



*THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION
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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 19th November 2017

Thirty - Third Sunday of the Year A.

Thirty – Third Week in Ordinary Time: 19th – 25th November 2017 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week 1)

Saturday 18th November: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	<i>PARISH FINANCES</i>													
10:00 am: Mass; Rose Bouchard RIP 10:45 am: Confessions	11 th /12 th November 2017													
Saturday 18th November: <i>Thirty - Third Sunday of the Year</i>	Envelopes:	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">Loose Plate:</td> <td style="width: 50%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Standing Orders:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;"><u>TOTAL:</u></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Chad:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Intercare:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">SVP:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Loose Plate:		Standing Orders:		<u>TOTAL:</u>		Chad:		Intercare:		SVP:	
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5:00 pm: Confessions	5:30 pm: Mass; Maria Castor 80 th Birthday & Glynis Moore RIP													
Sunday 19th November: <i>Thirty - Third Sunday of the Year</i>	9:00 am: Mass; Intentions of Tom Farrelly (McCoy)													
Monday 20th November: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	9:00 am: Mass; Dr Jack Twomey RIP (Anniversary)													
Tuesday 21st November: <u>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (memoria)</u>	12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Holy Souls (November Dead)													
Wednesday 22nd November: <u>St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr (memoria)</u>	7:00 pm: Mass; Holy Souls (November Dead)	<p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i></p> <p><u>THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM</u></p> <p>Next weekend we welcome into our Parish Community: Joseph Nathaniel Couldridge who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday 25th November 2017. We pray for him and his parents, Jonathan and Kendra, on this happy occasion.</p>												
Thursday 23rd November: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	9:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls (November Dead)													
Friday 24th November: <u>St Andrew Dung – Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs (memoria)</u>	12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Holy Souls (November Dead)													
Saturday 25th November: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	10:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls (November Dead) 10:45 am: Confessions 11:30 am: Baptism: Joseph Nathaniel Couldridge	<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 & Margaret Dougan, Fr Joseph O’ Hanlon, Ann Harrison, Stephen Hodkinson, Bernadette Retallick, Alan Roberts, Evelyn Venning, John Webster and Louise Whitham.</p>												
Saturday 25th November: <u>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Solemnity)</u>	5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Maria Sawicki Birthday (Williams)													
Sunday 26th November: <u>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Solemnity)</u>	10:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls (November Dead)													

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	S O' Brien
Next Week:	P Hubberstey	ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL
Offertory:	M & A Simmons	M Castor & Volunteer
Next Week:	M King & J Williams	ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL
Coffee:	PARISH BRUNCH	Next Week: M Calladine & Volunteer
Cashiers:	J Walton	Next Week: J Brennan
Flowers:	Shirley & Margaret	Next Week: NO FLOWERS
Cleaning:	Team Shalloe	Next Week: Team Freyne
Brasses:	M Castor	Next Week: K Bennett

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 *27th November 2017* and then *22nd 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 *2nd /3rd 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: NEXT WEEKEND Saturday 25th November 2017; 11:00am – 1:00pm. The Big Box is still in the porch to receive any last – minute donations for the Bazaar. Raffle ticket sales are going well and will be on sale at the Bazaar until 12:30pm when the draw will be made for the lovely food hampers and other prizes. If you like to bake would you be able to make some cakes for our cake stall? The Hall will be open after Mass on Friday to receive your culinary creations and also from 8:00 am on Saturday morning. If you can help us on the day we need some more people to help man the stalls and generally help. But most of all **WE NEED YOU TO COME TO THE BAZAAR** – bring your friends and neighbours and yourselves and support this Parish social and fund – raising event. Looking forward to seeing you all there. – **THE BAZAAR COMMITTEE**

NOVEMBER DEAD: We will begin our Novena (Nine Days) of Masses for the Holy Souls **THIS Tuesday 21st 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 until the end of November. 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.

RCIA PROGRAMME: We continue with our Parish RCIA Programme **THIS Wednesday 22nd November 2017** in the Parish Hall after the evening Mass. Theme for that week is: *“I Believe in God the Father,”* and *“The Love of the Trinity.”* **It is still not too late to come along and learn more about our faith.** All welcome.

CHANGE TO MASS TIME NEXT SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2017: Next weekend, we will celebrate the final Sunday of the Church's Liturgical Year, with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This is traditionally the Sunday in the Church's Year when we focus on the Youth of the Church. This year we will be joined by the young people from English Martyrs Catholic Voluntary Academy in Long Eaton, our local Catholic Primary School for the children of our Parish. They will be taking an active role in our celebration and Liturgy for that Sunday morning Mass. At their request and in order to accommodate as many of the children and their families as possible **Mass will be at 10:00 am on that Sunday.**

THIRTY - THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: We Are Talented!

There is a wrong way to interpret the parable in today's Gospel. Some might think that Jesus is telling us that we are supposed to earn our salvation by our own activity, our good works. But Jesus is not saying that. He is not saying that if we pray a certain number of Rosaries and light a certain number of candles we will then deserve entrance into heaven. In fact, the idea that we can earn our own salvation has been formally condemned as a heresy – the heresy of Pelagianism. Pelagius, a fourth – century monk, thought we could overcome evil, temptation, and the damage of Original Sin just by our own efforts. He was wrong; our efforts are useless without God's grace. If we look carefully at today's parable, we see that the activity of the servants is necessary, but secondary. The primary agent of success is the master. He gives his servants an opportunity to try and make good use of their talents. He also hands out the talents themselves in the first place. They didn't earn their original talents; they received them from the master's goodness. It is like that in our relationship with Christ. He gives us life, the world, our faith, forgiveness, the Sacraments, our talents – innumerable gifts. And if we use them well, they will serve their purpose, which is to bring us closer to Him, to fill our minds with wisdom and our hearts with joy, here on earth and forever in heaven. If we abuse those gifts, we can cut off our relationship with the one who gave them to us. But in either case, we are the secondary agents of success; we can't earn salvation; we can only receive the gift of God's grace and put it to good use.