



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

TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 27th August 2017

Twenty - First Sunday of the Year A.

Twenty – First Week in Ordinary Time: 27th August – 1st September 2017 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week 1)

Saturday 26th August: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	<i>PARISH FINANCES</i>	
10:00 am: Mass; Celebrant's Intention		
10:45 am: Confessions		
Saturday 26th August: <u>Twenty - First Sunday of the Year: A</u>	<i>19th/20th August 2017</i>	
5:00 pm: Confessions	Envelopes:	
5:30 pm: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	Loose Plate:	
Sunday 27th August: <u>Twenty - First Sunday of the Year: A</u>	Standing Orders:	
9:00 am: Mass; Mary Staley RIP (Solloway)	<u>TOTAL:</u>	
Monday 28th August: <u>St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor (memoria)</u>	Chad:	
10:00 am: Mass; Kathleen & Robert Dixon (Golden Wedding Anniversary)	Intercare:	
Tuesday 29th August: <u>The Passion of St John the Baptist (memoria)</u>	SVP:	
12:30 pm: Confessions	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i>	
1:00 pm: Mass; Mrs Marie Willcock RIP		
Wednesday 30th August: <u>Dedication of St Barnabas Cathedral (Feast)</u>	<i>Second Collection THIS Weekend for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund</i>	
9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion		
Thursday 31st August: <u>Weekday Feria</u>		
9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion		
Friday 1st September: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i>	
12:30 pm: Confessions	Catherine Adlington,	
1:00 pm: Mass; Jones & Lally Families RIP	Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey,	
Saturday 2nd September: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown,	
10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	Pat Constable, Maureen Doherty,	
10:45 am: Confessions	David Fox,	
Saturday 2nd September: <u>Twenty - Second Sunday of the Year</u>	Jim & Margaret Dougan,	
5:00 pm: Confessions	Fr Joseph O' Hanlon,	
5:30 pm: Mass; Deceased Members of the Mannion Family	Ann Harrison,	
Sunday 3rd September: <u>Twenty - Second Sunday of the Year</u>	Bernadette Retallick,	
9:00 am: Mass; Antonio Ferrara RIP	Evelyn Venning, John Webster and Louise Whitham.	

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:	<i>5.30 pm</i>	<i>9.00 am</i>
Welcomers:		K Orford – Perkins & M Neale
Next Week:		D Wilson & M Roy
Readers:	A Simmons	A Horgan
Next Week:	P Hubberstey	R Marlow
Offertory:	J Fox & N Brennan	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti
Next Week:	K Twomey & J Lyons	R & N Wilson
Coffee:	N Burrows & M Walton	Next Week: M Calladine & L Whitham
Cashiers:	J Walton	Next Week: J Brennan
Flowers:	Shirley & Margaret	Next Week: Anne & Sue
Cleaning:	Team Shalloe	Next Week: Team Freyne
Brasses:	L Newbold	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 NEXT WEEKEND *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: We have a few remaining places for our trip to National Memorial Arboretum on *Thursday 7th September*. As most people are aware we always give priority to people who are housebound or unable to transport themselves anywhere. However, as there are a few places left on the coach we are happy to take any parishioners with us who would like to visit the Arboretum but there would be a charge of £10 per person to cover the coach, lunch and land train tour. There are approximately 6 places available but this weekend is the last weekend we will advertise the trip. We need to know by *Wednesday 30th August* if anyone is interested. There is an itinerary on the SVP board at the back of Church and a list to put your name on. This list will be taken down on Wednesday as numbers have to be given to the Arboretum by 31st August. If anyone needs further information or is unable to get to Church to put their name on the list please call. Margaret on 07885 217795. – *Beeston SVP*

BAZAAR COMMITTEE MEETING: There will be a meeting of the Bazaar Committee on *Tuesday 5th September 2017 at 7:00 pm* in the Parish Hall, to discuss the planning of the Macmillan Coffee morning on 30th September and the Parish Christmas Bazaar on 25th 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 8th 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.

BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS COURSE: The purpose of the course is to support and enable the catechists (and those who want to know more) in the Diocese of Nottingham to pass on the Catholic faith with effectiveness and confidence by providing appropriate training and formation opportunities. The course aims to cover: the essential fundamentals of the faith; basics skills for catechists and also nurtures spiritual formation. It is twelve, 2 hour sessions ending with a commissioning Mass with Bishop Patrick and it begins on *28th September 2017* at English Martyrs, Hollis Street, Alvaston, Derby DE24 8QU. See poster at the back of Church, ask for an application form or email Diane Williams: formation@nrcdt.org.uk Telephone 0115 953 9841 for more information.

Twenty - First Sunday of the Year A: The Church Has A Mission.

The most memorable words from today's Gospel passage are "rock" and "keys." "Rock" refers to the unshakable foundation Our Lord has given to His Church: the Papacy. "Keys" refer to the divinely guaranteed guidance and authority that the Papacy will steadily provide about what we should believe and how we should live – faith and morals. As St Augustine said: "*Ubi Petrus, ibi ecclesia,*" where "Peter (the Papacy) is, there the Church is." This is why we call the Pope Christ's Vicar on earth, the visible head of the Church. This is also why it is hypocritical for Catholics to criticise, contradict or disobey the Pope and his official teaching. A "Pro – Choice Catholic," for example, is a contradiction in terms. It is a Catholic who doesn't believe that God is guiding the Church through the Popes and the Bishops in communion with them, who have taught consistently and clearly that abortion is the killing of an innocent human life and can never be a legitimate choice. Throughout history, some Popes have been corrupt, weak, and sinful, but Jesus kept His promise. Those bad Popes never dismantled the pure teaching of the Gospel, nor did they interrupt the flow of grace that the Holy Spirit continues to send through the Sacraments. But there is also a third memorable image in today's Gospel. After talking about the rock and the keys, Jesus says that "the gates of the underworld" will not prevail against His Church. The rock and the keys tell us how the Church is structured, but this phrase tells us what the Church does: it overthrows the kingdom of the devil, breaking down the gates of evil that closed upon the world after original sin. The Church is no passive organisation, no religious or social club; it has a mission. Being Catholic means being part of a spiritual army, called and equipped by God, to fight and conquer sin and evil. If the Church has received this mission from Christ, then every single one of us qualifies as a missionary. We are all soldiers of Christ's Kingdom, carrying His saving light into the world's many dark prisons of sin. All soldiers need weapons. The Christian's weapons are not swords, guns, or bombs. We do not fight for an earthly kingdom. Our fight is against sin, the spiritual tyranny of selfishness that leads to suffering, injustice, and unhappiness. And so, our weapons must be spiritual. And the better we know how to use our weapons, the more fulfilling our Christian adventure will be. Three key Christian weapons are available to each of us all the time. First, prayer: Prayer is our communications system and supply line linking us to headquarters. If we learn to pray regularly and well, we will never lack inspiration, strength, and comfort in our Christian adventure. Second, the Bible: The Bible is God's inspired Word, a treasure chest of supernatural wisdom. If we read it and study it, always under the guidance of the Church, we become spiritually astute. Third, the Great Commandment: Before Jesus went to the Cross, He gave His followers a new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you." Forgiveness, patience, speaking well of others, looking for ways to help others without expecting anything in return... These are the keys that unlock the spiritual chains worn by so many of our brothers and sisters. We are soldiers of Christ's Kingdom. During the Mass, as Jesus renews His commitment to us, let us renew our commitment to Him, confident that no matter what happens in this life, we will be victorious in the end, because, as He promised, the gates of the underworld will not prevail against the rock and the keys.