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DIOCESAN CO - ORDINATOR: – Appointment Pending

TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 1st October 2017
Twenty – Sixth Sunday of the Year A.

Twenty – Sixth Week in Ordinary Time: 1st – 7th October 2017 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week 2)

<p>Saturday 30th September: <u>St Jerome, Priest and Doctor (memoria)</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Bridgie Carr RIP</p> <p>10:45 am: Confessions</p>	<p><i>PARISH FINANCES</i></p>
<p>Saturday 30th September: <u>Twenty – Sixth Sunday of the Year</u></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions</p> <p>5:30 pm: Mass; Roy & Dorothy Bailey RIP</p>	<p>23rd/24th September 2017</p>
<p>Sunday 1st October: <u>Twenty – Sixth Sunday of the Year</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p>	<p>Envelopes:</p> <p>Loose Plate:</p> <p>Standing Orders:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>TOTAL:</u></p> <p>Chad:</p> <p>Intercare:</p> <p>SVP:</p> <p>Sick & Retired</p> <p>Priests Fund:</p>
<p>Monday 2nd October: <u>The Holy Guardian Angels</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Special Intention (Armour)</p>	
<p>Tuesday 3rd October: <u>Weekday Feria</u></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions</p> <p>1:00 pm: Mass; Deceased Clergy of the Parish</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i></p>
<p>Wednesday 4th October: <u>St Francis of Assisi (memoria)</u></p> <p>7:00 pm: Mass; Holy Souls</p>	
<p>Thursday 5th October: <u>Weekday Feria</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Private Intention</p>	
<p>Friday 6th October: <u>Weekday Feria</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO CONFESSIONS TODAY</p> <p>1:00 pm: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">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, Alan Roberts, Evelyn Venning, John Webster and Louise Whitham.</p>
<p>Saturday 7th October: <u>Our Lady of the Rosary (memoria)</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Intentions of Gemma Quinton</p> <p>10:45 am: Confessions</p>	
<p>Saturday 7th October: <u>Twenty – Seventh Sunday of the Year</u></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions</p> <p>5:30 pm: Mass; Kenneth Knox RIP</p>	
<p>Sunday 8th October: <u>Twenty – Seventh Sunday of the Year</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Nicholas Bexon RIP (Jean Bexon)</p>	

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.

THE NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN CATHOLIC NEWS: Latest edition now available. Please take a copy.

ROTAS:	<i>5.30 pm</i>	<i>9.00 am</i>
Welcomers:		D Wilson & M Roy
Next Week:		M Cookson & S Neely
Readers:	P Hubberstey	S Yarwood
Next Week:	M Cummins	C Hallam
Offertory:	M & A Simmons	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti
Next Week:	M King & J Williams	R & N Wilson
Coffee:	J Powell & M Calladine	Next Week: M Walton & Volunteer
Cashiers:	J Brennan	Next Week: N Mason
Flowers:	Anne & Sue	Next Week: Suzanne & Margaret J
Cleaning:	Team Newbold	Next Week: Team Shalloe
Brasses:	K Bennett	Next Week: K Newbold

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of ***Monsignor Michael Kirkham*** who died on *Thursday 21st September 2017, aged 90 years*. Mgr. Kirkham was a member of the Catholic Missionary Society (1966 – 73), Spiritual Director at Ushaw College (1980 – 84), Pastoral Director (1973 – 76) and Rector (1984 – 89) at Oscott College. He was a Priest for almost 65 years and was a great friend, teacher, preacher and inspiration to many young men who trained for the Priesthood at both Ushaw and Oscott Colleges. May he rest in peace.

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 ***30th October 2017***. – ***Diane Wilson***.

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

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY: ***Friday 6th October 2017***. This Harvest Fast Day, CAFOD are standing with Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to sustain her family with good crops and harvests. With your help, CAFOD is giving her fruit trees, training and strong seeds. Please pick up a Fast Day envelope, fast this Friday and give what you can. If you are a UK taxpayer please fill in the form attached and include it with your donation in the envelope. For CAFOD to claim Gift Aid, HM Revenue and Customs requires that CAFOD must be able to match every donation to the donor, which is why it is important that these forms are completed. There will be a Second Collection next weekend for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.

JUMBLE SALE: There will be a Jumble Sale in the Parish Hall on ***Saturday 7th October 2017 from 11:00am till 1:00pm***. All profits will go to support Hayward House. If anyone would like to help please speak to Anna Mc Grath or Sheila Neely.

RCIA PROGRAMME: We will soon be starting our Parish RCIA Programme. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a Liturgical and Catechetical process designed for adults attracted by Christ and His teaching and an invitation to any adult, non – Catholic or, non – Christian, or, Catholic adult who has not received the Sacraments, or who is interested knowing more about the Catholic Church and perhaps becoming a full member of the Catholic Church. The first session will begin **THIS** ***Wednesday 4th October 2017*** in the Parish Hall at ***7:30 pm***. The RCIA Programme is designed primarily for those wishing to find out more about the Catholic faith (both Catholics and non – Catholics) with the opportunity for those who are not Catholics to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil and I therefore encourage as many of you as possible to become involved or alternatively, for you to encourage those whom you know that may be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and / or becoming a Catholic. There is, of course, no obligation for those who begin the Programme to become Catholics. This is an ongoing process which the Church has always encouraged from its earliest times. If anyone would like more information or would like to become involved or take part in this Programme please speak to me as soon as possible.

TWENTY - SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

It is common in today's world to find Catholics who openly disagree with core Catholic teaching. We all know people who say that they are Catholic, but who don't come to Mass on Sundays – they only come on Christmas and Easter, if they come at all. We all have heard or read about politicians who say that they are ardent and practicing Catholics, but who publicly support laws that go directly against some of the most basic tenets of morality as taught by the Catholic Church. And if we are honest with ourselves, we even recognise in our own lives this same tendency. We call ourselves practicing Catholics and, yet we spend more time working on our favourite hobbies than on our prayer life and; we spend more time becoming an expert in our profession than in our faith and; we tolerate in our own lives hidden habits of selfishness and sin while we criticise other people for their more visible faults. If we think about it a little bit, we see very clearly that this contradiction between what we believe and how we live is not a good thing. It is like the second son in today's parable. He impressed his father with fancy words and a good show of healthy obedience, but underneath the surface he was still living for his own self – centred gratification, not for the greater good of his mission in the Father's kingdom. When we fall into that contradiction, it is no wonder that we don't grow in our experience of Christ's love and grace and, it is no wonder that we don't grow in wisdom, interior peace, and the deep Christian joy that we thirst for. Faith, if it is real, makes a real impact on our lives. When it doesn't, our spiritual growth is stunted.