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**DIOCESAN CO - ORDINATOR: – Appointment Pending**

**TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017**  
*Thirty – First Sunday of the Year A.*

Thirty – First Week in Ordinary Time: 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week 3)

<p><b><u>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November:</u> <u>St Charles Borromeo, Bishop (memoria)</u></b></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Special Intention 10:45 am: Confessions</p>	<p><b><i>PARISH FINANCES</i></b></p>
<p><b><u>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November:</u> <u>Thirty – First Sunday of the Year</u></b></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Ena Small RIP (Veron)</p>	<p>28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November:</u> <u>Thirty – First Sunday of the Year</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Intentions of Gerardine Turnbull - Ross (Craft Club) 11:30 am: Baptism: Harriet Olivia Bethel</p>	<p>Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: <b>TOTAL:</b> Chad: Intercare: SVP:</p>
<p><b><u>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November:</u> <u>Weekday Feria</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls</p>	<p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November:</u> <u>Weekday Feria</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Special Intention</p>	
<p><b><u>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November:</u> <u>Weekday Feria</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>	
<p><b><u>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November:</u> <u>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>	<p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></p> <p>Catherine Adlington, Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey, Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Pat Constable, Maureen Doherty, Jim &amp; Margaret Dougan, Fr Joseph O’ Hanlon, Ann Harrison, Stephen Hodkinson, Bernadette Retallick, Alan Roberts, Evelyn Venning, John Webster and Louise Whitham.</p>
<p><b><u>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November:</u> <u>St Leo the Great, Pope &amp; Doctor (memoria)</u></b></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; David Fox RIP (Solloway)</p>	
<p><b><u>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November:</u> <u>St Martin of Tours, Bishop (memoria)</u></b></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; 10:45 am: Confessions</p>	
<p><b><u>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November:</u> <u>Thirty – Second Sunday of the Year</u></b></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Mike Wilson RIP (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)</p>	
<p><b><u>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November:</u> <u>Thirty – Second Sunday of the Year</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo: People of the Parish</p>	
<p><b>PARISH BRUNCH: NEXT SUNDAY</b> (after Mass) – come and enjoy a Sunday Brunch with your fellow parishioners – Tickets on sale now – £ 2.50 per person.</p>	

Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to [fcathomas@live.com](mailto:fcathomas@live.com) by Thursday of each week for inclusion in the next issue.

<b>ROTAS:</b>	<i>5.30 pm</i>	<i>9.00 am</i>
<b>Welcomers:</b>		M Cookson & S Neely
<b>Next Week:</b>		M Simpson & L Newbold
<b>Readers:</b>	M Cummins	S O' Brien
<b>Next Week:</b>	M Sully	N Wilson
<b>Offertory:</b>	M Brown & S Mills	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti
<b>Next Week:</b>	M & G Sawicki	R & N Wilson
<b>Coffee:</b>	M Calladine & Volunteer	<b>Next Week:</b> J Powell & M Calladine
<b>Cashiers:</b>	N Mason	<b>Next Week:</b> A Simmons
<b>Flowers:</b>	Suzanne & Margaret J	<b>Next Week:</b> Kay & Eve
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Team Powell	<b>Next Week:</b> Team Newbold
<b>Brasses:</b>	L Newbold	<b>Next Week:</b> E Rodrigues

**POOR CLARES:** The Sisters send their thanks to everyone who sent donations of food and financial support, they want you all to know that our parish is remembered in their prayers every day. The next visit will be *27<sup>th</sup> November 2017* and then *22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017* to ensure the sisters have our gifts before Christmas. The number of sisters at Bulwell is shortly going to increase as they are joined by sisters from another house. This will make our gifts to them even more important. – *Diane Wilson*.

**FAIR TRADE:** Many thanks to everyone who supported the Fair Trade sale last weekend. Any profits made from the sale go to Mary's Meals which is a charity helping to feed Third World schoolchildren. Details and information about Mary's Meals can be found on the Fair Trade notice board at the back of the Church. The next sale will be the weekend of *2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017* and this will be the last sale of the year.

**MISSIO:** The *2018 MISSIO Calendar* is in the porch for Red Box holders – please take one. If your Red Box hasn't been emptied recently could you bring it in for emptying as the 2017 totals need to be in the MISSIO office before Christmas. Many thanks - *Diane Wilson Parish MISSIO Secretary*.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** *Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017; 11:00am – 1:00pm.* **RAFFLE** tickets are on sale from this weekend – the First Prize is a Hamper full of Christmas goodies and lots of other prizes. Once again we need your help to make this a bumper fund raising and social event for the Parish, we are appealing for **BOTTLES** for the ever popular bottle stall – prizes for the **TOMBOLA** – if you knit or sew could you donate something for our **CRAFT STALL**. Anything you would like to donate for the Bazaar can be left in the big box in the Church Porch. If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle would you put your name against the prize of your choice on the list in the porch and please mark your prize: "**FOR THE RAFFLE**" if you leave it in the big box. Thanking you in anticipation – **THE BAZAAR COMMITTEE**

**NOVEMBER DEAD:** During the month of November we are once again encouraged by the Church to remember all those of our family and friends, whom we have known, who have died. This year we will have our Novena (Nine Days) of Masses for the Holy Souls beginning on *Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017*. On each of the nine days one Mass will be offered for the general intention of the Holy Souls and specifically for all those whose names we have placed upon the altar. If you wish your loved ones to be included in the Novena, please complete a form and place in the envelope provided, along with any donations, which you will find in the Narthex. All names will be placed on the Altar for the celebration of these Masses and also throughout the whole month of November; both before and after the Novena. All donations in the envelopes will be taken out at the end of the month and further Masses will be offered throughout the year for all the deceased members of our Parish and their families and friends.

**THE BLESSING OF GRAVES:** will take place on the NEXT Sunday. I will attend Beeston Cemetery, Wollaton Road, at *2.00 pm* on *Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017* and Chilwell Cemetery, Field Lane on the same day at *3.15 pm* to hold a short service for family and friends of our Parishioners who have gone to the Lord. All are welcome to attend to pray for the dead of our Parish.

**RCIA PROGRAMME:** We continue with our Parish RCIA Programme **NEXT Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017** in the Parish Hall after the evening Mass. Theme for that week is: "**God Reveals His Loving Plan of Goodness,**" and "**Sacred Scripture is the Word of God.**" All welcome.

### ***THIRTY - FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: The Eternal Priesthood***

In today's world, where we are constantly reminded of the horrible failings of priests over the last few decades, it is sometimes hard for us to remember that God still works through the Priesthood. We have to consciously remind ourselves that the spiritual fatherhood of a Priest is real, and it is from God, and it makes a difference in our lives and in the world. Pope St John Paul II, used to write a letter to all the priests of the Church every Holy Thursday, since it was at the Last Supper, celebrated on Holy Thursday, where Jesus instituted the Priesthood. In the first of these letters, in 1979, he urged the Church to value this gift from God for its true supernatural benefit, in spite of all human failings. He used the example of communities of Catholics throughout the world, who don't have any priests. He explained how these communities meet to pray on Sundays, but they can't celebrate the Eucharist, they can't receive Holy Communion, because they have no Priests. Some of these communities will gather in the Church, read the Word of God, pray and sing, and then do something truly remarkable. They kneel in front of the altar. Then they place a stole – a vestment that signifies the Priestly Office – on the altar. Then one of them will read out loud the words of the Eucharistic Prayer. But when they get to the words of consecration, where the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ, they simply stop reading, and pray in silence. Because those words, "This is my body...This is my blood" only have a real effect if they are spoken by an Ordained Priest. During the silence, the congregation gazes at the altar. Some people sob, some cry. All yearn for the day when God will send them again a Priest, a spiritual father who can bring them the spiritual food of the Eucharist, which they long for so passionately. '*So much do they desire Eucharistic Communion, in which they can share only through the ministry of a Priest, just as they also so eagerly wait to hear the divine words of pardon: Ego te absolvo a peccatis tuis! So deeply do they feel the absence of a Priest among them...Such places are not lacking in the world. So, if one of you doubts the meaning of his Priesthood, if he thinks it is "socially" fruitless or useless, reflect on this!*' (Pope St John Paul II Letter to Priests 1979).