



*THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF  
OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION  
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**TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

*Twentieth Sunday of the Year A.*

Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time: 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week 4)

<b><u>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August:</u> <u>Weekday Feria</u></b>	<b><u>PARISH FINANCES</u></b>	
10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish		
10:45 am: Confessions		
<b><u>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August:</u> <u>Twentieth Sunday of the Year: A</u></b>	<i>12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> August 2017</i>	
5:00 pm: Confessions	Envelopes:	
5:30 pm: Mass; Mary Staley RIP (King)	Loose Plate:	
<b><u>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August:</u> <u>Twentieth Sunday of the Year: A</u></b>	Standing Orders:	
9:00 am: Mass; Ida Donofrio RIP	<b><u>TOTAL:</u></b>	
<b><u>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August:</u> <u>St Pius X, Pope (memoria)</u></b>	Chad:	
9:00 am: Mass; Private Intention	Intercare:	
<b><u>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August:</u> <u>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (memoria)</u></b>	SVP:	
12:30 pm: Confessions	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i>	
1:00 pm: Mass; Holy Souls		
<b><u>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August:</u> <u>Weekday Feria</u></b>	<i>Second Collection NEXT Weekend for the Sick &amp; Retired Priests' Fund</i>	
9:00 am: Mass; Rev Fr John Cairns' Intentions		
<b><u>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August:</u> <u>St Bartholomew, Apostle (Feast)</u></b>		
9:00 am: Mass; Private intention		
<b><u>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August:</u> <u>Weekday Feria</u></b>	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i>	
12:30 pm: Confessions		
1:00 pm: Mass; Robert Dixon's Intentions		
<b><u>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August:</u> <u>Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God, Priest (mem)</u></b>	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.	
10:00 am: Mass; Celebrant's Intention		
10:45 am: Confessions		
<b><u>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August:</u> <u>Twenty - First Sunday of the Year: A</u></b>		
5:00 pm: Confessions		
5:30 pm: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish		
<b><u>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August:</u> <u>Twenty - First Sunday of the Year: A</u></b>		
9:00 am: Mass; Mary Staley RIP (Solloway)		

Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to [frcathomas@live.com](mailto:frcathomas@live.com) by Thursday of each week for inclusion in the next issue.

<b>ROTAS:</b>	<i>5.30 pm</i>	<i>9.00 am</i>
<b>Welcomers:</b>		M Simpson & L Newbold
<b>Next Week:</b>		K Orford – Perkins & M Neale
<b>Readers:</b>	M Sully	C Hallam
<b>Next Week:</b>	A Simmons	A Horgan
<b>Offertory:</b>	M King & J Williams	D & D Wilson
<b>Next Week:</b>	J Fox & N Brennan	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti
<b>Coffee:</b>	J Powell & M Calladine	<b>Next Week:</b> N Burrows & M Walton
<b>Cashiers:</b>	N Mason	<b>Next Week:</b> J Walton
<b>Flowers:</b>	Kay & Eve	<b>Next Week:</b> Shirley & Margaret
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Team Newbold	<b>Next Week:</b> Team Shalloe
<b>Brasses:</b>	K Bennett	<b>Next Week:</b> L Newbold

**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 *28<sup>th</sup> August 2017*. – *Diane Wilson*.

**FAIR TRADE:** The sale of Fair Trade goods will recommence *2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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*

**BAZAAR COMMITTEE MEETING:** There will be a meeting of the Bazaar Committee on *Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017* at *7:00 pm* in the Parish Hall, to discuss the planning of the Macmillan Coffee morning on *30<sup>th</sup> September* and the Parish Christmas Bazaar on *25<sup>th</sup> November*. New members and ideas will be most welcome.

**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (AoS):** Please come and join in the celebration of Holy Mass at 1:00pm at St Barnabas' Cathedral, Nottingham on *Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017*. It is an opportunity to pray for seafarers and the work of the AoS in ports of our diocese. A reception will follow the Mass. For more information contact [salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](mailto:salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk).

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:formation@nrcdt.org.uk) or telephone: 0115 953 9841.

### ***Twentieth Sunday of the Year A: How To Move God's Heart.***

The heart of God can be moved, because God is a person, not a force. This Christian truth shines through in today's Gospel. Jesus had a particular mission to accomplish during His earthly lifetime. He was to fulfil the Old Testament prophecies and lay the foundation of the Catholic Church. The parameters of this mission did not include Canaanites (ancestral enemies of the Israelites). And yet, Jesus makes an exception to these parameters after His encounter with the Canaanite woman. She touched His heart because she had what Christ's heart most yearns for: love, faith, and humility. Her love comes across in her self – forgetfulness. She was so concerned for her daughter, that she was even willing to make a humiliating spectacle out of herself, tagging along behind a Jewish rabbi in public, screaming to get His attention. Her faith comes across in how she addresses Jesus. She calls him "Lord" and "Son of David." This shows that although she was a Canaanite; she knew about the Jewish religion and accepted God's promise to send a Messiah. And when He finally stops to listen to her, she falls on her knees and does Him homage – she knows she is in God's presence. She believed in Jesus, so much so, in fact, that Jesus Himself compliments her on her faith! Her humility comes across in the way she makes her request. She didn't come to Him burning with anger at God for allowing her innocent daughter to be tormented by demons. She understood that miracles were undeserved gifts from God, just like existence itself. This humble attitude strengthened her, enabling her to absorb the Lord's initial rejection, and then come right back with another petition. Love, faith, and humility: these are the ingredients for prayer that moves the heart of God – a heart that can be moved, because God is a person, not a force. Jesus changed His specific plans because of His encounter with the Canaanite woman, which were part of His overall plan – to overcome the power of the devil and win all hearts back to God. This should give us unbridled confidence as we, like the Canaanite woman, bring our needs to the feet of Christ. Today He will become truly present under the appearance of bread and wine during Mass. And when the priest elevates the host after the words of consecration, all of us will be here on our knees giving homage to our Lord, just like the Canaanite woman. When that moment comes, let us open our hearts to Christ, showing Him as much love, faith, and humility, as we can muster. Perhaps we can do that by praying – at that moment of the Mass – passionately for a loved one who is ill or separated from God, as the Canaanite woman did. Perhaps our prayer will be more personal – asking God to strengthen us for our own struggles during this coming week. However, we do it, let us give Christ the pleasure of knowing that we truly believe in Him and trust that He can make the crucial difference in our lives and in the lives of those around us. And then, when we return to the hustle and bustle of life during the rest of the week, let us make sure that we stay flexible enough to allow the needs of our neighbours to change our personal plans, whenever Christ's overall plan may require it. Jesus never turns a deaf ear to the cries of our hearts. And so, we should never turn a deaf ear to the often hidden cries of our neighbours.