person. It is perplexing that so many of us accept the fact that success in other walks of life takes hard work, but we think being a faithful Christian comes without effort. George Lucas, the creator of the Star Wars movies, described the kind of work ethic that went into writing the screenplay for the original Star Wars: “I grew up in a middle-class Midwestern-style American town with the corresponding work ethic. So I sit at my desk for eight hours a day no matter what happens, even if I don't write anything. It's a terrible way to live, but I do it; I sit down and I do it. I can't get out of my chair until five o'clock or five-thirty or whenever the news comes on...It's the only way I can force myself to write. I work with a hard pencil and regular lined paper. I put a big calendar on my wall. Tuesday I have to be on page twenty-five, Wednesday on page thirty, and so on. And every day I cross it off – I did those five pages. And if I do my five pages early, I get to quit. Never happens. I've always got about one page done by four o'clock in the afternoon, and during that next hour I usually write the rest.” When Jesus told His disciples that they have to be like a king planning to go to war, or a builder planning to construct a palace, this is what He was talking about: we need to decide to take our Christianity seriously enough that we are willing to work at it, to put our whole selves into.

FLASH FAMILY LANGUAGE SCHOOL: This is a student exchange company run by Prof. Matthew Avanzi and it seeks to connect Italian students with workplaces in the U.K., operating in the same area as Education Business Partnership Organisations do in the U.K. They are currently looking for places and persons who could offer conversation and/or accommodation and/or unpaid work experience in the East Midlands Airport area for selected individuals and groups of our students (aged 16 – 18). For providing accommodation on a half – board basis they pay a minimum of £ 200.00 per week. For further details please visit the website: <http://www.flash-family-language-a-school-house.com>. The site with the listings is under construction and will be ready for the first groups coming in January 2017.