



*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 10th September 2017

Twenty - Third Sunday of the Year A.

Twenty – Third Week in Ordinary Time: 10th – 16th September 2017 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week 3)

Saturday 9th September: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	<i>PARISH FINANCES</i>	
10:00 am: Mass; Bridgie Carr RIP		
10:45 am: Confessions		
Saturday 9th September: <u>Twenty - Third Sunday of the Year</u>	<i>2nd /3rd September 2017</i>	
5:00 pm: Confessions	Envelopes:	
5:30 pm: Mass; Welfare of the Hickey Family (Williams)	Loose Plate:	
Sunday 10th September: <u>Twenty - Third Sunday of the Year</u>	Standing Orders:	
9:00 am: Mass; Intentions of Louise Whitham	TOTAL:	
Monday 11th September: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	Chad:	
9:00 am: Mass; Mary Jones' Intentions	Intercare:	
Tuesday 12th September: <u>The Most Holy Name of Mary (memoria)</u>	SVP:	
12:30 pm: Confessions	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i>	
1:00 pm: Mass; Samuel James Dowling RIP (1st Anniversary)		
Wednesday 13th September: <u>St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor (memoria)</u>	Today is <i>Education Sunday</i> when we pray especially for the continued success of our Catholic Schools and all who work and are involved in the Mission and life of our Schools.	
9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion		
Thursday 14th September: <u>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)</u>		
9:00 am: Mass; Stuart Kavanagh RIP (Breame)		
Friday 15th September: <u>Our Lady of Sorrows (memoria)</u>	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i>	
12:30 pm: Confessions	Catherine Adlington,	
1:00 pm: Mass; Holy Souls	Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey,	
Saturday 16th September: <u>Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs (memoria)</u>	Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown,	
10:00 am: Mass; Phil Blewitt RIP (Hopkins)	Pat Constable, Maureen Doherty,	
10:45 am: Confessions	David Fox,	
Saturday 16th September: <u>Twenty - Fourth Sunday of the Year</u>	Jim & Margaret Dougan,	
5:00 pm: Confessions	Fr Joseph O' Hanlon,	
5:30 pm: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	Ann Harrison,	
Sunday 17th September: <u>Twenty - Fourth Sunday of the Year</u>	Bernadette Retallick,	
9:00 am: Mass; Deceased Members of the Sadowski Family (Dooley)	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:	5.30 pm	9.00 am
Welcomers:		M Cookson & S Neely
Next Week:		M Simpson & L Newbold
Readers:	M Cummins	S Grant
Next Week:	M Sully	S O' Brien
Offertory:	K Twomey & J Lyons	M Castor & Volunteer
Next Week:	M Brown & S Mills	J Powell & M Calladine
Coffee:	J Powell & M Calladine	Next Week: M Walton & Volunteer
Cashiers:	N Mason	Next Week: J Walton
Flowers:	Suzanne & Margaret	Next Week: Kay & Eve
Cleaning:	Team Agius	Next Week: Team Begley
Brasses:	L Newbold	Next Week: E Rodrigues

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: This weekend we welcome into our Parish Community *Mathilde Agnès Julia Frances Lubbock* who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on *Saturday 9th September 2017*. We pray for her and her parents, *Isabelle* and *Simon* on this happy occasion.

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: Many thanks to everyone who supported the Fair Trade sale last weekend. Any profits made from the sales will continue to go to Mary's meals. The next sale will be the weekend of *30th September / 1st October 2017*. Details about Mary's Meals can be found on the Fair Trade notice board at the back of Church.

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).

THEOLOGY IN THE PUB: Theology in the Pub returns! Tuesday 26th September 2017 at 8:00 pm in Hand and Heart upstairs room: "So Light Up the Fire and Let the Flame Burn – Whatever Happened to Hell?" Speaker: Abbot Hugh Allan, O.Praem. is a Premonstratensian Canon Regular and Roman Catholic Priest who is the Apostolic Administrator of the Prefecture of the Falkland Islands. He is also Prior of the Priory of Our Lady of Sorrows and St Philip Benizi, Chelmsford, United Kingdom. This is a free event, although we do "pass a hat" towards the cost of the speakers travel expenses, and the pub rather like you to buy a drink! (Though of course it doesn't HAVE to be alcoholic). For more information see website: <http://www.theologyinthepub.uk>

NATIONAL NOVENA IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM: *Friday 15th September to Saturday 23rd September 2017*. The Novena invoking the Intercession of Our Lady of Walsingham, which is to prepare for her Feast on 24th September, begins on Friday 15th September 2017. In this Novena, we turn to Our Lady of Walsingham, as untier of knots for all our personal, communal and national problems and needs. It is a time to pray for the Church, our Diocese, our Parish and our Families. For more information and copies of the Novenna Prayers visit: <http://www.walsingham.org.uk/latest-news/national-novena-in-honour-of-our-lady-of-walsingham>

Twenty - Third Sunday of the Year A: Sin Must Never Be Ignored.

The theme in this week's readings is our responsibility as believers to warn others. This is a difficult issue to deal with: the issue of fraternal correction. Though some may think it quite easy to do. I would suggest that the most popular indoor pastime or sport today is criticising others. It makes us feel better about ourselves. But deep down most of us are afraid. Deep down most of us feel unworthy. Perhaps we feel that we are not getting enough attention. Maybe we feel overlooked or under – appreciated. The best and quickest way to remedy or counteract this is to drag someone else down. The lower we can make someone else look, the higher we feel by comparison. So, we gossip, we backbite, we insinuate, and we listen with eagerness to others doing the same. In effect, we take away someone's good name. So perhaps we need to take a step back before we eagerly set about correcting the faults others. Perhaps we need to put our own house in order. In the modern world, there appears to be a general acceptance that people can be critical of others without any accountability for themselves. But to be at peace with ourselves and our own consciences is the call of the Gospel and the fulfilment of the spiritual life. I think that probably the best way we can do this is through frequent confession. But today the practice of confession seems to have become obscured or obsolete in the lives of many Catholics. And yet, along with the Eucharist, it is a Sacrament which we can use often to grow in our spiritual lives, through the grace of God. So why is confession so important? Confession is the normal way we can be forgiven our sins. Sin, which damages our relationship with God and with the Church. It is this Sacrament which reconciles us once again. The regular practice of confession helps us to deal with our sins, develop a mature conscience and it gives us the grace of God to resist temptation in the future. So, if confession is so good and so beneficial, why do we shy away from it? If we feel physically unwell – we go to see a doctor. If people have emotional or relationship problems they seem to have no trouble seeking the help of a therapist or counsellor – to whom they will reveal the most intimate secrets of their lives. So why in the spiritual aspect of our lives and in our relationship with God in particular are we so reticent? Perhaps today we can reflect on the message of the readings and the call to acknowledge sinfulness for what it is – a separation of ourselves and others from God. To heed the warnings we hear and accept our responsibility to be reconciled to God, to the Church and to one another. To "Avoid getting into debt," as St Paul tells us in the Second reading, "except the debt of mutual love." Or realise and put into practice the response to the Psalm, "O that today you would listen to his voice, harden not your hearts."