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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week 3)

<p><b><u>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January: St Agnes, Virgin &amp; Martyr (memoria)</u></b></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Special Intention 10:45 am: Confessions 11:30 am: Baptism; Amara Mae Douglas Green</p>	<p><b><u>PARISH FINANCES</u></b></p> <p>14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017</p>														
<p><b><u>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January: Third Sunday of the Year A</u></b></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; George Singleton RIP</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">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><u>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January: Weekday Feria</u></b></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><u>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January: St Francis de Sales, Bishop &amp; Doctor (memoria)</u></b></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Kevin Boyle RIP</p>															
<p><b><u>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January: The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle (Feast)</u></b></p> <p>7:00 pm: Mass; Holy Souls</p>															
<p><b><u>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January: Saints Timothy &amp; Titus, Bishops (memoria)</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Private Intention</p>	<p>SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR THE SICK &amp; RETIRED PRIESTS FUND</p>														
<p><b><u>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January: Weekday Feria</u></b></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Intentions of Margaret Brown</p>															
<p><b><u>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January: St Thomas Aquinas, Priest &amp; Doctor (memoria)</u></b></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Special Intention 10:45 am: Confessions</p>	<p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey, Marica Borsos, Pat Constable, David Fox, Audrey Mc Coy, Fr Joseph O' Hanlon, Bernadette Retallick, Mary Staley and John Webster.</p>														
<p><b><u>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January: Fourth Sunday of the Year A</u></b></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Sheila Hudson RIP (Williams)</p>															
<p><b><u>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January: Fourth Sunday of the Year A</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p>															

<b>ROTAS:</b>	5.30 pm	9.00 am
<b>Welcomers:</b>		D Wilson & Volunteer
<b>Next Week:</b>		M Cookson & S Neely
<b>Readers:</b>	P Hubberstey	N Wilson
<b>Next Week:</b>	M Cummins	S Yarwood
<b>Offertory:</b>	M & G Sawicki	J Powell & M Calladine
<b>Next Week:</b>	M & A Simmons	D & D Wilson
<b>Coffee:</b>	J Powell & M Calladine	<b>Next Week:</b> N Burrows & M Walton
<b>Cashiers:</b>	J Walton	<b>Next Week:</b> J Brennan
<b>Flowers:</b>	Shirley, Margaret & Sue	<b>Next Week:</b> Ann & Kath
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Team Newbold	<b>Next Week:</b> Team Shalloe
<b>Brasses:</b>	E Rodrigues	<b>Next Week:</b> M Castor

**POOR CLARES:** The Sisters send their thanks for all the donations taken to them before Christmas and they send their good wishes to all our Parishioners. The next visit will be *Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017*. – *Diane Wilson*.

**FAIR TRADE SALE:** The next Fair Trade sale which will be **NEXT WEEKEND 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. We continue our support for Mary's Meals with all Fair Trade goods sold. Information about Mary's Meals can also be found at the website: [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk). – *Diane Wilson*.

**WOMENS REFUGE, BEESTON:** The SVP are asking for donations of toiletries in order to help the **WOMENS REFUGE** in *Beeston*. Items needed are: *Liquid soap, deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.* If anyone has any unwanted Christmas toiletries or could donate any of the above items we would be most grateful. There will be a box in the porch at back of Church labelled, "**WOMENS REFUGE**" where you can deposit the items, for the next couple of weeks. Thank you so much for your continued support. – *St Vincent de Paul Society*.

**THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE:** are hopeful that they will be able to put on a Barn Dance later this year. The next planned event will be on Shrove Tuesday and our Pancake Evening, which has now become established on the Assumption Social Calendar. **(Please put the date in your Diaries 28<sup>th</sup> February)!**

**SILVER JUBILEE OF ORDINATION:** As you know this year I will be celebrating the Silver Jubilee of my Ordination to the Priesthood. The Mass of Thanksgiving will be on *Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017*, followed by a Parish Social celebration. (Please put the date in your diary as we will need to have an accurate idea of the numbers for catering). There will be a planning meeting **THIS Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017** in the Parish Hall at **7:30 pm**. Anyone who would like to be involved in the organisation of this Parish celebration is invited to attend this meeting. – *Fr Christopher*.

**PARISH MAINTENANCE:** I am sure that you will agree that the Church looked so beautiful for the Christmas celebrations. However, this can only happen with the time and help given by those who generously volunteer to help maintain the Church building. A great deal of this is done by those who clean the Church and take care of the brass polishing. I have been asked again to appeal to all members of the Parish, if they would please volunteer to help with the cleaning and polishing. Some of our existing members are getting older and not in the best of health and would like to pass the job on to younger members of the Parish. It would probably entail cleaning the Church or the brasses about once a month.

**SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH CLUB:** **THIS Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 1:00 pm**. For tickets please contact Stella on 0115 925 5140.

***THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: United Under Christ.***

Paul is insistent in today's Second Reading on Jesus as the focus of Christian discipleship. Jesus is the great light, and no one, however exalted, can take His place. Paul confronts the dissension in the Christian community at Corinth because they are making lesser lights into the great light. The Church is divided into factions – not over doctrinal differences but over personalities. Some are following Apollos, an eloquent and enthusiastic teacher who attracts the well educated to Christianity. Some, mainly Jewish Christians, rally to the name of Peter. Some stay loyal to the memory Paul, preferring his passion and bluntness. The division of the Church is destructive and Paul argues for unity under Christ. Christianity is Christ. It was Christ who died for the sins of others and all Christians are Baptised in His name. Paul wants the community at Corinth to be a Christian community, not a collection of factions and not slaves to personality cults. No leader, however important, can attach disciples to himself. As Paul says later, there is only one foundation of the Christian community: "For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ." (3<sup>11</sup>). Paul resists any attempt to make Christian discipleship a matter of following this or that Christian leader. For Paul, only one person gets the incense and that person is Jesus himself. Religious leadership is about leading others to Christ: it cannot be reduced to smiles and styles. Religious authority does not lead others to itself but to the Lord. It does not exult in itself or point to itself. It points to Christ. For Paul and Matthew there is only one answer to the question "Who are you for?" The Christian must answer, "I am for Christ."

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