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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B*

EIGHTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> August 2018 (Weekday Cycle Year 2 / Psalter Week II)

<p><b><u>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August:</u> <u>St John Vianney, Priest (memoria)</u></b></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Special Intention</p> <p>10:45 am: Confessions</p>	<p><b><i>PARISH FINANCES</i></b></p>														
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<p><b><u>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August:</u> <u>The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Emily Sinclair RIP (Rosary Group)</p>															
<p><b><u>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August:</u> <u>Weekday Feria</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Private Intention</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i></p>														
<p><b><u>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August:</u> <u>St Dominic, Priest (memoria)</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>															
<p><b><u>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August:</u> <u>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin &amp; Martyr, Patron of Europe (Feast)</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Vocations to the Priesthood</p>															
<p><b><u>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August:</u> <u>St Lawrence, Deacon &amp; Martyr (Feast)</u></b></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions</p> <p>1:00 pm: Mass; Sick of the Parish</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey, Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim &amp; Margaret Dougan, Fr Theodore Gomes, Ann Harrison, Emilia Nowicki, Bernadette Retallick, Alan Roberts, Maria Sawicki, Simpson Family, Evelyn Venning and Louise Whitham.</p>														
<p><b><u>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August:</u> <u>St Clare, Virgin (memoria)</u></b></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls</p> <p>10:45 am: Confessions</p> <p>12:00 pm: Baptism; Mateo Gouveia</p>															
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<p><b><u>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August:</u> <u>Nineteenth Sunday of the Year: B</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Philip Roulstone RIP (Walton)</p>															

**CATHOLIC MEN BEESTON:** The next ‘Adoration and Ales’ event will be **THIS Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018** (and every first Sunday of the month thereafter) beginning with a Holy Hour in the Adoration Chapel at **8:30pm**, and refreshments afterwards at a local pub. All men (18+) are welcome. Please see Pat Long if you have any questions, join the Facebook group “Catholic Men Beeston” to keep updated and/or just come along!

<b>ROTAS:</b>	<i>5.30 pm</i>	<i>9.00 am</i>
<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 Sully	R Marlow
<b>Offertory:</b>	M & A Simmons	J Powell & M Calladine
<b>Next Week:</b>	J Fox & N Brennan	D & D Wilson
<b>Coffee:</b>	Arnd & Alessia	<b>Next Week:</b> Hopkins & Twentymans
<b>Cashiers:</b>	J Brennan	<b>Next Week:</b> J Walton
<b>Flowers:</b>	Anne & Sue	<b>Next Week:</b> Suzanne & Margaret J
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Team Freyne	<b>Next Week:</b> Team Agius
<b>Brasses:</b>	K Bennett	<b>Next Week:</b> L Newbold

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Next weekend we welcome a new member into our Parish Community: *Mateo Tony Gouveia* who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on *Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2018*. We pray for him and his parents, *Blandine* and *Aleyandre*, on this happy occasion.

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE:** Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Emily Georgina Sinclair* (the mother of Helen Sinclair), who died on *26<sup>th</sup> July 2018*. Emily's Requiem Mass will take place here on *Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 1:00 pm* followed by Burial at Chilwell Cemetery. We remember her and her family at this sad time. May she rest in peace.

**POOR CLARES:** The Sisters were overwhelmed with the gifts I took them from the Parish this week and they send their thanks to you all. At the end of August they will be joined by the Sisters from Wales taking their Community from 5 to 17. The next visit to the convent at Bulwell will be *Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018*. – *Diane Wilson*.

**FAIR TRADE:** Thanks to everyone who supported the last Fair Trade sale. We continue to support Mary's Meals with all the profit we make from the sale of fairly traded goods. Mary's Meals now feeds over one million school children daily in Africa, Asia and Latin America and is called Mary's Meals after Our Lady – Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The next Fair Trade sale is the weekend *1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018*.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING:** **THIS Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018** in the Parish Hall at **7:00 pm** to finalise plans for the Hog Roast and Bene Merenti Celebrations (see below). – All Welcome

**"BENE MERENTI" AWARD FOR DES BURROWS & BOB AND ANNE SOLLOWAY:** *Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018*. The Celebration will begin with Mass and Presentation at 7:00 pm followed by a Hog Roast. This is a whole Parish celebration and everyone is welcome to come. For catering purposes if you would like to attend please put your name on the list at the back of Church. You will then be issued with a free ticket. Thank you

**SVP SUMMER OUTING:** *Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018*; This year the Summer Outing on the above date will be a tour of Strelley Hall and afterwards cream tea will be served in the Panelled Room in the Hall. The SVP will use their own cars to transport everyone to the venue and there are approximately 30 places available. Fr. Christopher will say Mass at 12:00 pm on that day and we will leave for Strelley Village around 1:00 pm. The tour will start at approx. 1:30 pm and cream tea will be served in the hall around 3:00 pm. The tour all takes place on the ground floor and there will be only 1 step to negotiate so it is wheelchair friendly also. This should be a very interesting tour of somewhere local and hopefully everyone will find it very interesting. There will be lists up at the back of Church on the SVP Noticeboard from next weekend for people to put their names on. Obviously priority will be given to the elderly or housebound parishioners in the first instance. Thank you. – **BEESTON SVP**.

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: Stay Close to the Lord in the Eucharist.**

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus extending an invitation to the crowds, for whom He had just multiplied the loaves and fishes, yet they were still seeking a sign like the one recalled in today's First Reading. It was time to leave the First Reading attitude behind and believe in Him. In today's First Reading the Israelites wanted their bellies filled and complained and were even willing to return to slavery just to have a full stomach. They were still far from today's Gospel, a people who need signs just to keep going at all. The Israelites today had a weak faith that could only be nurtured by signs, but signs don't last forever, nor are they meant to. The Lord always planned to go beyond simply providing sustenance to a desperate, sometimes disgruntled people. The people who sought Jesus in today's Gospel still want nothing more than a full stomach, but Our Lord is trying to help them see that what they crave is what that full stomach normally gives them: life and not just for a few decades, but for eternity. As Jesus reminds them, full stomachs didn't enable those Israelites under Moses to live forever, even though the Lord provided them with manna to eat. Our Lord wasn't just speaking metaphorically when he said He was the Bread of Life: every time we receive the Eucharist we know that He is the Bread of Life and we know that one day that we will never need to fear to die of hunger or anything else ever again. Like the Israelites in the First Reading the people were still seeking signs, but now the moment had come for faith, a faith that did not just focus on immediate needs and concerns of this life, but on a pilgrimage towards eternal life. The Israelites who grumbled in the desert in the First Reading didn't live to see the Promised Land due to their lack of trust in God; the people in today's Gospel are being extended an opportunity to one day enter into the true Promised Land, but they have to trust the new Moses – Jesus – to lead them. When we receive Communion, we hear "The Body of Christ" and respond "Amen" without thinking much about how incredible it is that we are receiving God into our hearts under the appearance of bread. Whenever we genuflect in front of a tabernacle, we acknowledge in faith that Our Lord is Sacramentally present in the Eucharist. Imagine the crowds hearing the teaching of the Eucharist for the first time and trying to understand it before believing in it. In today's Gospel Jesus is trying to move them from thinking of ordinary bread in their stomachs to thinking of the bread of life. Our Lord today is asking them to go from what they understand of bread and the thought of endless bread to what they are really looking for: eternal life, not just as living forever, but as living contentedly forever. When we consider our needs and our expectations for God to help fulfil them we can never lose sight of our ultimate need, God and the means God has given us to fulfil it: believing in His Son and receiving Him as the Bread of Life. Let us try believing today even when understanding something God teaches us is challenging, knowing that He is always trying to provide for our eternal needs and not just our short – term ones.

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