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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: A

SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME: 19th – 25th January 2020 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week II)

Saturday 18th January: <i>2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time: A</i>	PARISH FINANCES
5:30pm: Confessions	
6:00 pm: Mass; Dina Iacovitti RIP (Nina)	11 th / 12 th January 2020
Sunday 19th January: <i>2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time: A</i>	
9:00 am: Mass; Louise Whitham RIP (Calladine)	Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: TOTAL: Chad: Intercare: SVP: White Flower Appeal:
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Pro Populo; People of the Parish	
Monday 20th January: <i>Weekday Feria</i>	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i>
9:00 am: Mass; Bob Solloway RIP (O'Connor)	
9:30 am: (St Francis); Service of the Word and Holy Communion	Second Collection THIS Weekend for the Sick & Retired Priests.
Tuesday 21st January: <i>St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr (memoria)</i>	
9:30 am: (St Francis); Service of the Word and Holy Communion	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> Isobel Alana Barnes, Marica Borsos, Jessie Breame, 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.
1:00 pm: Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
Wednesday 22nd January: <i>Weekday Feria</i>	
9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
9:30 am: (St Francis); Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
Thursday 23rd January: <i>Weekday Feria</i>	
9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
9:30 am: (St Francis); Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
Friday 24th January: <i>St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor (mem)</i>	
NO CONFESSIONS TODAY	
1:00 pm: Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
Saturday 25th January: <i>The Conversion of St Paul (Feast)</i>	
10:45 am: Confessions	
2:00 pm: Baptism; Esther Rose Hopkins	
Saturday 25th January: <i>3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time: A</i>	
5:30 pm: Confessions	
6:00 pm: Mass; For Alistair (Maggie)	
Sunday 26th January: <i>3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time: A</i>	
9:00 am: Mass; John Frederick Dixon RIP (Teresa)	
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Pro Populo; People of the Parish	

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:	4:30 pm	9:00 am
Welcomers:	D Wilson & M Roy	
Next Week:	M Cookson & S Neely	
Readers:	T Johnston	N Wilson
Next Week:	A Simmons	S Yarwood
Offertory:	A Simmons & Volunteer	D & D Wilson
Next Week:	Volunteers	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti
Coffee:	R Marlow & V Loffreda	Next Week: M Calladine & J Powell
Cashiers:	J Walton	Next Week: A Simmons
	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
Flowers:	Shirley & Sue N	Next Week: Margaret & Sue F
Church Cleaning:	Team Newbold	Next Week: Team Shalloe
Hall Cleaning:	Julia, Katy & Stella	Next Week: Maggie, Maria & Adriane
Brasses:	K Bennett	Next Week: -

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *John Frederick Dixon* who died on *1st January 2020*. John's Funeral Service will take place on *Wednesday 29th January 2020 at 11:00 am* followed by Burial at Beeston Cemetery. We remember him and his family at this sad time. May he rest in peace.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Next weekend we welcome a new member into our Parish Community: *Esther Rose Hopkins* who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on *Saturday 25th January 2020*. We pray for her and her parents, *Joe* and *Izzy* on this happy occasion and who wish to extend an invitation to any Parishioners who would like to attend.

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: "SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD;" 26th JANUARY 2020: By Papal Decree, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time this year, 26th January, is to be observed as a special day devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. This newly established "Sunday of the Word of God" is an invitation to Catholics across the world to deepen their appreciation, love and faithful witness to God and His Word. We have been invited by the Holy Father to respond with creative initiatives. One suggestion which the Holy Father makes is that we bring a copy of the Bible to be blessed during Mass on this special Sunday. If you have a Bible(s) at home please bring them to Mass next Sunday where they will be blessed during Mass.

POOR CLARES: The Sisters were overwhelmed by the generosity of parishioners when I took your donations and gifts to them just before Christmas. They asked me to pass on their thanks and want you to know that our Parish is in their prayers every day. Our continued support is so important to them now that their number has increased. The next visit will be *Monday January 27th 2020 – Diane Wilson*.

FAIR TRADE: The next sale will be **NEXT WEEKEND 25th / 26th January 2020** and once again we are continuing to support Mary's Meals with any profit from the sale of Fair Trade goods.

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 see me as soon as possible and **collect an Enrolment Form** for the preparation Classes.

UNPLANNED: On *Wednesday 22nd January 2020 at 6:15 pm*, the film, "Unplanned," which tells the story of Abby Johnson's journey from involvement in the abortion industry to being Pro – Life, will be shown at the Savoy Cinema in Nottingham. Tickets are now on sale on the Savoy website (<https://www.savoyonline.co.uk/SavoyNottingham.dll/WhatsOn?Film=29682605>) – and if more than 60% of seats are sold for the Wednesday showing, an additional showing will be provided on the Thursday. Please try to come along – and let interested friends know as well!

ROSARIES: with large beads, as requested, are now available in the Repository Shop.

RCIA PROGRAMME: Our Parishes RCIA Course resumes **NEXT Wednesday, 29th January 2020 at 7:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. The subject for that week: *"The Paschal Mystery."* If anyone would like more information or would like to become involved or take part in this Programme please speak to me as soon as possible. All welcome.

ANOTHER DAY FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN: "One Faith: Different Cultures:" Saturday 29th February 2020, 10:30 am – 4:00 pm at St Joseph's, Leicester LE5 6RA. As with our previous events the women speakers share their experience, understandings and vision for our Catholic Church through interviews. The women on 29th February are representative of the diverse cultures that make up our universal Church and are currently living here in the United Kingdom. The morning opens with prayer followed by the interviews and concludes with a music meditation. After lunch there is an afternoon of questions and small group discussions inspired by the issues raised during the morning session. The day is open to all women who identify as Catholic, whether or not they are still actively involved in parish life and we also welcome those who no longer practice their faith and perhaps feel the Catholic Faith is no longer relevant to them. There is no charge for the day although lunch (soup, rolls, cakes, etc.) is available at £3. 50. To book a place telephone 0116 2207881 or email Alison.CWS@outlook.com or CatherineMaryBrady@gmail.com.

"WHERE THERE IS NO DOCTOR:" The *Nottingham Catholic Medical Association* (CMA) invites you to hear *Dr Andrew Connery* reflect on the highs and lows of working with 'Doctors Without Borders' (MSF) in rural Mozambique. All welcome. On *Thursday 6th February 2020 at 7:30pm* in the large Hall of the Church of the Good Shepherd Church, 3 Thackerays Lane, Nottingham, NG5 4HT. Light refreshments provided. Free entrance, donations for costs gratefully received. For more information contact Caroline: 07757 285888.

THANK YOU: To everyone who sponsored me for the Framework Sleep – Out last November. You generously donated a total of **£ 355. 00**. Grateful thanks on behalf of the Nottingham homeless – *Alan Horgan*