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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: **Week Commencing 3rd February 2019**

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time: Year C

FOURTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME: 3rd – 9th February 2019 (Weekday Cycle Year I / Psalter Week IV)

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| <u>Saturday 2nd February: The Presentation of the Lord (Feast)</u> | <u>PARISH FINANCES</u> |
| 10:45 am: Confessions | |
| <u>Saturday 2nd February: Fourth Sunday of the Year: C</u> | 26 th / 27 th January 2019 |
| 4:00 pm: Confessions | Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: TOTAL: Chad: Intercare: SVP: |
| 4:30 pm: Mass; Pro Populo: People of the Parish | |
| 6:30 pm: Mass (St Francis of Assisi Long Eaton): Burgess Family | Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish. |
| <u>Sunday 3rd February: Fourth Sunday of the Year: C</u> | |
| 9:00 am: Mass; Elizabeth Brookbanks RIP (Horgan) | Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick: Isobel Alana Barnes, Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim & 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. |
| 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis of Assisi Long Eaton): Pro Populo | |
| <u>Monday 4th February: Weekday Feria</u> | Isobel Alana Barnes, Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim & 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. |
| 9:00 am: Mass; Fran Buchanan RIP (Solloway) | |
| <u>Tuesday 5th February: St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr (memoria)</u> | Isobel Alana Barnes, Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim & 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. |
| 9:30 am: Mass (St Francis of Assisi Long Eaton): Private Intention | |
| 1:00 pm: Service of the Word and Holy Communion | Isobel Alana Barnes, Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim & 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. |
| <u>Wednesday 6th February: SS Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs (memoria)</u> | |
| 9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion | Isobel Alana Barnes, Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim & 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. |
| <u>Thursday 7th February: Weekday Feria</u> | |
| 9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion | Isobel Alana Barnes, Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim & 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. |
| 9:30 am: Mass (St Francis of Assisi Long Eaton): Holy Souls | |
| <u>Friday 8th February: Weekday Feria</u> | Isobel Alana Barnes, Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim & 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. |
| 9:00 am: Mass; Mrs Martha Whitmore RIP (Foundation Mass) | |
| <u>Saturday 9th February: The Presentation of the Lord (Feast)</u> | Isobel Alana Barnes, Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim & 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. |
| 10:45 am: Confessions | |
| <u>Saturday 9th February: Fifth Sunday of the Year: C</u> | Isobel Alana Barnes, Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim & 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. |
| 4:00 pm: Confessions | |
| 4:30 pm: Mass; Pro Populo: People of the Parish | Isobel Alana Barnes, Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim & 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. |
| 6:30 pm: Mass (St Francis of Assisi Long Eaton): Holy Souls | |
| <u>Sunday 10th February: Fifth Sunday of the Year: C</u> | Isobel Alana Barnes, Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim & 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. |
| 9:00 am: Mass; Catherine Mary Nash RIP | |
| 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis of Assisi Long Eaton): Pro Populo | Isobel Alana Barnes, Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim & 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. |

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: | <i>4:30 pm</i> | <i>9:00 am</i> |
| Welcomers: | | M Simpson & L Newbold |
| Next Week: | | K Orford – Perkins & M Neale |
| Readers: | A Simmons | S Yarwood |
| Next Week: | M Sully | C Hallam |
| Offertory: | J Brennan & J Fox | D & D Wilson |
| Next Week: | K Twomey & J Lyons | M Ferrara & N Iacovitti |
| Coffee: | V Loffreda & J Backhouse | Next Week: J Powell & M Calladine |
| Cashiers: | A Simmons | Next Week: J Brennan |
| Flowers: | Shirley & Sue N | Next Week: Margaret & Sue F |
| Cleaning: | Team Begley | Next Week: Team Powell |
| Brasses: | E Rodrigues | Next Week: M Castor |

POOR CLARES: The Community from Wales are now settling in at the convent in Bulwell. I was able to briefly meet the new Reverend Mother and she was so amazed at all the donations that I took from our Parish on Monday. She sends her thanks to you all. They have a special feast day on 7th February 2019 – Saint Colette – and so our donations are especially welcome. The next visit will be *Monday 25th February 2019. – Diane Wilson.*

FAIR TRADE: Fair Trade Sale **THIS** weekend *2nd / 3rd February 2019*, AFTER BOTH MASSES. 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: Preparation Classes will begin after Mass **THIS Sunday, 3rd February 2019** in the Parish Hall.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING: Please could everyone who has DBS Forms outstanding endeavour to bring the completed forms and identification documents to be collected in after the *9:00 am Mass on Sunday 10th February 2019*. Although I need to see original documents, it would be helpful if each person also brings a copy of each form of identification, as Father has limited time after Mass to facilitate copying. Many Thanks – *Rachel McCarthy (Parish Safeguarding Rep).*

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 10th 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 or 0115 978 6236.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME:
The Uncomfortable Christian is the Successful Christian.

Are we successful Christians? It is not an easy question to answer. What is the measure of success for the followers of Christ? Is it enough to avoid really big sins and make it to Mass on Sundays? That wasn't the criteria that Christ gave us. He raised the bar higher, because He loves us and when you love someone you always seek the very best for them. You are not satisfied with mediocrity. Christ didn't command us just to go to Church and be nice. It doesn't stop there. Christ commanded us to love one another as He loved us and, to go out and make disciples of all nations. That is what Christ did. He was successful at it. And what did His success bring Him? Misunderstanding, persecution, rejection and unpopularity. He went around doing good, tiring Himself out healing the sick, casting demons out of the possessed, comforting the troubled, giving Himself to others out of love and what did He get for it? All the influential and powerful people – the Pharisees and Sadducees – started calling Him a rabble – rouser and spreading rumours that He was a drunkard and an agent of the devil. He went around preaching the truth, the truth about sin and salvation. He preached it fearlessly, eloquently, lovingly, with His words and by His example. And what did he get for it? His own townspeople rejected Him; they tried to throw Him off a cliff! Christ fulfilled His life mission, but it didn't make Him popular. If we are to fulfil our life mission we need to be ready to suffer similar consequences. We can measure our success as Christians not by how comfortable our faith is making us, but by how uncomfortable it is making us. Pope Benedict XVI said, “the path of each single Christian, like that of the Church as a whole, leads to new life, to eternal life, through the imitation of Christ and the experience of His Cross.” Or to put it another way, Our Lord came to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable!