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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B*

THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (Weekday Cycle Year 2 / Psalter Week 3)

<p><b><u>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January: Weekday Feria</u></b></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p> <p>10:45 am: Confessions</p>	<p><b><i>PARISH FINANCES</i></b></p> <p>13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> January</p> <p>2018</p>
<p><b><u>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: B</u></b></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions</p> <p>5:30 pm: Mass; Lane Family (Findlay)</p>	
<p><b><u>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: B</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Special Intention</p>	<p>Envelopes:</p> <p>Loose Plate:</p> <p>Standing Orders:</p> <p><b><u>TOTAL:</u></b></p> <p>Chad:</p> <p>Intercare:</p> <p>SVP:</p> <p>Sick &amp; Retired Priests:</p>
<p><b><u>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January: Weekday Feria</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Trudie Mc Guirk RIP (Bernard)</p>	<p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January: Weekday Feria</u></b></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions</p> <p>1:00 pm: Mass; Private Intention</p>	<p><b><i>Second Collection NEXT Weekend for the Day for Life.</i></b></p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January: St Francis de Sales, Bishop &amp; Doctor (memoria)</u></b></p> <p>7:00 pm: Mass; Holy Souls</p>	
<p><b><u>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January: The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle (Feast)</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Special Intention</p>	<p><b><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></b></p>
<p><b><u>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January: Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops (memoria)</u></b></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions</p> <p>1:00 pm: Mass; David Powell RIP (Jane)</p>	
<p><b><u>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January: Weekday Feria</u></b></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p> <p>10:45 am: Confessions</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, Louise Whitham and Bob Wilson.</p>
<p><b><u>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: B</u></b></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions</p> <p>5:30 pm: Mass; Gloria Condon RIP (Twomey)</p>	
<p><b><u>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: B</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Dina Iacovitti RIP</p>	

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

<b>ROTAS:</b>	5.30 pm	9.00 am
<b>Welcomers:</b>		D Wilson & M Roy
<b>Next Week:</b>		M Cookson & S Neely
<b>Readers:</b>	P Hubberstey	A Horgan
<b>Next Week:</b>	M Cummins	R Marlow
<b>Offertory:</b>	M Brown & S Mills	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti
<b>Next Week:</b>	M & A Simmons	R & N Wilson
<b>Coffee:</b>	M Walton & Volunteer	<b>Next Week:</b> M Calladine & L Whitham
<b>Cashiers:</b>	A Simmons	<b>Next Week:</b> J Brennan
<b>Flowers:</b>	Shirley & Margaret	<b>Next Week:</b> Ann & Sue
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Team Begley	<b>Next Week:</b> Team Powell
<b>Brasses:</b>	K Bennett	<b>Next Week:</b> L Newbold

**POOR CLARES:** – The Sisters were overwhelmed with your generosity at Christmas and ask me to pass on to you all their sincere thanks and want to wish you all every good wish for the New Year. The Sisters remember our Parish every day in their prayers. My next visit will be *Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018*. – *Diane Wilson*.

**FAIR TRADE:** The first sale of 2018 will be on the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> January. Once again, any profits made from the sale of Fair Trade goods in our parish will go to Mary's Meals which is a charity helping to feed Third World schoolchildren. More information about Mary's Meals can be found on the Fair Trade notice board at the back of the church.

**ASSUMPTION CRICKET CLUB WINTER NETS 2018:** The new cricket season will soon be here and our club members are about to start practising at the indoor nets, Trent Bridge. Please consider joining them on 8 Friday nights starting *Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018*, for 1 hour at **8:00 pm**, kit supplied. The cost per evening is £5/person. Age restriction is 14 and over, male and female. No need to be a member of the church, family and friends are very welcome. If you wish to attend, please let the Captain; James Summers, know in advance: [jj.summers@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jj.summers@tiscali.co.uk). Or contact Jim Lowe 0115 9224779: [jamesp.lowe@btinternet.com](mailto:jamesp.lowe@btinternet.com).

**BAZAAR COMMITTEE:** **THIS Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 at 7:00 pm** in the Meeting Room in the Parish Hall. A short meeting to discuss dates and Fund – Raising events in the Parish for 2018. We would love to welcome some new faces and fresh ideas.

**SNOWMAN DRIVE:** Thank you to all those who attended this event, it was a really fun evening enjoyed by all. Also Thank you to all who donated a raffle prize, a small profit of **£ 47. 00** was made which will be donated to the Dominica Appeal. **Save the Date – Parish Pancake Social – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 from 7:00 pm** Parish Hall – **Tickets available soon.**

**ASSUMPTION DOES ALPHA:** The Course continues **THIS Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 from 7:00 – 9:00pm** for dinner, a film and discussion in the Parish Hall. For more information please email [alpha.assumption@gmail.com](mailto:alpha.assumption@gmail.com). *All welcome.*

**RCIA PROGRAMME:** Our RCIA Programme will resume **THIS Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017** in the Parish Hall after the evening Mass. The theme for that week is: *“The Reign of God,”* and *“The Passion of Christ.”* *All welcome to come along and learn more about our faith.*

**SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH CLUB:** **THIS Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 1:00 pm.** For tickets please contact Stella on 0115 925 5140.

**PRAYER VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED:** *Are you looking for a challenge during Lent, involving prayer and self-sacrifice? Are you saddened to see the harm done to babies and women through abortion? “40 Days for Life”* is a Christian campaign group whose purpose is to save the lives of unborn children through prayer, fasting and community outreach. With the support of Pope Francis for this worldwide initiative, and the encouragement Bishop Patrick locally, we are running a campaign here in Nottingham during Lent 2018. The aim of our prayers is simple: we are praying for an end to abortion. But we also offer support – moral and practical – to women who may be under pressure to have an abortion which they do not want, and which they may come to regret. **OUR VIGIL IS PRAYERFUL, PEACEFUL AND, NON – JUDGEMENTAL.** We are seeking volunteers to pray with us during Lent, between 6:00 am and 6:00 pm, on a rota basis, at the Treatment Centre on the QMC Campus, where many abortions in Nottinghamshire take place. Most people who come stay for either one or two hours at a time. Please sign up now to pray with us on our webpage: [www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/Nottingham](http://www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/Nottingham) or contact us at [40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com). If you would like to know more before committing, we are holding an information event on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7:30pm**, in the social centre behind St Barnabas' cathedral, at which you can put questions to people who have done the vigil before. We will also have a speaker, Isabel Vaughan–Spruce, who has led the Birmingham campaign for many years. Come along and find out more! What a fantastic way to prepare for the Solemnity of Easter!

**Annual “Valentine” Marriage Mass:** The Annual Diocesan Marriage Mass, where married couples are able to renew their vows before the Bishop and receive his blessing on their Marriages, will take place on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 3:00 pm** in *St Barnabas Cathedral*. This Mass is open to all married couples and their families, but is especially appropriate to those recently married or celebrating a significant anniversary. Please just turn up on the day, but if you want more information do not hesitate to contact *Fr David Palmer; Chair of the Marriage and Family Life Commission* at: [catholicdavid@mac.com](mailto:catholicdavid@mac.com) or 0115 978 6236.