



*THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION
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DIOCESAN CO - ORDINATOR: – Appointment Pending (see advert)

TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 13th August 2017

Nineteenth Sunday of the Year A.

Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time: 13th – 19th August 2017 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week 3)

Saturday 12th August: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	<i>PARISH FINANCES</i>													
10:00 am: Mass; Mgr Peter Hocken RIP (Deceased Clergy Assoc.)	<i>5th /6th August 2017</i>													
10:45 am: Confessions														
Saturday 12th August: <u>Nineteenth Sunday of the Year: A</u>	Envelopes:	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width: 50%; padding: 2px;">Loose Plate:</td><td style="width: 50%;"></td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">Standing Orders:</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;">TOTAL:</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">Chad:</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">Intercare:</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">SVP:</td><td></td></tr> </table>	Loose Plate:		Standing Orders:		TOTAL:		Chad:		Intercare:		SVP:	
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9:00 am: Mass; Frank Mc Andrew RIP	TOTAL:													
Monday 14th August: <u>St Maximillian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr (memoria)</u>	Chad:													
9:00 am: Mass; Private Intention	Intercare:													
*Tuesday 15th August: <u>*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity and Patronal Feast of Our Parish)*</u>	SVP:													
10:00 am: Mass; Thomas & Lilian Bird RIP	Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.													
7:00 pm: Mass; Holy Souls & Deceased Members of the Parish	<i>*Tuesday is the Solemnity of the Assumption, the Patronal Feast Day of our Parish and, is a Holy Day of Obligation. *</i>													
Wednesday 16th August: <u>Weekday Feria</u>														
9:00 am: 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, Pat Constable, Maureen Doherty, David Fox, Jim & Margaret Dougan, Fr Joseph O' Hanlon, Ann Harrison, Bernadette Retallick, Evelyn Venning, John Webster and Louise Whitham.													
Thursday 17th August: <u>Weekday Feria</u>														
9:00 am: Mass; Private intention	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> Catherine Adlington, Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Pat Constable, Maureen Doherty, David Fox, Jim & Margaret Dougan, Fr Joseph O' Hanlon, Ann Harrison, Bernadette Retallick, Evelyn Venning, John Webster and Louise Whitham.													
Friday 18th August: <u>Weekday Feria</u>														
12:30 pm: Confessions	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> Catherine Adlington, Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Pat Constable, Maureen Doherty, David Fox, Jim & Margaret Dougan, Fr Joseph O' Hanlon, Ann Harrison, Bernadette Retallick, Evelyn Venning, John Webster and Louise Whitham.													
1:00 pm: Mass; Special Intention (Ellis)														
Saturday 19th August: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> Catherine Adlington, Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Pat Constable, Maureen Doherty, David Fox, Jim & Margaret Dougan, Fr Joseph O' Hanlon, Ann Harrison, Bernadette Retallick, Evelyn Venning, John Webster and Louise Whitham.													
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5:30 pm: Mass; Mary Staley RIP (King)														
Sunday 20th August: <u>Twentieth Sunday of the Year: A</u>	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> Catherine Adlington, Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Pat Constable, Maureen Doherty, David Fox, Jim & Margaret Dougan, Fr Joseph O' Hanlon, Ann Harrison, Bernadette Retallick, Evelyn Venning, John Webster and Louise Whitham.													
9:00 am: Mass; Ida Donofrio RIP														

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:		M Cookson & S Neely
Next Week:		M Simpson & L Newbold
Readers:	M Cummins	S Yarwood
Next Week:	M Sully	C Hallam
Offertory:	M & A Simmons	J Powell & M Calladine
Next Week:	M King & J Williams	D & D Wilson
Coffee:	M Calladine & L Whitham	Next Week: J Powell & M Calladine
Cashiers:	J Brennan	Next Week: N Mason
Flowers:	Suzanne & Margaret	Next Week: Kay & Eve
Cleaning:	Team Powell	Next Week: Team Newbold
Brasses:	M Castor	Next Week: K Bennett

POOR CLARES: The Sisters send their sincere thanks for the donations received from our Parish and want you to know that we are remembered every day in their prayers. The next visit to the Convent will be *28th August 2017*. – *Diane Wilson*.

FAIR TRADE: The sale of Fair Trade goods will recommence *2nd / 3rd September 2017*. Any profits made from the sale will continue to go to Mary's Meals which is a charity helping to feed Third World schoolchildren. Details about Mary's Meals can be found on the Fair Trade notice board at the back of Church.

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*

BUSY TIMES, BUSY FAMILIES; EXPLORING SCRIPTURE IN OUR DAILY LIVES: The Bible for all ages – a day with Bishop Patrick. Keynote speaker: *Matthew van Duyvenbode*, from *Bible Society & Chair of the Catholic Bible Association*. *Saturday 4th November 2017 10:00 am – 4:00 pm* at Grace Dieu Manor School, Thringstone, Leicestershire, LE67 5UG. Workshops for all ages. Cost £25 per family; £15 per couple; and £10 individuals. For more details e – mail: formation@nrcdt.org.uk or telephone: 0115 953 9841.

Nineteenth Sunday of the Year A: Only Christ Can Save Us from Life's Storms.

In today's Gospel, Peter shows both his impulsiveness and his fickleness – two characteristics that make him easy to relate to. It is around three o'clock in the morning as the Apostles battle against a stormy sea, and Jesus comes walking across the lake towards the boat. The Apostles are scared stiff – they think they are seeing a ghost. Even Jesus' reassurance doesn't allay their fears. So, Peter takes the matter into his own hands and challenges the ghost to do something that only Christ could do – enable him to walk on the stormy water. And he does – for a few steps. But then Peter takes his eyes off Christ; he looks around at the waves and the storm, and he starts to sink. As long as Peter kept his eyes on Christ he was able to walk unhindered through the stormy sea. As soon as he let his eyes wander away from Christ to examine the intimidating waves, he began to sink. Just so, as we strive to make our way through the stormy temptations and challenges of life in a fallen world, only focusing on Christ can keep us afloat. Christ is always close to us in our storms, asking us to believe in Him. In His words to Peter, tinged with disappointment, we see how much He longs for us to trust Him: "Why did you doubt?" As soon as Jesus steps into the boat, the storm gives way to peace and calm. Christ wants to be our peace, our strength, and the solution to life's troubles. St Peter didn't learn this lesson straight away, but he learned it well; in his First Letter, he put it like this: "cast all your anxieties on Him (Christ), for He cares about you." (1 Peter 5⁷). St Augustine said, "*If I try by myself to swim across the ocean of this world, the waves will certainly engulf me. In order to survive I must climb aboard a ship made of wood; this wood is the Cross of Christ. Of course, even on-board ship there will be dangerous tempests and perils from the sea of this world. But God will help me remain on board the ship and arrive safely at the harbour of eternal life.*" But how can we in the Twenty – First Century keep focused on Christ? We won't be able to look into Jesus' physical eyes, as Peter did, until Judgment Day. But in the meantime, we can still keep our eyes fixed on Christ, in at least three ways. First, we can spend time in prayer in the presence of the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the Real Presence of Christ, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, under the appearance of bread. This Presence is an ongoing miracle, a truly amazing gift of God's love that we always have with us, right here in the Tabernacle, right next to the sanctuary light, whose living flame reminds us of Christ's living presence in this Sacrament. Coming to make a short visit to the Eucharist is one sure way to keep our gaze fixed on the Lord. Second, we can always find Christ in the Holy Scriptures. The Bible is a unique book; it is inspired by God. When we read it with faith, seeking to find Christ there, He reveals Himself to us. The Catechism quotes St Jerome on this point, saying: "***Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.***" It is the immature and irresponsible Christian who does not take some time each day, even if only a few minutes, to gaze upon Christ by reading the Bible. Thirdly, we can gaze upon Christ by serving our brothers and sisters in need. Jesus Himself said that whatever we do for our neighbour, we do for Him – He is present in them. Today, as Christ comes to us once again, through the Mass, across the stormy seas of our concerns, worries, and weaknesses, let us welcome Him with strong faith, and let us promise to keep welcoming Him, to keep gazing upon Him, every single day.