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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 9th July 2017

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A.

Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time: 8th – 15th July 2017 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week 2)

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Saturday 8th July: Weekday Feria</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Sick of the Parish</p> <p>10:45 am: Confessions</p>	<i>PARISH FINANCES</i>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Saturday 8th July: Fourteenth Sunday of the Year: A</u></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions</p> <p>5:30 pm: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p>	<i>1st / 2nd July 2017</i>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday 9th July: Fourteenth Sunday of the Year: A</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Trevor Jones RIP</p>	<p>Envelopes:</p> <p>Loose Plate:</p> <p>Standing Orders:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL:</p> <p>Chad:</p> <p>Intercare:</p> <p>SVP:</p> <p>Sick & Retired Priests:</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Monday 10th July: Weekday Feria</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tuesday 11th July: St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe (Feast)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO CONFESSIONS TODAY</p> <p>1:00 pm: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesday 12th July: Weekday Feria</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>	<i>Second Collection THIS Weekend for the Apostleship of the Sea*</i>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday 13th July: Weekday Feria</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday 14th July: Weekday Feria</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO CONFESSIONS TODAY</p> <p>1:00 pm: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>	<p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Catherine Adlington, Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Marion Cliff, Pat Constable, David Fox, Jim & Margaret Dougan, Fr Joseph O' Hanlon, Ann Harrison, Bernadette Retallick, and John Webster.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Saturday 15th July: Weekday Feria</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO MORNING MASS TODAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO MORNING CONFESSIONS TODAY</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Saturday 15th July: Fifteenth Sunday of the Year: A</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO EVENING CONFESSIONS TODAY</p> <p>5:30 pm: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday 16th July: Fifteenth Sunday of the Year: A</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Celebrant's Intention</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.

<i>ROTAS:</i>	<i>5.30 pm</i>	<i>9.00 am</i>
Welcomers:		D Wilson & Volunteer
Next Week:		M Cookson & S Neely
Readers:	P Hubberstey	A Horgan
Next Week:	M Cummins	R Marlow
Offertory:	J Fox & N Brennan	J Powell & M Calladine
Next Week:	K Twomey & J Lyons	D & D Wilson
Coffee:	J Powell & M Calladine	Next Week: N Burrows & M Walton
Cashiers:	J Walton	Next Week: J Brennan
Flowers:	Ann & Sue	Next Week: Suzanne & Margaret J
Cleaning:	Team Newbold	Next Week: Team Shalloe
Brasses:	E Rodrigues	Next Week: M Castor

***APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA; SEA SUNDAY:** is when we have the opportunity to remember and pray for seafarers, their families and all who support them. On Sea Sunday, Catholic Churches around the UK take up a second collection with all funds raised going to the Apostleship of the Sea to support their work. It is a day of remembrance, prayer and celebration, and an opportunity to think about and thank those seafarers who work tirelessly throughout the year bringing us goods we often take for granted. The Apostleship of the Sea relies on our help to ensure that Sea Sunday is recognised in UK Parishes. If you would like more information of how you can help visit: www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk. Please support Sea Sunday so that their vital work with seafarers continues.

Fourteenth Sunday of the Year A: Christ Brings Peace.

There are two kinds of leaders in the world, those who use other people to get what they want, and those who sacrifice themselves to bring prosperity to others. Jesus is the second kind of leader. Today's First Reading expresses this beautifully. It is a prophecy describing the Messiah, God's promised Saviour, Israel's great king, who will come and rescue Israel from idolatry and foreign oppression. The description presents a vivid, poetic comparison between the leadership style of this promised Messiah and that of the pagan kings who have conquered and ruled Israel for so long. The Messiah enters Jerusalem on a donkey, an animal considered noble in ancient Palestine, but an animal ridden by judges and rabbis, by those who brought order and justice to society. This Messiah, the prophet goes on to describe, will banish chariots and horses – instruments of war used by the pagan conquerors and symbolising oppression, injustice, and violence. Jesus Himself, in today's Gospel passage, explains His leadership style in the same way. He invites the crowds to come to Him, to follow and obey Him, so that He can "give them rest." He will never force us to labour and carry heavy burdens just for His own gratification, as selfish, power – hungry leaders do. Instead, Jesus invites us to walk by His side, uniting our crosses to His Cross, as if we and He were harnessed to the same yoke. Yes, we will have to work and suffer in this life, but when we do so united to Christ, it all has a purpose; it is all leading us somewhere. And so, instead of oppressing, depressing, and frustrating our souls, bearing crosses with Christ brings us deep satisfaction and peace of mind even in the midst of life's trials. Christ brings peace to our souls. We have all experienced Christ's peace, at least a little bit. We have tasted the joy of His forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession; the assurance that He is taking care of loved ones who have died; the consolation of knowing that He is near. And yet, for most of us, that interior peace is not so deep and steady as we would like. The storms of life still seem to upset the ship of faith on which our hearts sail. Is there anything we can do to experience Christ's peace more steadily, securely, and deeply? "Take my yoke upon you," Jesus says, "and I will give you rest." What is that yoke? Jesus tells us, "Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart." Humility is the secret to experiencing Christ's peace. The more we grow in humility, the more Christ's peace, strength, and wisdom takes over our hearts. Like all the virtues, humility grows gradually, like a muscle, if we exercise it. Luckily for us, there are three very easy ways to exercise humility. First, prayer. Every time we pray sincerely, we acknowledge our dependence on God – an act of humility. This is why St John Vianney used to say, "God commands you to pray, but He forbids you to worry." It was His variation of the old saying, "Courage is fear that has said its prayers." Secondly, speaking well of other people. Every time we observe and praise the good points of others, we loosen the shackles of arrogance and envy that bind humility. Thirdly, obedience to God's will. Whenever we conscientiously fulfil our responsibilities in life, follow our conscience, and obey Church teaching, we are humbly reversing the arrogant rebellion of Original Sin. Today, Jesus will once again prove His own humility and love by coming to us in Holy Communion. When He does, let us tell Him how much we long for His peace, and ask Him to lay His restful yoke of humility upon us.

POOR CLARES: The Sisters send their sincere thanks for the donations they received from our Parish this week. They want you to know that you are all remembered in their prayers every day. The next visit to the Sisters will be *31st July 2017. – Diane Wilson.*

FAIR TRADE SALE: Due to illness, there will be no Fair Trade sales in June or July. We hope to be able to commence sales again in August or September. – *Diane Wilson.*

COFFEE MORNING: There will be a coffee morning next *Sunday, 16th July 2017* after the 9:00 am Mass. Raffle tickets are already on sale at £1 a strip, for a Summer hamper and the winning ticket will be drawn at the coffee morning. There will be lots of lovely cakes to have with your tea and coffee and also to buy to take home with you, and if you could make us some cakes for the cake stall it would be really appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there – ***BAZAAR COMMITTEE.***

PADLEY PILGRIMAGE: The Annual Inter – Diocesan Padley Pilgrimage in honour of the Martyrs Blessed Nicholas Garlick and Blessed Robert Ludlam will take place at Padley Chapel *THIS Sunday 9th July 2017.* We assemble at Grindleford Station at 3:00 pm for the Rosary Procession to the Chapel. There will be ample additional parking on the day and stewards from the Knights of St Columba will be there to direct you. If you would like to arrive at the Chapel earlier with your picnics please do so. The Chapel will be open from 12 noon. There will be the usual portable W.C. parked at the ranger station opposite. Please refer to the Pilgrimage poster for more information and please remember to bring a folding chair or similar with you.

SVP SUMMER OUTING: *Thursday 7th September 2017.* This year the SVP are taking a coach trip to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. There are leaflets and an itinerary on the SVP notice board at the back of church, together with a list for people to put their names on if they would like to go. The journey will take approx. 1 hour and on arrival soup and a roll will be provided for an early lunch. After lunch, there will be a guided land train tour of the grounds. It is just a short distance to the train from the Visitors Centre. This will take approx 55 minutes and on return there will be time for you to purchase tea/cake etc. if you wish from the cafeteria. There is also a souvenir shop situated in the Visitors Centre. If you would like to come on the trip please put your name on the list at the back of church, also whether you need transport to and from church and if a wheelchair is required. Several of us have been to the Arboretum before and it is certainly worth a visit. – ***Beeston SVP***

Fifteenth Sunday of the Year A: Christ Brings Peace.

Our Lord's words have power. Immense crowds press upon Him as He teaches. The crowd was so big, Jesus actually got into a fishing boat and used the lake as His speaking platform, so that He could address everyone gathered on the shore. Crowds like this hung on His every word wherever He went. He could easily have turned them into a revolutionary army and manipulated them for any number of purposes. But instead, He simply invites them to change their hearts. Jesus truly is the Lord, but He refuses to bully us into following Him. He is the "sower" of the parable, spreading God's Word and announcing God's invitation, but never forcing hearts to welcome it. This combination of eagerness to win over disciples, but respect for His listeners' freedom is especially evident in Jesus' use of parables. A parable is a simple comparison between a hard – to – understand divine truth, a truth about God and His plan of salvation, and a well – known earthly reality. Some interpreters say that Jesus used these stories and comparisons to conceal His meaning from His opponents. But there is also another way to look at it. Sometimes people don't want to accept the plain truth, because it means they have to change. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught the plain truth. But many didn't accept it. So now He takes a more roundabout way to convince them. The parables offer His listeners a chance to accept certain truths in the abstract, before seeing how they apply to them personally. It is a way of sneaking uncomfortable truths through His listener's mental defence mechanisms, penetrating indirectly the minds that have closed themselves to His direct proclamations. Jesus always respects our freedom, but He never gives up on convincing us to use that freedom well. God knows that using our freedom well is not easy. He knows better than we do the subtlety of the devil's deceptions, the force of our selfish tendencies, the allure of the world's treasures and pleasures. And so, God, because He loves us with a perfect Father's love, has provided helps for our freedom. He has given us the Sacrament of Confession, which is a healing Sacrament as well as a Sacrament of forgiveness. Whenever we give in to our selfish tendencies and sin, we damage our freedom, we put chains around it. The Sacrament of Confession breaks those chains and strengthens us against future temptations. He has given us the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Holy Communion is not just a symbol of the Last Supper. It is our reception of Christ's own Body and Blood, of Christ's very own strength. It bolsters everything that is good in us, strengthening us against all that is evil. He has also given us the Church's guaranteed teaching authority, the Magisterium. When the Pope and the Bishops in communion with Him teach us that certain actions or behaviour are morally wrong, like abortion, euthanasia extramarital sex, and contraception, we have Christ's own guarantee that they will not lead us astray. This clarity about right and wrong strengthens our freedom, because the devil operates best in grey areas. Finally, Jesus has given us the incredible gift of prayer. Whenever we feel our freedom under attack, we can pray. We have non – stop direct access to the all – powerful God, who will never fail to come to our aid. The Sacraments, Church teaching, and prayer – these are our front – line defences against the devil, the flesh, and the world. Today, as Jesus renews His commitment to us in this Mass, let us thank Him for these gifts, and promise that we will use them well.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A.

Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time: 16th – 23rd July 2017 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week 3)

Saturday 15th July: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	<i>PARISH FINANCES</i>
NO MORNING MASS TODAY NO MORNING CONFESSIONS TODAY	
Saturday 15th July: <u>Fifteenth Sunday of the Year: A</u>	<i>8th / 9th July 2017</i>
NO EVENING CONFESSIONS TODAY	Envelopes: TBC
5:30 pm: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	Loose Plate: TBC
Sunday 16th July: <u>Fifteenth Sunday of the Year: A</u>	Standing Orders: TBC
9:00 am: Mass; Celebrant's Intention	TOTAL: TBC
Monday 17th July: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	Chad: TBC
9:00 am: Mass; Wiifred Lally RIP	Intercare: TBC
Tuesday 18th July: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	SVP: TBC
9:00 am: Mass; Private Intention	Apostleship of the Sea: TBC
11:45 am: Funeral Service: Jean Swann (Bramcote Crematorium)	<i>REQUIESCAT IN PACE:</i>
NO CONFESSIONS TODAY	Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:
Wednesday 19th July: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	<i>Mary Staley</i> who died on 27 th June 2017; Mary will be received into Church here at The Assumption on <i>Wednesday 19th July 2017 at 5:00 pm</i> and her Requiem Mass will take place on <i>Thursday 20th July 2017 at 12:00 noon</i> followed by Cremation at Bramcote Crematorium.
9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion	<i>Jean Swann</i> who died on 23 rd June 2017; Jean's Funeral Service will take place at Bramcote Crematorium on <i>Tuesday 18th July 2017 at 11:45 am.</i>
5:00 pm: Reception: Mary Staley RIP	<i>Marion Cliff</i> who died on 2 nd July 2017; Marion's Funeral Service will take place at Bramcote Crematorium on <i>Monday 24th July 2017 at 11:00 am.</i>
Thursday 20th July: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	We remember them and their families at this sad time. May they rest in peace.
12:00 pm: Requiem Mass: Mary Staley RIP	
Friday 21st July: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	
9:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls	
10:30 am: Leavers Mass at English Martyrs School	
NO CONFESSIONS TODAY	
Saturday 22nd July: <u>St Mary Magdalene (Feast)</u>	
10:00 am: Mass; Special Intention	
10:45 am: Confessions	
Saturday 22nd July: <u>Sixteenth Sunday of the Year: A</u>	
5:00 pm: Confessions	
5:30 pm: Mass; Joan Mc Kenna RIP (Twomey)	
Sunday 23rd July: <u>Sixteenth Sunday of the Year: A</u>	
9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	

ROTAS:	5.30 pm	9.00 am
Welcomers:		M Cookson & S Neely
Next Week:		M Simpson & L Newbold
Readers:	M Cummins	R Marlow
Next Week:	M Sully	S Grant
Offertory:	K Twomey & J Lyons	D & D Wilson
Next Week:	M Sharp & S Spowage	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti
Coffee:	N Burrows & M Walton	Next Week: M Calladine & L Whitham
Cashiers:	J Brennan	Next Week: N Mason
Flowers:	Suzanne & Margaret J	Next Week: Kay & Eve
Cleaning:	Team Shalloe	Next Week: Team Freyne
Brasses:	M Castor	Next Week: K Bennett