



*THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION
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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 16th April 2017

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Year A.

OCTAVE OF EASTER: 16th – 22nd April 2017 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week 1)

<p><u>Saturday 15th April:</u> <i>Holy Saturday</i></p> <p>8:30 pm: Easter Vigil; Audrey McCoy RIP (Wilson)</p>	<p><i>PARISH FINANCES</i></p>
<p><u>Sunday 16th April:</u> <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p>	<p><i>7th / 8th April 2017</i></p>
<p><u>Monday 17th April:</u> <i>Monday within the Octave of Easter</i></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Colm O'Neill RIP</p> <p>4:00 pm: Reception; Audrey McCoy 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>Easter Flowers:</p>
<p><u>Tuesday 18th April:</u> <i>Tuesday within the Octave of Easter</i></p> <p>11:00 am: Requiem Mass; Audrey McCoy RIP</p>	<p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i></p>
<p><u>Wednesday 19th April:</u> <i>Wednesday within the Octave of Easter</i></p> <p>10:00 am: Service of the Word and Hoy Communion</p>	
<p><u>Thursday 20th April:</u> <i>Thursday within the Octave of Easter</i></p> <p>10:00 am: Service of the Word and Hoy Communion</p>	
<p><u>Friday 21st April:</u> <i>Friday within the Octave of Easter</i></p> <p>10:00 am: Service of the Word and Hoy Communion</p>	<p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></p> <p>Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Pat Constable, David Fox, Fr Joseph O' Hanlon, Ann Harrison, Bernadette Retallick, Mary Staley and John Webster.</p>
<p><u>Saturday 22nd April:</u> <i>Saturday within the Octave of Easter</i></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p> <p>11:30 am; Baptisms; Sienna & James McLaughlin</p>	
<p><u>Saturday 22nd April:</u> <i>Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)</i></p> <p>5:30 pm: Mass; Private Intention (Findlay)</p>	
<p><u>Sunday 23rd April:</u> <i>Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)</i></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Intention of Fr G Dakin (Birthday)</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:	8:30 pm / 5:30 pm	9:00 am
Welcomers:		D Wilson & Volunteer
Next Week:		M Simpson & L Newbold
Readers:	Various	S Grant
Next Week:	M Cummins	S O'Brien
Offertory:	M Sharp & Volunteer	R & N Wilson
Next Week:	K Twomey & J Lyons	M Castor & Volunteer
Coffee:	J Powell & M Calladine	Next Week: N Burrows & M Walton
Cashiers:	N/A	Next Week: J Brennan
Flowers:	EASTER FLOWERS	Next Week: Ann & Kath
Cleaning:	Team Newbold	Next Week: Team Shalloe
Brasses:	E Rodrigues	Next Week: M Castor

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Josephine "Audrey" Mc Coy*, who died on **31st March 2017**. Audrey will be brought into Church on **Monday 17th April 2017 at 4:00 pm** and her Requiem Mass will take place on **Tuesday 18th April 2017 at 11:00 am** followed by Burial at Chilwell Cemetery. We pray for her and her family at this sad time. May she rest in peace.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Next weekend we welcome into our Parish Community *Sienna Pipsy Emmelise McLaughlin* and *Logan James McLaughlin* who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on **Saturday 22nd April 2017**. We pray for them and their parents, *Aidan* and *Sarah* on this happy occasion.

FIRST CONFESSION / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The classes for First Holy Communion begin for both parents and children next **Sunday, 23rd April 2017**. The classes will be in the Parish Hall after Mass and Coffee and will last about ½ an hour each.

POOR CLARES: The Sisters send their grateful thanks for the donations received from our Parish and they pray for our Parish every day. The next visit will be **24th April 2017**. – *Diane Wilson*.

FAIR TRADE SALE: Thanks to everyone who supported the last Fair Trade sale, any profits made from the sale of fairly traded goods goes to Mary's Meals which is a charity supporting Third World schoolchildren. Further details are on the Fair Trade notice board at the back of Church. The next sale will be **29th/30th April 2017**. Fair Trade Easter Eggs which have been ordered are now available. (Mary's Meals website: www.marysmeals.org.uk.) – *Diane Wilson*.

CHOCOLATE HAMPER: The winning tickets will be drawn after Mass on Easter Sunday. All proceeds go to Parish funds. Many thanks – *The Bazaar Committee*.

SILVER JUBILEE TICKETS: are now available for collection from the back of Church, please make sure that you select the one with your name on, and please note that you DO NOT NEED to RSVP. Also, there is a Parish Card please sign if you wish. Thank you. – *Marie Calladine*.

SILVER JUBILEE PLANNING MEETING: **Thursday 27th April 2017 at 7:00 pm** in Church Hall. – All Welcome.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCH: A big Thank you to all those who helped and supported the Lenten Soup lunches on the last two Fridays before Holy Week. A total of **£ 110.00** was raised. This money will be equally divided between CAFOD and Mary's Meals, the charity supported from the Fair Trade sales.

DATE FOR THE DIARY/SAVE THE DATE: There will be Parish Barn Dance on **Saturday 24th June 2017 at 7:00 pm**. Tickets will go on sale shortly. – *Social Committee*

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: The visit to St Barnabas Cathedral of the Miraculous Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, takes place from Friday 21st – Wednesday 26th April 2017. A summary of the Pilgrimage Timetable is on the Church Notice Board and further details are available on the St Barnabas Cathedral Website. The schedule for Saturday 22nd April is listed below.

Valuing Life an afternoon with Our Lady of Guadalupe “Protectress of the Unborn” Saturday 22nd April 2017 Nottingham Cathedral

- 1:30 pm **'Guadalupe, Fatima & Valuing Life - Then and Now'**
by Donal Foley, published author on Marian apparitions.
This talk and presentation will look at the Guadalupe apparition and the miraculous image. It will explain the historical context, what it means for the current struggle against the prevailing culture of death, and how the message given at Fatima by Mary gives us a way forward. (Hall).
- 2:30 pm **Service of Reparation** (approx 45 mins) led by Fr David Palmer (Cathedral)
- 3:30 pm **BELLA** (film – PG – 90 mins)
A heart-warming story of how 1 day in New York changed three people's lives. A tale of forgiveness, redemption and healing. People's choice winner – Toronto Film Festival (Hall)
- 5:20 pm **'The Life and Death of the Unborn Child'**
talk and multimedia presentation by Dr John Edwards, based on a presentation frequently given in schools (Hall)
- 6:30 pm **Mass** (Sunday Vigil) (Cathedral)
- 7:45 pm **BELLA** – as above (Hall)

Refreshments including rolls from 1:00 pm Repository available to 4:00 pm in the Hall

Veneration of the Miraculous Image will be available throughout the day except during the Masses and Service of Reparation



Please help us remind people of the reality of abortion

SPUC'S PRO – LIFE CHAINS

Every year supporters of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children give silent witness to the millions of babies killed by legalised abortion in Britain. We stand at the side of major roads and intersections holding placards which bring home the reality of abortion. This year we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act 1967.

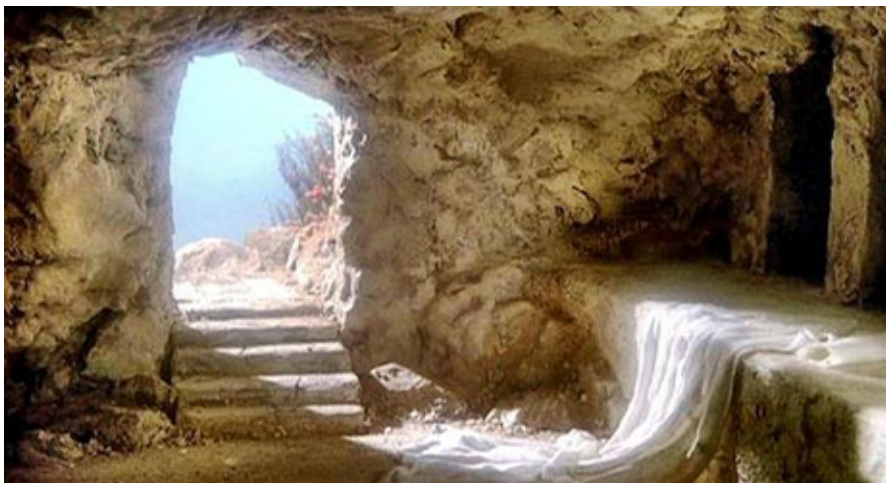
Pro – Life Chains will be held on Saturday 29th April 2017 from 10:00 am till 12 noon

Your local pro-life chain is located at: **Trent Bridge, meet North side by The Riverbank Bar. Parking available on Victoria Embankment.** Contact: **Caroline 01623 795 062 or John 0115 914 1070**
people@spuc.nottingham.org.uk

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EASTER SUNDAY - The Resurrection is what makes us Different.

On the first day of the week, the third day of His Passion, Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Today is His day. Many great historical figures have led exemplary lives, taught wise doctrines, and even died for the truth. But only one has risen again. Among the vast array of humanity's greatest heroes, only about Jesus Christ can we say: "He rose again on the third day, in fulfilment of the scriptures." Only in Christ's Resurrection do goodness and power finally unite. The good guy wins! Only in Christ's Resurrection does love prove that it is stronger than death. In Christ and in His Resurrection, a new – a wildly new – hope dawns for all mankind, the hope that if we stay united to Him through faith and grace, we will rise with Him, rise from our very tombs, and live with Him forever in the never – ending adventure of heaven. No one else offers such a hope, because no one else has risen from the dead to be able to offer it – only the Lord. The Resurrection is the definitive watershed in the history of religions; it makes Christianity absolutely unique. In the Resurrection, reality becomes more wonderful than myth. Only the reality of the Resurrection can explain the reality of the history of the Church: A few weak, non – influential, and uneducated fishermen from Galilee, frightened out of their wits when Jesus was arrested and executed, suddenly become world travellers, phenomenally successful preachers, and valiant martyrs. And the Church which they proclaim continues to spread after they die, holding fast to the exact same doctrine they preached, century after century, in nation after nation. Only the abiding presence of the Lord can explain this, and only the Resurrection explains the abiding presence of the Lord. This is what makes us, as Christians, different. Today we should relish the great victory Christ has won for us by His Resurrection and thank Him for giving us a share in it. How different our day-to-day lives would be if we believed this truth with our whole hearts! We know the future! We know what's in store! The sick child who has to be operated on is in pain and frightened. But the parent can reassure them, because the parent knows that the operation, as painful and frightening as it might be in the short term, will bring health and happiness in the long term. We are those children! The sufferings and struggles of our lives are the healing cuts of God's scalpel. But we are also those parents! Because we know that if the cuts of the scalpel make us more like Christ Crucified, they will also bring us to share in the glory of Christ Resurrected. How can we let the power of Christ's Resurrection seep into the depths of our minds and hearts? There is one very simple thing we can do that will make all the difference: Keep the Lord's Day Holy. Every Sunday of the year is a Solemnity, a day dedicated to the cornerstone of our faith: The Resurrection. This is why the Church has made Sunday Mass obligatory – to make sure we don't forget about the Resurrection! To make sure we remember where we're going! But we need to do our part too. Coming to Mass is the essential. But if we want to live our Sundays to the full, if we want our lives to take on the rhythm of the Resurrection, we have got to use our creativity and imagination to make the whole day different. The way a Catholic lives Sunday should be different than the way a non-Catholic lives Sunday. Today, the greatest Sunday of the year, let us honour the Lord not only with our voices, but also in our hearts. Let us promise Him that between now and Pentecost we will use our creativity to make our Sundays different. And let us ask Him to give us a hand.



*Surrexit Dominus Alleluia:
May you all have a happy, holy and restful Easter.*