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DIOCESAN CO - ORDINATOR: – Appointment Pending

TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 22nd October 2017
Twenty - Ninth Sunday of the Year A.

Twenty – Ninth Week in Ordinary Time: 22nd – 28th October 2017 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week 1)

Saturday 21st October: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	<i>PARISH FINANCES</i>	
10:00 am: Mass; Special Intention		
10:45 am: Confessions	<i>14th / 15th October 2017</i>	
Saturday 21st October: <u>Twenty - Ninth Sunday of the Year</u>		
5:00 pm: Confessions	Envelopes:	
5:30 pm: Mass; Grateful Thanks (Williams)	Loose Plate:	
Sunday 22nd October: <u>Twenty - Ninth Sunday of the Year</u>	Standing Orders:	
9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	<u>TOTAL:</u>	
Monday 23rd October: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	Chad:	
9:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls	Intercare:	
Tuesday 24th October: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	SVP:	
12:30 pm: Confessions	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i>	
1:00 pm: Mass; Intentions of Margaret Simmons		
Wednesday 25th October: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	<i>Second Collection today for World Mission Sunday.</i>	
7:00 pm: Mass; Celebrant's Intention		
Thursday 26th October: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i>	
9:00 am: Mass; Maria Minguella Vaz	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.	
Friday 27th October: <u>Weekday Feria</u>		
12:30 pm: Confessions		
1:00 pm: Mass; John Myatt RIP (1st Anniversary)		
Saturday 28th October: <u>Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles (Feast)</u>		
10:00 am: Mass; Private Intention		
10:45 am: Confessions		
Saturday 28th October: <u>Thirtieth Sunday of the Year</u>		
5:00 pm: Confessions		
5:30 pm: Mass; Ron King RIP (Birthday)		
Sunday 29th October: <u>Thirtieth Sunday of the Year</u>		
9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish		

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	R Marlow
Next Week:	P Hubberstey	S Grant
Offertory:	K Twomey & J Lyons	J Powell & M Calladine
Next Week:	M Sharp & S Spowage	D & D Wilson
Coffee:	J Powell & M Calladine	Next Week: M Walton & Volunteer
Cashiers:	J Walton	Next Week: J Brennan
Flowers:	Shirley & Margaret	Next Week: Ann & Sue
Cleaning:	Team Agius	Next Week: Team Begley
Brasses:	M Castor	Next Week: K Bennett

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is your chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel of peace to those who suffer around the world. By supporting Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the peace and love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. **Today, your prayers and your donation will help a spirit of peace spread across South Sudan and around the world.** Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer. Thank you.

POOR CLARES: The sisters send their thanks for the donations they have received from our parish and want you to know that our parish is remembered every day in their prayers. The next visit will be **30th October 2017**. – *Diane Wilson*.

FAIR TRADE: Many thanks to everyone who supported the Fair Trade sale last weekend – details of the sales are on the notice board at the back of the Church. All Proceeds from the sale go to Mary's Meals – information about Mary's Meals can be found on the Fair Trade notice board. The next sales will be **28th / 29th October 2017** (when there will be an opportunity to order Fair Trade Advent Calendars) and **2nd / 3rd December 2017** which will be the final sale of the year.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Saturday 25th November 2017; Once again it's coming up to that time of year and the Bazaar Committee are busy preparing for the Bazaar. Raffle tickets will be on sale from Saturday 4th November and the main prize will be a large hamper full of Christmas goodies. The Committee depends on your support for the donation of items for the Bazaar and here are the things you can help us with – **THE BOTTLE STALL** is one of the most popular stalls and we always need lots of bottles to make this a great success – have you got anything suitable for a prize on the tombola – do you enjoy doing crafts and would you be able to make, knit or sew for the craft stall. The big box will be in the Church Porch from the weekend to receive anything you think would be suitable for the Bazaar. There will be a list for Raffle Prize donations in the porch if you would like to donate a prize. Many thanks in anticipation of your support. – **THE BAZAAR COMMITTEE**

COURAGEOUS YOUTH 2000 RETREAT INFORMATION: for young people aged between 16-35 years of age – St. Benedict's Academy - 27th - 29th October 2017: Bishop Patrick has invited Youth 2000 to lead a retreat for young people of the Diocese to be held at St Benedict's Academy, Derby; from 27th - 29th October 2017. The weekend is a Diocesan initiative and will be run in partnership with the Diocese and the Briars Team. The retreat is called Courageous, as it is hoped that through talks, Mass, Fellowship, Adoration, Praise and Worship, Reconciliation and Healing, that all who attend will be built up in the courage of their faith to become better followers of Jesus Christ. For more information visit: youth2000.org or contact: Joe Hopkins jhopkins@christtheking.notts.sch.uk

PARISH BRUNCH: Sunday 19th November 2017 (after Mass) – come and enjoy a Sunday Brunch with your fellow parishioners – Tickets on sale next weekend – **£ 2.50** per person.

RCIA PROGRAMME: We continue with our Parish RCIA Programme **THIS Wednesday 11th October 2017** in the Parish Hall after Mass at **7:30 pm**. This week's Themes are: "**Mercy, Grace and Sin**" and, "**The Dignity of the Human Person.**" All welcome.

TWENTY - NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: God is the Lord of History.

The prophecy that we hear in today's First Reading refers to King Cyrus, the founder of the Persian Empire, perhaps the greatest and most influential empire in the history of the Middle East. After conquering Babylon, the western end of his empire, he restored Jerusalem and Judea to the Jews who had been exiled 70 years earlier. And he even financed the rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem and the Temple, though he himself was not Jewish. Cyrus was truly one of the great, influential figures in the history of the world. But all of that happened after the prophecy. And that is the point. God is the Lord of history; nothing is outside of His plans; He is present in and through all historical events, great or small. This does not mean that Cyrus was just robot programmed by God. Cyrus, like all of us, was a free human being, endowed by God with life and a unique blend of talents. And God respected that. Every one of us chooses, every single day, whether we are going to utilise our freedom and talents in a way that is in harmony with God's plan for the human family, as Cyrus did, or not. But even when we make the wrong decision, abusing our freedom and rebelling against the moral law and the teaching of Christ, God is wise and powerful enough to make even that rebellion help His overall plan. He truly is the Lord of history, using all things, even pagan emperors like Cyrus, to build up the Kingdom of Christ. As the Catechism puts it (§303): "The witness of Scripture is unanimous that the solicitude of divine providence is concrete and immediate; God cares for all, from the least things to the great events of the world and its history."