



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION,
FOSTER AVENUE, BEESTON,
NOTTINGHAM, NG9 1AE
and
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH,
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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT : 22nd - 28th December 2019 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week IV)

Saturday 21st December: <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent; Year A</i>	<i>PARISH FINANCES</i>
4:30pm: Mass; Anthony Diamond RIP	14 th / 15 th December 2019
6:30 pm: Mass (St Francis); Joe Delaney RIP (Curtis)	
Sunday 22nd December: <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent; Year A</i>	Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: TOTAL: Chad: Intercare: SVP: Poor & Needy Parishes: <i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i> Second Collection THIS WEEKEND for the Christmas Flowers. Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick: Isobel Alana Barnes, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim & Margaret Dougan, Fr Theodore Gomes, Ann Harrison, Fr Peter Harvey, Andrea Hoffman, Breeda Keaney, Elizabeth Reilly, Alan Roberts, Maria Sawicki, Simpson Family, Canon Colin Taylor, and Evelyn Venning.
9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); David Morgan Jnr RIP	
4:00 pm: Evening Prayer & Benediction	
Monday 23rd December: <i>Advent Feria</i>	
9:00 am: Mass; Private Intention for Parent and Step Parent	
9:30 am: (St Francis); Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
Tuesday 24th December: <i>Advent Feria</i>	
NO MORNING MASS OR SERVICE OF THE WORD	
Tuesday 24th December: <i>The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity)</i>	
4:00 pm; Carols before Mass	
4:30 pm; Vigil Mass: Nancy Burrows RIP (Walton)	
6:30 pm; Vigil Mass (St Francis): Winifred Lally RIP	
11:30 pm; Carols before Mass:	
Wednesday 25th December: <i>The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity)</i>	
Midnight; Midnight Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	
9:00; Mass; Bob Solloway RIP (Lowe)	
11:00 am; Mass (St Francis); Ann Roe RIP	
Thursday 26th December: <i>St Stephen, Proto – Martyr (Feast)</i>	
12:00 pm: Mass; Special Intention	
Friday 27th December: <i>St John, Apostle & Evangelist (Feast)</i>	
10:00 am: Mass; Private Intention	
Saturday 28th December: <i>The Holy Family (Feast)</i>	
4:30 pm: Mass; In Thanksgiving (Gildea Family)	
6:30 pm: Mass (St Francis); Pro Populo; People of the Parish	
Sunday 29th December: <i>The Holy Family (Feast)</i>	
9:00 am: Mass; David Powell RIP (Anniversary)	
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Holy Souls (November Dead)	
4:00 pm; Reception; Louise Whitham RIP	

ROTAS:	4:30 pm	9:00 am	
Welcomers:		D Wilson & M Roy	
Next Week:		M Cookson & S Neely	
Readers:	T Johnston	R Marlow	
Next Week:	A Simmons	S Grant	
Offertory:	K Twomey & J Lyons	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti	
Next Week:	A Simmons & Volunteer	R & N Wilson	
Coffee:	M Castor & M Neale	Next Week:	Arnd & Alessia
Cashiers:	-	Next Week:	J Walton
	THIS WEEK		NEXT WEEK
Flowers:	CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	Next Week:	Shirley & Sue N
Church Cleaning:	Team Freyne	Next Week:	Team Agius
Hall Cleaning:	-	Next Week:	Arnd, Nuala & Alessia
Brasses:	K Bennett	Next Week:	L Newbold

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Louise Whitham*, who died on *7th December 2019*. Louise's body will be received into Church on *Sunday 29th December 2019 at 4:00 pm* and her Requiem Mass will take place on *Monday 30th December 2019 at 11:00 am* followed by Cremation at Bramcote Crematorium. Also *David Russell* who died on *24th November 2019*. David's body will be received into Church on *Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 5:00 pm* and his Requiem Mass will take place on *Wednesday 8th January 2020 at 10:30 am* followed by Burial at Beeston Cemetery. We remember them and their families at this sad time. May they rest in peace.

MASS TIME CHANGES: from the *first Saturday in the new year (4th January 2020)* the number of weekend Masses will be reduced from four to three. This means that there will be only one Vigil Mass on Saturdays from that date onwards. Having listened and taken note of your comments / suggestions, from now on the *Saturday Vigil Mass will be at the Assumption Beeston at 6:00 pm*. Sunday Masses will not change and will remain at the same times.

POOR CLARES: I will be visiting the Sisters this coming *Monday, 23rd December 2019* which is earlier than usual but this means that they will have our gifts and donations in time for their Christmas celebrations. Because their number has now increased to 17 our support is greatly appreciated and looked forward to. Thanks for your continued support. – *Diane Wilson*.

MISSIO: I have just completed banking the MISSIO Mill / Hill Red Box money for 2019 and this year Parishioners have donated a magnificent amount of **£ 705. 50** in the Red Boxes. Many thanks to all you Red Box holders – if anyone would like a box please ask me. There are still a few MISSIO 2020 Calendars left – if you would like one then please help yourself. *Diane Wilson* – *Parish MISSIO Secretary*.

ADVENT ADORATION – MEETING CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST: Thanks to those who have been in the Adoration Chapel over the last week. If you haven't yet taken part, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/aaadore>. If you are not sure what to do in an hour of adoration, simply ask! Sign up for an hour – or more! – on our rota, to make sure someone is in the Chapel, with Christ in the Eucharist, every evening during *Advent from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm*. Of course, you can come along without signing up – the Chapel is always available – but if you do sign up we'll know that someone will definitely be there. There's just a small group of us who will try to cover any gaps, so it is important for us to know what is covered!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We will begin our Parish preparations for First Holy Communion in *January 2020*. Could the parents of any children in the Parish who are in School Year 3 and above and who have not made their First Holy Communion please speak to me as soon as possible about enrolling in the preparation Classes.

CHRISTMAS TREE: The Christmas Tree has now been put up in Church in its usual place near the Lady Chapel. As we did last year and, in the spirit of the Christmas Tradition, we will try to put some presents under the tree, remembering those in particular for whom Christmas is not going to be such a joyful time. It is hoped therefore that these presents would be particularly useful to the needy and homeless and we can pass them on to the Canaan Trust. If we could make an appeal then, for things such as hats, gloves, scarves, socks, toiletries, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, disposable razors, hygienic wipes, combs and deodorant. These items do not need to gift wrapped as they can then be more easily sorted and distributed.

THANK YOU: To all who have helped to prepare the Church for the Christmas celebrations and to all those who have contributed to and supported the Parish during 2019. Special thanks to the Church and Hall Cleaners, Flower Arrangers, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Readers, Ministers, Children's Liturgy Group, Musicians and Choir, Catechists, Welcomers, Collection Counters and all those whose hard work and endeavours often goes unnoticed. Many thanks to you all. I would also like to express my thanks for all your cards and gifts and, messages of support; not only at this time but throughout the year; it has been very much appreciated. I am aware that things have not been easy in the Parish since I took over the Parish of St Francis and lots of changes have had to be made in order to accommodate the pastoral needs of both Parishes. I would ask for your continued patience, co – operation and understanding as we move forward in these changing and challenging times in our Diocese. And more especially I would ask you to pray for and encourage Vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese. There used to be a Vocations Poster which stated very plainly, "Your *Priest* is somebody's *Son* – Your *Son* could be somebody's *Priest*." *I wish you all Best Wishes and Prayers for Happy, Holy and Peaceful Christmas and every good wish for a prosperous New Year. – Fr Christopher Thomas*

