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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019

*Third Sunday of Ordinary Time: Year C*

THIRD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME: 27<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 (Weekday Cycle Year I / Psalter Week II)

<p><b><u>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January: SS Timothy &amp; Titus, Bishops (memoria)</u></b>  <b>10:45 am: Confessions</b></p>	<p><b><u>PARISH FINANCES</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January: Third Sunday of the Year: C</u></b>  <b>4:00 pm: Confessions</b>  <b>4:30 pm: Mass;</b> Pro Populo: People of the Parish  <b>6:30 pm: Mass at St Francis of Assisi Long Eaton</b></p>	
<p><b><u>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January: Third Sunday of the Year: C</u></b>  <b>9:00 am: Mass;</b> David Ryrie RIP (Ryrie Family)  <b>11:00 am: Mass (St Francis of Assisi Long Eaton):</b> Bridie &amp; Ralph Keay RIP</p>	<p>19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019</p> <p>Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: <b>TOTAL:</b> Chad: Intercare: SVP: Sick &amp; Retired Priests:</p>
<p><b><u>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January: St Thomas Aquinas, Priest &amp; Doctor (memoria)</u></b>  <b>9:00 am: Mass;</b> Private Intention</p>	<p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January: Weekday Feria</u></b>  <b>9:30 am: Mass (St Francis of Assisi Long Eaton):</b> Special Intention  <b>1:00 pm: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</b></p>	
<p><b><u>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January: Weekday Feria</u></b>  <b>9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</b></p>	<p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i>            Isobel Alana Barnes,            Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos,            Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns,            Pat Constable,            Francesca Lina Craparotta,            Jim &amp; Margaret Dougan,            Fr Theodore Gomes,            Ann Harrison, Breeda Keaney,            Elizabeth Reilly, Alan Roberts,            Maria Sawicki, Simpson Family,            Bob Solloway, Evelyn Venning,            Jenny Weran and Louise Whitham.</p>
<p><b><u>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January: St John Bosco, Priest (memoria)</u></b>  <b>9:30 am: Mass (St Francis of Assisi Long Eaton):</b> Holy Souls</p>	
<p><b><u>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February: Weekday Feria</u></b>  <b>12:30 pm; Confessions</b>  <b>1:00 pm: Mass;</b> Vocations to the Priesthood  <b>7:00 – 9:00 pm: Light Night – An Evening of Encounter</b></p>	<p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i>            Isobel Alana Barnes,            Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos,            Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns,            Pat Constable,            Francesca Lina Craparotta,            Jim &amp; Margaret Dougan,            Fr Theodore Gomes,            Ann Harrison, Breeda Keaney,            Elizabeth Reilly, Alan Roberts,            Maria Sawicki, Simpson Family,            Bob Solloway, Evelyn Venning,            Jenny Weran and Louise Whitham.</p>
<p><b><u>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February: The Presentation of the Lord (Feast)</u></b>  <b>10:45 am: Confessions</b></p>	
<p><b><u>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February: Fourth Sunday of the Year: C</u></b>  <b>4:00 pm: Confessions</b>  <b>4:30 pm: Mass;</b> Pro Populo: People of the Parish  <b>6:30 pm: Mass (St Francis of Assisi Long Eaton):</b> Burgess Family</p>	<p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i>            Isobel Alana Barnes,            Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos,            Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns,            Pat Constable,            Francesca Lina Craparotta,            Jim &amp; Margaret Dougan,            Fr Theodore Gomes,            Ann Harrison, Breeda Keaney,            Elizabeth Reilly, Alan Roberts,            Maria Sawicki, Simpson Family,            Bob Solloway, Evelyn Venning,            Jenny Weran and Louise Whitham.</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February: Fourth Sunday of the Year: C</u></b>  <b>9:00 am: Mass;</b> Elizabeth Brookbanks RIP (Horgan)  <b>11:00 am: Mass (St Francis of Assisi Long Eaton):</b> Pro Populo</p>	

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<b>ROTAS:</b>	<i>4:30 pm</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>
<b>Welcomers:</b>		M Cookson & S Neely
<b>Next Week:</b>		M Simpson & L Newbold
<b>Readers:</b>	T Johnson	N Wilson
<b>Next Week:</b>	A Simmons	S Yarwood
<b>Offertory:</b>	M & A Simmons	J Powell & M Calladine
<b>Next Week:</b>	J Brennan & J Fox	D & D Wilson
<b>Coffee:</b>	R Marlow & C Kitching	<b>Next Week:</b> V Loffreda & J Backhouse
<b>Cashiers:</b>	J Walton	<b>Next Week:</b> A Simmons
<b>Flowers:</b>	Kay & Eve	<b>Next Week:</b> Shirley & Sue N
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Team Agius	<b>Next Week:</b> Team Begley
<b>Brasses:</b>	L Newbold	<b>Next Week:</b> E Rodrigues

**POOR CLARES:** The Sisters send their thanks for the donations which they receive from our Parish. The Convent has become a much bigger community since the arrival of the sisters from Wales so our continued support is greatly appreciated. The next visit will be **THIS Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019.** – *Diane Wilson.*

**FAIR TRADE:** Fair Trade Sale NEXT weekend **2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019.** We are continuing to support Mary's Meals to help feed Third World Schoolchildren with any profits made from the sale of Fair Trade goods – details are on the Fair Trade notice board at the back of the Church.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** After the initial Meeting for Parents last Sunday, the date for First Holy Communion in our Parish is set for Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at the 4:30 pm Mass. Preparation Classes will begin after Mass on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 in the Parish Hall.

**PARISH CHANGES:** I have now taken over responsibility for the Parish of St Francis of Assisi, in Long Eaton. From THIS weekend onwards the weekend Mass Schedule will be: **Saturdays: 4:30 pm Vigil Mass (Beeston) and 6:30 pm Vigil Mass (Long Eaton) and Sundays 9:00 am Morning Mass (Beeston) and 11:00 Morning Mass (Long Eaton).** Times of Weekday Masses and Services will appear in both the weekly Newsletters. I would ask for your continued patience, co – operation and understanding as we move forwards in these changing and challenging times in our Diocese.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 3:00 pm in St Barnabas Cathedral.** This Mass is open to all couples who have received the Sacrament of Marriage and their families, but is especially appropriate to those recently married or celebrating a significant Anniversary this year or those who simply wish to renew their vows. Please just turn up on the day, but if you want more information do not hesitate to contact Fr David Palmer, Chairman of the Marriage and Family Life Commission at: [catholicdavid@mac.com](mailto:catholicdavid@mac.com) or 0115 978 6236.

**“LIGHT NIGHT” – AN EVENING OF ENCOUNTER:** To continue to respond to Bishop Patrick's call for us to open our hearts to encounter / re – encounter Jesus and His love for us, we will have a prayer service of Adoration and Light on the Vigil of Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019.** The evening will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, beautiful music, testimonies of faith and the opportunity to spend time with Jesus. The service will be a drop in style running from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, feel free to come for the whole time or just 5 – 10 minutes. It is an open service and we will be inviting people of Beeston to come in and light a candle in front of the Altar! If you would like to help out in any way please contact Joe Hopkins at [jt\\_hopkins@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jt_hopkins@hotmail.co.uk).

***THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: We Are Part of the Story of Salvation.***

The event described to us in today's First Reading is truly amazing, if we stop to think about it. It took place around 450 BC. The people of Israel had returned to Jerusalem after 70 years of exile in Babylon. And then an entire generation had spent decades rebuilding the ancient Jewish Temple and reconstructing the protective walls around the Holy City. The walls were finally completed under the leadership of Nehemiah, the Jewish adviser to the king of Persia who had become the official governor of Jerusalem. To celebrate, Nehemiah and Ezra, his top religious adviser, arranged for a special liturgy. That is when all the inhabitants of the city and the surrounding area gathered for a public reading of the Old Testament, as described in today's Reading. Why is this so amazing? For two reasons. First of all, it is amazing that God's Chosen People, the Israelites, had survived as such a tiny nation for 1500 years; since the time of Abraham, in the most war – torn zone of the ancient world. They had been enslaved by Egypt, embattled by the Philistines, invaded by Assyria and, finally, almost obliterated by Babylon. And through it all, God had somehow managed to preserve them. He had also managed to inspire them to hold on to their religious faith and keep safe the Old Testament – the Sacred Scriptures. God guided them through all their trials and even their rebellions, preparing them to give the world its Saviour. But it is amazing for another reason too. 2500 years after that gathering in Jerusalem, here we are, gathered as God's Chosen People in His Church, still listening to the Divinely inspired Word of God. We are part of that same story of salvation that reaches back to the dawn of civilization. This is our amazing identity in Jesus Christ.