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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 4th February 2018

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 4th – 10th February 2018 (Weekday Cycle Year 2 / Psalter Week I)

<p><u>Saturday 3rd February: St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr (memoria)</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Private Intention</p> <p>10:45 am: Confessions</p>	<p><i>PARISH FINANCES</i></p> <p>27th / 28th January</p> <p>2018</p>
<p><u>Saturday 3rd February: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: B</u></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions</p> <p>5:30 pm: Mass; Ian Degville RIP (Milburn / Brennan)</p>	
<p><u>Sunday 4th February: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: B</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Bertha Arthofer RIP</p>	<p>Envelopes:</p> <p>Loose Plate:</p> <p>Standing Orders:</p> <p><u>TOTAL:</u></p> <p>Chad:</p> <p>Intercare:</p> <p>SVP:</p> <p>Day For Life:</p>
<p><u>Monday 5th February: St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr (memoria)</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Clare Rodgers RIP (Twomey)</p>	<p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i></p>
<p><u>Tuesday 6th February: St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs (memoria)</u></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions</p> <p>1:00 pm: Mass; Holy Souls</p>	
<p><u>Wednesday 7th February: Weekday Feria</u></p> <p>7:00 pm: Mass; Ernest Strickland RIP (Whitham)</p>	<p>Please take note of the, “<i>Statement on Marriage,</i>” on the Notice Board, which is appointed to be published in the Parish in February and October each year</p>
<p><u>Thursday 8th February: Weekday Feria</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Special Intention</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 & Margaret Dougan, Fr Joseph O’ Hanlon, Ann Harrison, Stephen Hodkinson, Bernadette Retallick, Alan Roberts, Evelyn Venning, Louise Whitham and Bob Wilson.</p>
<p><u>Friday 9th February: Weekday Feria</u></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions</p> <p>1:00 pm: Mass; Private Intention</p>	
<p><u>Saturday 10th February: St Scholastica, Virgin (memoria)</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p> <p>10:45 am: Confessions</p>	
<p><u>Saturday 10th February: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: B</u></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions</p> <p>5:30 pm: Mass; In Thanksgiving (Diane Wilson)</p>	
<p><u>Sunday 11th February: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: B</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Gloria Condon RIP (Walton)</p>	

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:	5.30 pm	9.00 am
Welcomers:		M Simpson & L Newbold
Next Week:		K Orford – Perkins & M Neale
Readers:	M Sully	S Grant
Next Week:	A Simmons	S O' Brien
Offertory:	M King & J Williams	M Castor & Volunteer
Next Week:	J Fox & N Brennan	J Powell & M Calladine
Coffee:	J Powell & M Calladine	Next Week: M Walton & Volunteer
Cashiers:	J Walton	Next Week: A Simmons
Flowers:	Suzanne & Margaret	Next Week: NO FLOWERS IN LENT
Cleaning:	Team Newbold	Next Week: Team Shalloe
Brasses:	E Rodrigues	Next Week: M Castor

POOR CLARES: – The Sisters send their sincere thanks for the donations which were taken over to them this week. The sisters celebrate their feast day on 7th February 2018 so the donations were especially welcome. The next visit will be *Monday 26th February 2018. – Diane Wilson.*

FAIR TRADE: many thanks to everyone who supported the Fair Trade sale last weekend. Any profits made go to Mary's meals – details on the Fair Trade board at the back of the Church. The next sale will be *24th / 25th February 2018.*

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.

PARISH PANCAKE SOCIAL: *Tuesday 13th February 2018* at 7:00 pm – Tickets now available £1.00 each.

ASSUMPTION DOES ALPHA: The Course continues **THIS Tuesday, 6th February 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, 7th February 2018** in the Parish Hall after the evening Mass. The theme for this week is: *“Grace and Merit,”* and *“The Church Hands on Divine Revelation.”* *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 **THIS 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!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: Every Christian is a Full - Time Missionary

When we were Baptised, we became children of God through grace, members of His family. And when we were Confirmed, we became partners in God's work of salvation, soldiers equipped to fight evil and spread the Kingdom of Christ. This is our core identity and so this should be our first priority. This work of building up Christ's Kingdom is not just for priests, nuns and full – time missionaries. Every Christian is a full – time missionary! This is why the list of Canonized Saints doesn't just contain monks, nuns, bishops, priests and deacons. It also contains children and carpenters, mums and dads, lawyers and artists. We are all familiar with the worldwide Catholic charity organisation called The Society of St Vincent de Paul. Most people probably think that this incredible organisation was founded by St Vincent de Paul, a tireless French priest who lived in the 1600s. But that is not the case; it was merely named after St Vincent de Paul. The St Vincent de Paul Society was actually founded in the 1800s by a 20 year – old French college student and seven of his friends. His name was Frederick Ozanam and he was beatified by Pope St John Paul II in 1997. He was a talented young man who earned his doctorate degree in literature at the University of Paris and went on to become a law professor and judge. He was just a normal Christian, a Catholic like any one of us. But he was an authentic Christian who lived his life – mission coherently. That authenticity, that coherence gave birth to the St Vincent de Paul Society, which today, more than 150 years after his death, is still spreading the Gospel through its more than 750, 000 active members over 140 different countries. As Christians, this is our primary mission in life: to know, love and follow Christ and, help others do the same. Blessed Frederick started the St Vincent de Paul Society because, as he said, he, *“wanted to insure my faith by works of charity.”* That sounds quite similar to St Paul's explanation of his Christian activity in today's Second Reading: *“I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.”*