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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 5th May 2019

Third Sunday of Easter: Year C

THIRD WEEK OF EASTER: 5th – 11th May 2019 (Weekday Cycle Year I / Psalter Week III)

<u>Saturday 4th May: The English Martyrs (Feast)</u>	<u>PARISH FINANCES</u>
10:45 am: CONFESSIONS	
<u>Saturday 4th May: Third Sunday of Easter</u>	27 th / 28 th April 2019
4:30pm: Mass; Rita Lyons RIP (Jim)	
6:30 pm: Mass (St Francis): Mr Kevan Murphy RIP (Curtis)	Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: TOTAL: Chad: Intercare: SVP:
<u>Sunday 5th May: Third Sunday of Easter</u>	
9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i>
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Holy Souls	
8:30 pm: Beeston Men: Adoration (Blessed Sacrament Chapel) & Ales	Second Collection NEXT Sunday for the Clergy Formation Fund
<u>Monday 6th May: Easter Feria</u>	
10:00 am: Mass; Brian Temple RIP (Twomey)	<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 & Margaret Dougan, Fr Theodore Gomes, Ann Harrison, Breeda Keaney, Elizabeth Reilly, Alan Roberts, Maria Sawicki, Simpson Family, Bob Solloway, Evelyn Venning and Louise Whitham.
<u>Tuesday 7th May: Easter Feria</u>	
9:30 am: (St Francis); Service of the Word and Holy Communion	NO CONFESSIONS TODAY
1:00 pm: Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
<u>Wednesday 8th May: Easter Feria</u>	<u>Friday 10th May: Easter Feria</u>
9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
<u>Thursday 9th May: Easter Feria</u>	<u>Saturday 11th May: Easter Feria</u>
9:00 am Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
9:30 am: (St Francis); Service of the Word and Holy Communion	10:45 am: CONFESSIONS
<u>Friday 10th May: Easter Feria</u>	
1:00 pm: Service of the Word and Holy Communion	<u>Saturday 11th May: Fourth Sunday of Easter</u>
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10:45 am: CONFESSIONS	4:00 pm: CONFESSIONS
<u>Saturday 11th May: Fourth Sunday of Easter</u>	
4:00 pm: CONFESSIONS	4:30 pm: Mass; Margaret Green RIP (Anniversary) (Sully)
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6:30 pm: Mass (St Francis): Brendan Mc Donnell RIP (Watts)	<u>Sunday 12th May: Fourth Sunday of Easter</u>
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9:00 am: Mass; In Thanksgiving (Isobel Barnes)	11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Janus Gomy RIP (Allison)
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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>4:30 pm</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>
Welcomers:		K Orford – Perkins & M Neale
Next Week:		D Wilson & M Roy
Readers:	M Sully	N Wilson
Next Week:	T Johnson	S Yarwood
Offertory:	K Twomey & J Lyons	M Castor & K Garton
Next Week:	M & A Simmons	J Powell & M Calladine
Coffee:	R Marlow & C Kitching	Next Week: V Loffreda & J Backhouse
Cashiers:	J Brennan	Next Week: J Walton
Flowers:	Suzanne & Margaret J	Next Week: Kay & Eve
Cleaning:	Team Powell	Next Week: Team Newbold
Brasses:	M Castor	Next Week: K Bennett

POOR CLARES: The Sisters were overjoyed with the donations they received from our Parish and they send their grateful thanks. The next visit will be *Monday 27th May 2019*. – *Diane Wilson*.

FAIR TRADE: THIS WEEKEND after both Masses. Any profit made from the sale of fairly traded goods in the Parish goes to Mary's Meals which is a charity helping to feed Third World schoolchildren – information about Mary's Meals can also be found on the notice board.

TREETOPS HOSPICE STARLIGHT STRUT: On *Friday 17th May 2019*, a few English Martyrs' mums are taking part in a 10km sponsored walk in Derby city to raise money for Treetops Hospice. If you would like to sponsor us, please visit our Justgiving Page: <https://www.justgiving.com/teams/beestonstarlightstrutters> – Thank you from *Angela, Cath, Clare* and *Nuala*.

THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the Bunny Beetle on Saturday evening and especially those hardy souls that came along to join in the fun. It was great to welcome some new people. We had some good food, a lot of laughs and even raised a little money for Church funds. THANK YOU!

SITUATIONS VACANT: The Diocese has a vacancy for a Chief Operating Officer based at Willson House next to the Cathedral in Nottingham. This new role will provide an exciting opportunity to make a pivotal contribution to the Church's mission by managing the resources of the Diocese in a creative and professional manner. The COO will report to the Episcopal Vicar for Finance and Administration who is a member of the Board of Directors. The closing date for applications is *12:00 noon on Tuesday 28th May 2019*. Further information and application form can be obtained by e-mailing financial.secretary@nrcdt.org.uk

PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY 21st JULY 2019 AT DOVECOTE PARK: A chance to get to know each other better, all parishioners most welcome. More details to follow nearer the time but for now a date for the diary. In the mean – time, let's pray for fine weather! – *Clare Newman* (clarenewman@hotmail.co.uk).

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: The Church Will Endure Forever.

At the time when St John wrote his gospel, the first persecutions of the Church had already started. The Roman Emperors had already begun their policy of executing Christians for treason, because Christians refused to worship the Roman gods. One of John's themes, therefore, in all of his New Testament writings, is the power of the Church to grow and to endure even through difficult times, even through violent persecutions. This comes out in today's Gospel, in the image of a fishing net full of fish – an analogy for the Church that appears more than once in the Gospels. The Apostles are feeling stir – crazy in the days after the Resurrection, before receiving the gift of Holy Spirit. They decide to go fishing. Then the Lord appears to them and engineers a miraculous catch of fish, just as He had done three years earlier. When Peter brings the catch to shore, St John makes a point of mentioning a curious detail: the net was “full of big fish, one hundred and fifty – three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken.” Peter brought the overflowing net onto the shore safely, almost miraculously – so many large fish should have torn that net, but they didn't. The net is the Church. It is filled with believers whom Christ gathers out of the ocean of time and history through the ministry of Peter and the Apostles and their successors, the Popes and Bishops. And Peter is the one who hauls this supernatural community onto the shores of eternity at the end of time, where they will all feast with the Lord. In spite of sufferings, scandals and sins, in spite of obstacles, challenges and persecutions, Christ's Church will continue to grow and expand under the ministry of Peter and it will stay intact until it is brought safely home to heaven – Peter's net will not tear. Jesus established His Church, promised to be with that Church until the end of time and commanded Peter to lead that Church, to “feed His sheep,” and to “feed His lambs.” If we didn't need a shepherd, Jesus would not have given us one. We need one because in this fallen world there are many dead – end paths, seductive voices, temptations and false shepherds. Only Peter and his successors, the Popes and Bishops, have received the divine guarantee to point out the path of Christ in the midst of confusion and unrest. It is not always easy to follow the Pope's teachings. When we follow Peter, that sometimes means following him to the Cross, because Peter followed Christ so closely that he too ended up being humiliated and crucified in Rome, under the Roman Emperor, Nero. And yet, that is the sure path to life; it was Peter's net that was not torn; it was Peter who hauled that net safely onto the shore. Today, as Christ comes again to feed our souls through the ministry of His Church which has grown and endured through the centuries under the guidance of Peter, let us thank the Lord for taking such good care of us. And let us promise Him that we will do our part too, listening to the teaching of His Vicar, striving to understand it and obeying it out love for the Lord.