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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: **Week Commencing 28th January 2018**

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 28th January – 3rd February 2018 (Weekday Cycle Year 2 / Psalter Week IV)

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| Saturday 27th January: <u>Weekday Feria</u> | <i>PARISH FINANCES</i> <i>20th / 21st January</i> <i>2018</i> |
| 10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish 10:45 am: Confessions | |
| Saturday 27th January: <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: B</i> | Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: <u>TOTAL:</u> Chad: Intercare: SVP: |
| 5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Gloria Condon RIP (Twomey) | |
| Sunday 28th January: <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: B</i> | <i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i> |
| 9:00 am: Mass; Dina Iacovitti RIP | |
| Monday 29th January: <u>Weekday Feria</u> | <i>White Flower Appeal: Second Collection THIS Weekend for the Day for Life.</i> |
| 9:00 am: Mass; Intentions of John Battell (Powell) | |
| Tuesday 30th January: <u>Weekday Feria</u> | <i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> 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, Louise Whitham and Bob Wilson. |
| 12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Holy Souls | |
| Wednesday 31st January: <u>St John Bosco, Priest (memoria)</u> | <i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> 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, Louise Whitham and Bob Wilson. |
| 7:00 pm: Mass; Special Intention | |
| Thursday 1st February: <u>Weekday Feria</u> | <i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> 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, Louise Whitham and Bob Wilson. |
| 9:00 am: Mass; Gloria Condon RIP (Lyons) | |
| Friday 2nd February: <u>The Presentation of the Lord (Feast)</u> | <i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> 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, Louise Whitham and Bob Wilson. |
| 12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish | |
| Saturday 3rd February: <u>St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr (memoria)</u> | <i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> 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, Louise Whitham and Bob Wilson. |
| 10:00 am: Mass; Private Intention 10:45 am: Confessions | |
| Saturday 3rd February: <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: B</i> | <i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> 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, Louise Whitham and Bob Wilson. |
| 5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Ian Degville RIP (Milburn / Brennan) | |
| Sunday 4th February: <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: B</i> | <i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> 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, Louise Whitham and Bob Wilson. |
| 9:00 am: Mass; Bertha Arthofer RIP | |

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.

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| ROTAS: | 5.30 pm | 9.00 am |
| Welcomers: | | M Cookson & S Neely |
| Next Week: | | M Simpson & L Newbold |
| Readers: | M Cummins | R Marlow |
| Next Week: | M Sully | S Grant |
| Offertory: | M & A Simmons | R & N Wilson |
| Next Week: | M King & J Williams | M Castor & Volunteer |
| Coffee: | M Calladine & L Whitham | Next Week: J Powell & M Calladine |
| Cashiers: | J Brennan | Next Week: J Walton |
| Flowers: | Ann & Sue | Next Week: Suzanne & Margaret |
| Cleaning: | Team Powell | Next Week: Team Newbold |
| Brasses: | L Newbold | Next Week: E Rodrigues |

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 **THIS Monday, 29th January 2018.** – *Diane Wilson*

FAIR TRADE: The first sale of 2018 will be **THIS** weekend 27th/28th January 2018. 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.

LENTEN LUNCH: Commencing **Friday 16th February 2018**, homemade soup and a roll will be served in the Hall after Mass on Fridays during Lent. The cost will **£ 2. 00** per person and the money made will be shared between CAFOD and Mary's Meals.

ASSUMPTION DOES ALPHA: The Course continues **THIS Tuesday, 30th 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. *All welcome.*

RCIA PROGRAMME: Our RCIA Programme will continue **THIS Wednesday, 31st January 2018** in the Parish Hall after the evening Mass. The theme for that week is: *“The Resurrection and Ascension,”* and *“Society and Human Dignity.”* *All welcome to come along and learn more about our faith.*

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 or contact us at 40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com. If you would like to know more before committing, we are holding an information event on **Wednesday 7th 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 4th 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 or 0115 978 6236.

FORTHCOMING RETREATS AT THE BRIARS YOUTH RETREAT CENTRE

WOMEN'S RETREAT AT THE BRIARS: TASTE AND SEE: Following on from the huge success of last year's retreat, The Briars is once again offering this weekend from **Friday 2nd – Sunday 4th March 2018**. Women of all ages are welcome to take part in this relaxed, inspiring and welcoming retreat. **Cost £70.** Please note that early booking is advised as places are on a first come first served basis.

SEARCH FOR THE LIGHT: EASTER RETREAT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE YEAR 10 – YEAR 13s: Young people are invited to journey through the Easter story from **29th March to 1st April 2018.** **Cost £60 all inclusive.**

PR – EXAM DE – STRESSER! A RETREAT FOR YEAR 11 – YEAR 13s: Join other young people on this weekend retreat aimed at helping you to stay balanced through the exam season. Learn relaxation techniques, stress management strategies and have a bit of fun along the way! **13th – 15th April 2018.** **Cost £45.**

TEACHER'S RETREAT: 6th – 8th July 2018. A weekend retreat for teachers from primary and secondary schools. An opportunity to recharge your batteries and receive some spiritual encouragement. **Cost £70.**

For further information on all of the above Retreats contact bookings@ndcys.com