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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: **Week Commencing 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

***Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time: Year C***

FIFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME: 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (Weekday Cycle Year I / Psalter Week I)

<p><b><u>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February: Weekday Feria</u></b>  <b>10:45 am: Confessions</b></p>	<p><b><i>PARISH FINANCES</i></b></p>
<p><b><u>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February: Fifth Sunday of the Year: C</u></b>  <b>4:00 pm: Confessions</b>  <b>4:30 pm: Mass; Pro Populo: People of the Parish</b>  <b>6:30 pm: Mass (St Francis of Assisi Long Eaton): Holy Souls</b></p>	
<p><b><u>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February: Fifth Sunday of the Year: C</u></b>  <b>9:00 am: Mass; Catherine Mary Nash RIP</b>  <b>11:00 am: Mass (St Francis of Assisi Long Eaton): Pro Populo</b></p>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019</p>
<p><b><u>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February: Our Lady of Lourdes (memoria)</u></b>  <b>9:00 am: Mass; Mrs Martha Whitmore RIP (Foundation Mass)</b></p>	<p>Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: <b><u>TOTAL:</u></b> Chad: Intercare: SVP:</p>
<p><b><u>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February: Weekday Feria</u></b>  <b>9:30 am: Mass (St Francis of Assisi Long Eaton): Private Intention</b>  <b>1:00 pm: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</b></p>	<p><b><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i></b></p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February: Weekday Feria</u></b>  <b>9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</b></p>	<p><b><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></b>          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 14<sup>th</sup> February: SS Cyril &amp; Methodius, Bishops &amp; Patrons of Europe (Feast)</u></b>  <b>9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</b>  <b>9:30 am: Mass (St Francis of Assisi Long Eaton): Holy Souls</b></p>	
<p><b><u>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February: Weekday Feria</u></b>  <b>12:30 pm: Confessions</b>  <b>1:00 pm: Mass; Vocations to the Priesthood</b></p>	
<p><b><u>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February: Weekday Feria</u></b>  <b>10:45 am: Confessions</b></p>	
<p><b><u>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February: Sixth Sunday of the Year: C</u></b>  <b>4:00 pm: Confessions</b>  <b>4:30 pm: Mass; Pro Populo: People of the Parish</b>  <b>6:30 pm: Mass (St Francis of Assisi Long Eaton): Holy Souls</b></p>	
<p><b><u>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February: Sixth Sunday of the Year: C</u></b>  <b>9:00 am: Mass; Philip Roulstone RIP</b>  <b>11:00 am: Mass (St Francis of Assisi Long Eaton): Pro Populo</b></p>	

Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to [frcathomas@live.com](mailto:frcathomas@live.com) by Thursday of each week for inclusion in the next issue

<b>ROTAS:</b>	4:30 pm	9:00 am
<b>Welcomers:</b>		K Orford – Perkins & M Neale
<b>Next Week:</b>		D Wilson & M Roy
<b>Readers:</b>	M Sully	C Hallam
<b>Next Week:</b>	T Johnson	A Horgan
<b>Offertory:</b>	K Twomey & J Lyons	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti
<b>Next Week:</b>	M & A Simmons	R & N Wilson
<b>Coffee:</b>	J Powell & M Calladine	<b>Next Week:</b> M Castor & M Neale
<b>Cashiers:</b>	J Brennan	<b>Next Week:</b> J Walton
<b>Flowers:</b>	Margaret & Sue F	<b>Next Week:</b> Suzanne & Margaret J
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Team Powell	<b>Next Week:</b> Team Newbold
<b>Brasses:</b>	M Castor	<b>Next Week:</b> K Bennett

**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 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Saint Colette – and so our donations are especially welcome. The next visit will be *Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019. – Diane Wilson.*

**FAIR TRADE:** Many thanks to everyone who supported the Fair Trade sale last weekend. As in previous years we are continuing to support Mary’s Meals – a charity helping to feed Third World schoolchildren. The next sale will be the weekend 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019. Details of last weekend’s Sale is on the Fair Trade notice board at the back of the church.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Preparation Classes will continue after Mass on *Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019* in the Parish Hall at **10:45 am**.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

**FORTHCOMING PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS:** Parish Brunch after Mass on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019. Tickets on sale soon. Also “Bunny” Beetle Drive on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019 after the Evening Mass (this is the Saturday after Easter), details to follow soon.

**SITUATIONS VACANT:** St. Teresa’s Catholic Primary School, Aspley, Nottingham have vacancies for a Senior Administrative Assistant (full time, term time) and an Administrative Assistant (full time, term time). **Closing date 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019, 9:00 am.** Applications for both posts can be found at [www.eteach.com](http://www.eteach.com).

***THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: Blondin’s High Wire Act***

The story is told of a great circus performer by the name of Charles Blondin who stretched a long steel cable across Niagara Falls. During high winds and without a safety net, he walked, ran and even danced across the tightrope to the amazement and delight of the large crowd of people who watched. He even took a wheelbarrow full of bricks and pushed it effortlessly across the cable, from one side of the falls to the other. Blondin then turned to the crowd and asked, “Now, how many of you believe that I could push a man across the wire in the wheelbarrow?” The vote was unanimous. Everyone cheered and held their hands high. They all believed he could do it! “Then,” asked Blondin, “would one of you please volunteer to be that man?” As quickly as the hands went up, they went back down. Not a single person would volunteer to ride in the wheelbarrow and to trust his life to Blondin. All of us here today believe in Jesus Christ – that is why we came to Mass, but how much have we put that faith into practice? Often we are content to have Jesus sit in our boat, to hear His teaching and feel the comfort of His presence. But when He asks something of us, when He pushes us out of our comfort zone, we resist. That is why we get stuck in our Christian lives: stuck on this side of holiness, stuck with a mediocre happiness, stuck with empty nets. Jesus has more to give us. He wants to fill our nets, as He filled Peter’s. He just needs us to trust Him a little bit more, to climb into His wheelbarrow, to put out into deep water.