



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - CANDLEMAS
FOURTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME: 2nd – 8th February 2020 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week IV)

<u>Saturday 1st February:</u> <i><u>The Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas (Feast)</u></i>	<u>PARISH FINANCES</u>
5:30pm: Confessions 6:00 pm: Mass; Mrs Ellie Fokker (Curtis)	
<u>Sunday 2nd February:</u> <i><u>The Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas (Feast)</u></i>	25 th / 26 th January 2020
9:00 am: Mass; Bob Solloway RIP (Wilson) 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Intentions of Kathleen Willis (Craft Class) 8:30 pm: Beeston Men: Adoration (Blessed Sacrament Chapel) & Ales	Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: TOTAL: Chad: Intercare: SVP:
<u>Monday 3rd February:</u> <i><u>St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr (memoria)</u></i>	Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.
9:00 am: Mass; Intentions of Sister Mercy (Wilson) 9:30 am: (St Francis); Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
<u>Tuesday 4th February:</u> <i><u>Weekday Feria</u></i>	
9:30 am: Mass (St Francis); Holy Souls 1:00 pm: Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
<u>Wednesday 5th February:</u> <i><u>St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr (memoria)</u></i>	
9:30 am: (St Francis); Service of the Word and Holy Communion 7:00 pm: Mass; Mrs Manju Macwan RIP	
<u>Thursday 6th February:</u> <i><u>St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs (mem)</u></i>	
9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion 9:30 am: Mass (St Francis); 1 st Wedding Anniversary (Fernandes)	
<u>Friday 7th February:</u> <i><u>Weekday Feria</u></i>	
12:30 pm: CONFESSIONS 1:00 pm: Mass; Des Burrows & Family (Boland)	
<u>Saturday 8th February:</u> <i><u>Weekday Feria</u></i>	
10:45 am: Confessions	
<u>Saturday 8th February:</u> <i><u>Fifth Sunday of the Year: A</u></i>	Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick: 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.
5:30 pm: Confessions 6:00 pm: Mass; Mrs Pat Rayment RIP	
<u>Sunday 9th February:</u> <i><u>Fifth Sunday of the Year: A</u></i>	
9:00 am: Mass; Dennis & Nancy Spray RIP (Castor) 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Pro Populo; People of the Parish	

ROTAS:	6:00 pm	9:00 am
Welcomers:	M Simpson & L Newbold	
Next Week:	M Neale	
Readers:	P Hubberstey	C Hallam
Next Week:	M Sully	A Horgan
Offertory:	K Twomey & J Lyons	R & N Wilson
Next Week:	A Simmons & Volunteer	M Castor & K Garton
Coffee:	M Castor & M Neale	Next Week: Arnd & Alessia
Cashiers:	-	Next Week: J Walton
	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
Flowers:	Suzanne & Margaret J	Next Week: Kay & Eve
Church Cleaning:	Team Freyne	Next Week: Team Agius
Hall Cleaning:	Arnd, Nuala & Alessia	Next Week: Maggie, Maria & Adriane
Brasses:	-	Next Week: M Castor

POOR CLARES: The sisters send their thanks to Parishioners for their kindness in sending food and donations to them. They rely entirely on the donations they receive from us and other benefactors. The next visit will be Monday 24th February 2020. – *Diane Wilson.*

FAIR TRADE: A big thank you to everyone who supported the Fair Trade Sale. Once again we are supporting Mary's Meals with all the profit we make from the sale of Fair Trade goods in the Parish. The next sale is 22nd / 23rd February 2020.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We will begin our Parish preparations for First Holy Communion with a short meeting after Mass **THIS Sunday 2nd February 2020** for the children and their parents / carers. Information about the course and how it will run will be discussed then and then the Classes will begin after Mass **NEXT Sunday 9th February 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.

RCIA PROGRAMME: Our Parishes RCIA Course continues **THIS Wednesday, 5th February 2020 at 7:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. The subject for that week: *"The Trinity."* 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE is a peaceful and prayerful way to work for an end to abortion. In Nottingham, with the support of Bishop Patrick, we have prayed outside the abortion facility at the QMC during Lent over the last few years: routine abortions no longer take place there. This year we will be at the Stapleford Care Centre, which contains a BPAS abortion clinic. You're invited to stand and peacefully pray for an hour or two during a 40 – Day Vigil running for 12 hours daily during Lent. Please **sign up now** to pray with us at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/Nottingham> or come to our **information evening on 13th February 2020** (details on the website as above) or contact us at 40daysforlifenotts@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.

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP: The next Adoration and Ales is **THIS Sunday 2nd February 2020 at 8:30 pm**. An hour of Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel, followed by drinks at a local pub. All men from Beeston and Long Eaton are very welcome! If you don't know the door code for the chapel, just ask Fr Christopher, David Aldred or Alan Horgan.

2nd ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR THE VENERABLE MARY POTTER: Bishop Patrick will be presiding to pray for the beatification of the Venerable Mary Potter at the Cathedral on **Saturday 8th February 2020 at 11:30am**. All are invited to come along to this event. Light refreshments will be available in the hall following Mass.

GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU: IT'S WILD AND PRECIOUS: Has the thought ever crossed your mind about becoming a Religious Sister or Brother? *'Come and Ask Afternoons'* at Our Lady and St Edwards Gordon Road, St. Ann's, Nottingham, NG3 2LG on **Saturday 14th March 2020: 2:30 – 4:00 pm**. If further information is required contact; Sr Maureen Brennan maureenbrennancsjp@gmail.com, Sr Susan Richert religious@nrcdt.org.uk 07751196124 or The Nottingham Vocation team nottinghamvocations@hotmail.co.uk

OUTSIDE THE CITY: The documentary about the monks of Mount St Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire, which, as you know, is a community in our Diocese has received excellent reviews. It is the only Trappist monastery in England and it's also the home of Tynt Meadow Beer, an English Trappist Ale. "If you're interested in deeper questions about the human experience, if you want to know what it means to give up everything in search of something, then you'll love Outside the city." Further showings as listed will be at Leicester, Phoenix Cinema, **7th – 11th February 2020** <https://www.phoenix.org.uk/programme/outside-the-city-2> and Nottingham, Broadway Cinema, **Thursday 13th February 2020 at 10:30, 13:30 and 17:30** <https://www.broadway.org.uk/whats-on/outside-city>. The trailer can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7nRNM-2RyFk&t=15s>. For more information visit: www.facebook.com/outsidethecityfilm www.outsidethecityfilm.com

ANNUAL (VALENTINE) MARRIAGE MASS: This Annual Diocesan Mass to celebrate the gift of Christian marriage, is where married couples are able to renew their vows before the Bishop and receive his Apostolic blessing on their Marriages. This year, it will take place on **Sunday 16th February 2020 at 3:00 pm** at *St Barnabas Cathedral*. This Mass is open to all married couples, but is especially appropriate to those recently married or celebrating a significant anniversary. All are Welcome. (If you require more details please contact Fr. David Palmer: catholicdavid@mac.com)

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.