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OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION
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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: **Week Commencing 25th March 2018**

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord: Year B

HOLY WEEK OF LENT: 25th – 31st March 2018 (Weekday Cycle Year 2 / Psalter Week II)

<p><u>Saturday 24th March: Lenten Feria</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Special Intention 10:45 am: Confessions</p>	<p><i>PARISH FINANCES</i></p> <p><i>17th / 18th March 2018</i></p>
<p><u>Saturday 24th March: Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord</u></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Intentions of Margaret King</p>	
<p><u>Sunday 25th March: Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo: People of the Parish 4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross and Benediction</p>	<p>Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: <u>TOTAL:</u> Chad: Intercare: SVP:</p>
<p><u>Monday 26th March: Monday of Holy Week</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Mrs Martha Whitmore RIP (Foundation Mass)</p>	<p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i></p>
<p><u>Tuesday 27th March: Tuesday of Holy Week</u></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Holy Souls</p>	<p><i>Second Collection THIS WEEKEND for EASTER FLOWERS.</i></p>
<p><u>Wednesday 28th March: Wednesday of Holy Week</u></p> <p>11:30 am: Chrism Mass; St Barnabas Cathedral</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>THE SACRED EASTER TRIDUUM</u></p>	
<p><u>Thursday 29th March: Maundy Thursday</u></p> <p>7:30 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper; Pro Populo; People of the Parish followed by Watching in the Chapel until Midnight.</p>	<p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></p> <p>Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey, Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Pat Constable, Tom Farrelly, Jim & Margaret Dougan, Fr Joseph O' Hanlon, Ann Harrison, Bernadette Retallick, Alan Roberts, Maria Sawicki, Evelyn Venning, Louise Whitham and Bob Wilson.</p>
<p><u>Friday 30th March: Good Friday</u></p> <p>11:00 am: Good Friday Walk of Witness 3:00 pm: The Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord 7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross for Good Friday</p>	
<p><u>Saturday 31st March: Holy Saturday</u></p> <p>8:30 pm: Easter Vigil; Audrey McCoy RIP (Anniversary) (Joe)</p>	
<p><u>Sunday 1st April: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Eileen Doyle RIP (Morrissey)</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:	<i>5.30 pm / Easter Vigil</i>	<i>9.00 am</i>
Welcomers:		M Cookson & S Neely
Next Week:		M Simpson & L Newbold
Readers:	M Cummins	S Grant
Next Week:	<i>Easter Vigil Readers</i>	S O' Brien
Offertory:	K Twomey & J Lyons	D & D Wilson
Next Week:	<i>Catechumens</i>	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti
Coffee:	M Walton & Volunteer	Next Week: M Calladine & L Whitham
Cashiers:	A Simmons	Next Week: -
Flowers:	ALL FLOWER ARRANGERS	Next Week: Kay & Eve
Cleaning:	Team Shalloe	Next Week: Team Freyne
Brasses:	L Newbold	Next Week: E Rodrigues

POOR CLARES: The Sisters were overwhelmed with the donations received from our Parish and send their sincere thanks to everyone, they want you to know that this Parish is remembered every day in their prayers. The next visit will be **THIS Monday, 26th March 2018.** – *Diane Wilson.*

FAIR TRADE: many thanks to everyone who supported the last Fair Trade Sale. Once again, any profits made from the sales will go to Mary's Meals – a charity helping to feed Third World school children. Information about Mary's Meals can be found on the notice board at the back of the Church. The next sale will be **THIS weekend 24th /25th March 2018,** after both Masses.

HOLY LAND: We have just returned from a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and have brought some bookmarks back for Parishioners. They are in the porch – so please take one. – *Jane, Marie and Diane.*

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS IN BEESTON: The united Walk of Witness in Beeston will take place on **Good Friday 30th March 2018.** This begins at **11:00 am** in **Broadgate Park** near the High Road and the procession moves from there to Beeston Square where there will be a public act of worship. After the Walk there will be refreshments served at Toton Methodist Church.

FAITH IN FAMILIES: will collectors please bring in their boxes as soon as possible as totals are required for the annual audit. Some emptied boxes are still awaiting collection in the narthex. Many thanks *Joan*

ASSUMPTION DOES ALPHA: The Course continues **THIS Tuesday, 27th March 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 after Easter.

CAKE SALE: On Easter Sunday, we plan on holding a cake sale in order to fundraise towards our trip in July to Lourdes. Along with other students from The Becket School, we are going there to help the pilgrims with services such as; wheel chair assistance, aiding in daily tasks and transportation. We have recently completed a 24 hour sponsored trampoline relay as part of our fundraising efforts to reach our goal of £500. We hope you can come along and support our cake sale. – *Merin Roy and Lucy Silvey.*

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH CLUB: **THIS Thursday 29th March at 1:00 pm.** For tickets please contact Stella on 0115 925 5140.

GRAND EASTER CHOCOLATE RAFFLE: This year the Easter chocolate raffle is in aid of the Notre Dame Pilgrimage Account, otherwise known as the Lourdes Fund. This was set up when Fr Eastwood was our Parish Priest, and the weekday congregation began serving refreshments after morning mass. The charge was intended to cover the cost of tea, coffee, milk, biscuits etc. but the ladies of the parish generously donated those items and the money raised was used to send a parishioner to Lourdes when enough money was available. In the last ten years the fund was put on a more formal footing and is run by a committee. We aim to send at least one parishioner a year to Lourdes on the Across Jumbulance, which is fitted out as a mini hospital on wheels. This enables us to send people with complex health issues where special care is needed. We also sponsor carers who give their time to look after people on the pilgrimage. This year, thanks to several large donations, we are able to send four pilgrims on the Jumbulance, three VIPs and one carer. We are still a little short of the £2800 total needed, so please dig deep, support the raffle and, of course, join us in the hall after morning mass for coffee or tea and a biscuit and get to know your fellow parishioners a little better. At a mere 50p a cup it has to be the cheapest drink in the town, but if you wish to give more we never object!

SAFEGUARDING BULLETIN: The Diocese of Nottingham requires that each Parish and Religious Congregation has a Safeguarding Representative in place. The Safeguarding Representative has responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people and adults and for providing advice on child and adult safeguarding matters within the Parish or Congregation. My name is *Rachel McCarthy* and I am the Safeguarding Rep for our Parish. I provide the link between the Parish and the Safeguarding Coordinator for the Diocese. As Safeguarding Representative, I have received relevant training and know who to contact if a concern or allegation is raised. In addition, I have a key role in administering the safer recruitment process, including facilitating the DBS Disclosure process at a local level. My contact details are **0115 917 9167** and my number is also displayed on a poster at the back of the Church. The Safeguarding Coordinator for the Nottingham Diocese is *Mrs Clare McKenzie* who can be contacted at *Family Care Nottingham*, Telephone: **0115 960 3010.**

BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION: On Saturday 28th April at 2:00 pm Bishop Patrick will lead the annual Blessed Sacrament Procession, as we witness to our faith through the streets of central Nottingham. Starting at St Mary's, Hyson Green, and proceeding to the Cathedral, for Benediction at around 4:00 pm After Benediction we will pause to pray before the tomb of the Venerable Mary Potter to pray for her Beatification. For more information please make contact with Fr. David Palmer: catholicdavid@me.com

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY: SUNDAY 8th APRIL 2018; at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Brooklyn Road, Bulwell, NG6 9ES. The celebration begins at **2:30pm and ends with Benediction at 4:00pm.** For more information see the poster on the noticeboard.