



*THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION
FOSTER AVENUE,
BEESTON,
NOTTINGHAM, NG9 1AE*

Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocese Trustees Company No. 7151646 Charity No. 1134449
PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Christopher A Thomas, Presbytery, 25 Foster Avenue

E – mail: frcathomas@live.com ☎: 0115 922 8145 Website: www.theassumption.co.uk

SAFEGUARDING REP: – Rachel Mc Carthy – ☎: 0115 922 8145

DIOCESAN CO - ORDINATOR: – Appointment Pending

TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 3rd September 2017

Twenty - Second Sunday of the Year A.

Twenty – Second Week in Ordinary Time: 3rd – 9th September 2017 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week 2)

Saturday 2nd September: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	<i>PARISH FINANCES</i>													
10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	26 th /27 th August 2017													
10:45 am: Confessions														
Saturday 2nd September: <u>Twenty - Second Sunday of the Year</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:	
Loose Plate:														
Standing Orders:														
TOTAL:														
Chad:														
Intercare:														
SVP:														
5:00 pm: Confessions	Sick & Retired													
5:30 pm: Mass; Deceased Members of the Mannion Family	Priests:													
Sunday 3rd September: <u>Twenty - Second Sunday of the Year</u>	<p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i></p> <p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></p> <p>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.</p>													
9:00 am: Mass; Antonio Ferrara RIP														
Monday 4th September: <u>Weekday Feria</u>														
9:00 am: Mass; Kathleen & Robert Dixon’s Intentions														
Tuesday 5th September: <u>Weekday Feria</u>														
12:30 pm: Confessions														
1:00 pm: Mass; Intentions of Margaret Simmons (Patterson)														
Wednesday 6th September: <u>Weekday Feria</u>														
9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion														
Thursday 7th September: <u>Weekday Feria</u>														
9:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls														
Friday 8th September: <u>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)</u>														
12:30 pm: Confessions														
1:00 pm: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish														
Saturday 9th September: <u>Weekday Feria</u>														
10:00 am: Mass; Bridgie Carr RIP														
10:45 am: Confessions														
Saturday 9th September: <u>Twenty - Third Sunday of the Year</u>														
5:00 pm: Confessions														
5:30 pm: Mass; Welfare of the Hickey Family (Williams)														
Sunday 10th September: <u>Twenty - Third Sunday of the Year</u>														
9:00 am: Mass; Intentions of 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:	5.30 pm	9.00 am
Welcomers:		D Wilson & M Roy
Next Week:		M Cookson & S Neely
Readers:	P Hubberstey	R Marlow
Next Week:	M Cummins	S Grant
Offertory:	K Twomey & J Lyons	R & N Wilson
Next Week:	M Sharp & S Spowage	M Castor & Volunteer
Coffee:	M Calladine & L Whitham	Next Week: J Powell & M Calladine
Cashiers:	J Brennan	Next Week: N Mason
Flowers:	Anne & Sue	Next Week: Suzanne & Margaret
Cleaning:	Team Freyne	Next Week: Team Agius
Brasses:	K Bennett	Next Week: 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 *25th September 2017*. – *Diane Wilson*.

FAIR TRADE: The sale of Fair Trade goods will recommence *THIS 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.

BAZAAR COMMITTEE MEETING: There will be a meeting of the Bazaar Committee *THIS 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. We would love to see some new members and welcome any fresh ideas.

FAITH IN FAMILIES: Will collectors please bring in their boxes as soon as possible for the half yearly returns. Emptied boxes are left in the narthex. Many thanks – *Joan*

MISSIO: Mission Today – The autumn copy of the *MISSIO* magazine is in the porch please help yourself to a copy.

RED BOXES: If you have a box that you think may contain any of the old one pound coins could you bring it in to be emptied as soon as possible because these coins are going out of circulation in October. Many thanks *Diane Wilson* (Parish *MISSIO* Secretary).

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@nrctd.org.uk Telephone 0115 953 9841 for more information.

Twenty – Second Sunday of the Year A: The Cross Is Central to Christian Living.

The Church has decreed that above each of her altars there should be a Crucifix. Whenever we enter a Catholic Church, therefore, the Crucifix will be the focus of our field of vision. The Crucifix: a depiction of humiliation, torture, pain, and death. The Crucifix: not just an empty cross, clean and elegant, but the Cross being used to crucify the one man who never sinned, the one man who didn't deserve to die. Why such pride of place for such a cruel reality? Why not put scenes of Our Lord's birth above every altar, or of His Resurrection, or Ascension? Because, "Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his Cross, and follow Me." Christ dying on the Cross was the perfect sacrifice offered to God in loving atonement for our sins and the sins of all people. Christ dying on the Cross was the perfect, loving act of obedience that reversed the vile disobedience of Adam in the Garden of Eden. With His arms stretched wide and raised between heaven and earth, Christ reconciled us to God and bridged the gulf opened by sin. If we want to go over that bridge and make our way to eternal life in communion with God, which is the only thing that can make us truly happy, we too must pass through the Cross. We must follow the footsteps of Our Lord: suffering, self – denial, opposition, humiliation, and difficulty. We may even have to lose the "whole world," like so many saints and martyrs, in order to gain the truly abundant "life." Uninterrupted joy is reserved for heaven; the road to heaven is paved with crosses, or rather, with Crucifixes, for the Cross of a Christian is always borne together with Christ, so that we who die with Him will also rise with Him. This is not a comfortable truth for our fallen human nature. Because our fallen nature tends to run away from the Cross (like St Peter) instead of embracing it with courage and faith (like Christ), we have to make a special effort to keep this truth in mind. If we do, we will soon begin to grow in the wisdom of the saints: we won't expect life to be all smooth sailing, and so when the storms do come, they won't throw us off balance so easily. But if we don't keep this in mind, we can become bitter and disappointed, and instead of being wise Christians, we end up being whingeing Christians. One simple tradition can help us keep the Cross in mind. It consists in putting blessed Crucifixes on the walls near the doors of our house. A Crucifix reminds us of two things: First, that being a Christian in a fallen world is no easy thing and; secondly, that Christ's love is strong enough to sustain us no matter what. A Crucifix near the door reminds us of those truths at the transitional moments of each day, when we are usually thinking about our personal plans. Seeing the Crucifix reminds us that God has His plans too. Some families even have a tradition of kissing the crucifix when they come home or leave home. Others pause at the threshold, make the sign of the Cross, and say a short prayer. Every day we are bombarded by advertising images carefully designed to make us think that we can build heaven on earth. Let us be smarter than them. Let us surround our homes with God's advertisement – the one that shows us the real road to lasting happiness, both here on earth and forever in heaven.