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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 23rd July 2017

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time: 23rd – 29th July 2017 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week 4)

<u>Saturday 22nd July: St Mary Magdalene (Feast)</u>	<i>PARISH FINANCES</i>		
10:00 am: Mass; Special Intention 10:45 am: Confessions	2017	8 th /9 th July	15 th /16 th July
<u>Saturday 22nd July: Sixteenth Sunday of the Year: A</u> 5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Joan Mc Kenna RIP (Twomey)	Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders:		
<u>Sunday 23rd July: Sixteenth Sunday of the Year: A</u> 9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	TOTAL: Chad: Intercare: SVP:		
<u>Monday 24th July: Weekday Feria</u> 9:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls 11:00 am: Funeral Service: Marion Cliff (Bramcote Crematorium)	Apostleship of the Sea:		
<u>Tuesday 25th July: St James, Apostle (Feast)</u> 12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Mary Staley RIP (Fisher)	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i>		
<u>Wednesday 26th July: Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM (memoria)</u> 9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion 6:30 pm: Reception: Mary Kathleen Douglas RIP	<i>Second Collection NEXT Weekend for the Sick & Retired Priests</i>		
<u>Thursday 27th July: Weekday Feria</u> 11:30 am: Requiem Mass; Mary Kathleen Douglas RIP	LUMINOUS RELIGIOUS: Objects are available in the repository shop in response to a special request. Three varieties of Miraculous medals are also on display now		
<u>Friday 28th July: Weekday Feria</u> 12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Special Intention	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> Catherine Adlington, Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Marion Cliff, Pat Constable, Maureen Doherty, David Fox, Jim & Margaret Dougan, Fr Joseph O' Hanlon, Ann Harrison, Bernadette Retallick, Evelyn Venning and John Webster.		
<u>Saturday 29th July: St Martha (memorial)</u> 10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish 10:45 am: Confessions			
<u>Saturday 29th July: Seventeenth Sunday of the Year: A</u> 5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Iain Findlay RIP			
<u>Sunday 30th July: Seventeenth Sunday of the Year: A</u> 9:00 am: Mass; Michael & Julia Wilson RIP			

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ROTAS:	<i>5.30 pm</i>	<i>9.00 am</i>
Welcomers:		M Simpson & L Newbold
Next Week:		K Orford – Perkins & M Neale
Readers:	M Sully	S Grant
Next Week:	A Simmons	S O'Brien
Offertory:	M Sharp & S Spowage	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti
Next Week:	M Brown & S Mills	R & N Wilson
Coffee:	M Calladine L Whitham	Next Week: J Powell & M Calladine
Cashiers:	N Mason	Next Week: J Walton
Flowers:	Kay & Eve	Next Week: Shirley & Margaret
Cleaning:	Team Freyne	Next Week: Team Agius
Brasses:	K Bennett	Next Week: L Newbold

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently: *Marion Cliff* who died on *2nd July 2017*; Marion's Funeral Service will take place at Bramcote Crematorium on *Monday 24th July 2017* at *11:00 am*. Also, *Mary Kathleen Douglas* who died on *12th July 2017*; Mary will be received into Church here at The Assumption on *Wednesday 26th July 2017* at *6:30 pm* and her Requiem Mass will take place on *Thursday 27th July 2017* at *11:30 am* followed by Burial at Beeston Cemetery. We remember them and their families at this sad time. May they rest in peace.

POOR CLARES: The Sisters send their sincere thanks for the donations they received from our Parish. 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: Thanks to everyone who supported the coffee morning in any way. With the coffee morning and raffle *£ 450. 00* was raised and this has been donated to the Parish Lourdes fund which helps to send sick Parishioners to Lourdes. A full list of raffle prize winners is on the porch notice board. The next coffee morning is for MACMILLAN Cancer Support and is on *Saturday 30th September 2017* so make a note of the date. Many thanks for your continued support – ***BAZAAR COMMITTEE***.

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 approximately 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 approximately 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*

Sixteenth Sunday of the Year A: God is All – Powerful and, it matters!

One surprising thing about the parable of the weeds and the wheat is the calm, patient reaction of the landowner. This was a wealthy and powerful man – only wealthy and powerful people owned multiple slaves. How do wealthy and powerful people usually react to enemies who try to interfere with their business? Not with such calm and patience, but with quick revenge. So why was this landowner able to take this attack in his stride? And we should not be naive – this was a serious attack. It will cause the landowner more than four times the normal amount of investment to bring in the harvest. They will have to harvest twice the weight as normal. Then they will have to disassemble the harvested bundles in order to re – assemble two separate sets of bundles. This was a smart and efficient enemy! The landowner is able to stay calm and patient because he represents God, the landowner of the world. And God isn't just wealthy and powerful; God is all – powerful; omnipotent. And when you are all – powerful, no attack of evil can really bother you. As the First Reading puts it, "your (*God's*) sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all...for you have only to will, and your power is there." He will use even the evil actions of His enemies to build up His Kingdom – omnipotence is like that. An omnipotent God can afford to be merciful, because in the end, He will be able to put all things right. If we thought about this characteristic of God more often and more deeply, it would make a real difference in our lives. We would be more like the farmer in the parable, able to remain calm and patient in the face of life's troubles and injustices. Our God is all – powerful, and it matters; because God's mercy is all – powerful. This is not only a pleasant thought; it is also a practical thought. Each one of us suffers from the consequences of our fallen human nature. In this fallen world, all of us are wounded by the sins of other people, sometimes in obvious ways, and sometimes in hidden ways. In this fallen world, all of us cause wounds – both to ourselves and to other people – through our own weakness, selfishness, and sinfulness. In the depth of our hearts, we know just how deep those wounds go. So, when we take time to think, to reflect on the state of our souls and the state of the world, we can easily be discouraged. The wounds, the damage, the sin, the weakness – our misery is so deep and pervasive that fixing it is beyond our natural ability. But we don't have to depend only on our natural ability. God comes to our aid. God sends us His saving grace. It is God whose Spirit is at work in our hearts, as St Paul reminds us in today's Second Reading, renewing, healing, cleansing, and sanctifying us. God is all – powerful: there is no limit to His forgiveness and His mercy – no limit to His ability to give us a fresh start, to turn failure into success, to turn Crucifixion into Resurrection.