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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 12th May 2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter: Year C

FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER: 12th – 18th May 2019 (Weekday Cycle Year I / Psalter Week III)

<u>Saturday 11th May: Easter Feria</u>	<u>PARISH FINANCES</u>
10:45 am: CONFESSIONS	
<u>Saturday 11th May: Fourth Sunday of Easter</u>	4 th / 5 th May 2019
4:30pm: Mass; Margaret Green RIP (Anniversary) (Sully)	
6:30 pm: Mass (St Francis): Brendan Mc Donnell RIP (Watts)	Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: <u>TOTAL:</u> Chad: Intercare: SVP:
<u>Sunday 12th May: Fourth Sunday of Easter</u>	
9:00 am: Mass; In Thanksgiving (Isobel Barnes)	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i>
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Janus Gomy RIP (Allison)	
<u>Monday 13th May: Easter Feria</u>	Second Collection THIS Sunday for the Clergy Formation Fund.
9:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls	
<u>Tuesday 14th May: St Matthias, Apostle (Feast)</u>	<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.
9:30 am: Mass (St Francis); Pro Populo: People of the Parish	
1:00 pm: Service of the Word and Holy Communion	THIS Sunday for the Clergy Formation Fund.
<u>Wednesday 15th May: Easter Feria</u>	
9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion	<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>Thursday 16th May: Easter Feria</u>	
9:00 am Service of the Word and Holy Communion	THIS Sunday for the Clergy Formation Fund.
9:30 am: Mass (St Francis); Holy Souls	
<u>Friday 17th May: Easter Feria</u>	<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.
12:30 pm: CONFESSIONS	
1:00 pm: Mass; Tony Plowright RIP (Frances & Plowright Family)	THIS Sunday for the Clergy Formation Fund.
<u>Saturday 18th May: Easter Feria</u>	
10:45 am: CONFESSIONS	<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>Saturday 18th May: Fifth Sunday of Easter</u>	
4:00 pm: CONFESSIONS	THIS Sunday for the Clergy Formation Fund.
4:30 pm: Mass; Peace Poppy Smith RIP (2 nd Anniversary)	
6:30 pm: Mass (St Francis): Stanislowa Roslaniec RIP	<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>Sunday 19th May: Fifth Sunday of Easter</u>	
9:00 am: Mass; Phillip Goodall RIP (Butler)	THIS Sunday for the Clergy Formation Fund.
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Bridget Ward RIP (Allison)	

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:		D Wilson & M Roy
Next Week:		M Cookson & S Neely
Readers:	T Johnson	S Yarwood
Next Week:	A Simmons	C Hallam
Offertory:	M & A Simmons	J Powell & M Calladine
Next Week:	J Brennan & J Fox	D & D Wilson
Coffee:	V Loffreda & J Backhouse	Next Week: M Calladine & J Powell
Cashiers:	J Walton	Next Week: A Simmons
Flowers:	Kay & Eve	Next Week: Shirley & Sue N
Cleaning:	Team Newbold	Next Week: Team Shalloe
Brasses:	K Bennett	Next Week: L Newbold

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: Thank you to everyone who supported the Fair Trade sale last weekend – details are on the Fair Trade notice board. We are continuing to support Mary's Meals – a charity helping to feed Third World schoolchildren. Information about Mary's meals can be found on the notice board at the back of the church. The next sale will be 1st / 2nd June 2018.

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*.

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).

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Perseverance is a Virtue.

Among some non – Catholic Christians, there is a popular phrase that says: “once saved, always saved.” The idea is that after you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour, then no matter what you do afterwards you will still go to heaven. At first it sounds nice, but it is in fact contrary to Christianity. God does not want us to be slaves in heaven; He wants us to be friends and friendship is never automatic. Our friendship with God starts here on earth with our Baptism. It grows as we get to know Christ, discover His plan for our lives and strive to live, with the help of His grace, as He wants us to live. But at any point along this journey we can break off that relationship. He leaves us free to do so, because He loves us and because He wants our love. Friendship is like that. It can be broken by one terrible act of disloyalty, or it can slowly disintegrate due to lack of attention. Our friendship with Christ is a real friendship, so it is vulnerable in the same way. In fact, it is even more vulnerable, because the devil does his best to make it hard for us to stay faithful to Christ. That is why today's First Reading described Paul and Barnabas as visiting the Christian communities and, “urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.” That is also why the Second Reading described the saints in heaven as having, “been through the great persecution.” God is the faithful Good Shepherd and His grace never fails, but we, stubborn and selfish sheep, are too often lured into temptation. This is why Christians in all ages have considered perseverance to be one of the greatest virtues. We owe our faith and hope to the perseverance of missionaries from the past who, like Paul and Barnabas, carried the torch of truth and grace courageously, never backing down in the face of difficulties, just as Christ Himself never backed down. Now the torch is in our hands. Now God has entrusted the light of His gospel to us. Every Christian is a missionary. We are each called to bring the light we have received into the lives of those around us, into our communities, work places, families and schools. Each one of us has an entirely unique circle of acquaintances, an entirely unique network of relationships. If out of fear or laziness we fail to carry our torch into that circle and into that network, those lives may never receive the light. But if we follow in the footsteps of Christ and of the many generations of faithful Catholics who have gone before us, if we strive every day to live as Christ would have us live, giving a constant example of kindness, courage, concern for others, forgiveness, responsibility and hard work, we will spread the light. If we stay attentive to opportunities that God sends us to speak clearly and encouragingly to others about the Gospel, to invite them to follow Christ, we will spread the light. It won't be easy. Our own self – centeredness will resist. The devil will throw up obstacles. But if we persevere, grace will win in the end, as it always does. Today, as Christ feeds us once again with His own strength, the strength that made Him persevere in the face of His Cross, let us ask Him for the grace of perseverance, and let us promise never again to let our torches go out.