



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: THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR & SEVENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME: 23rd – 29th February 2020 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week III)

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| <p><u>Saturday 22nd February:</u> <i>Seventh Sunday of the Year: A</i></p> <p>5:30pm: Confessions</p> <p>6:00 pm: Mass; Helen Gildea RIP (1st Anniversary) (Gildea Family)</p> | <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;"><u>PARISH FINANCES</u></p> |
| <p><u>Sunday 23rd February:</u> <i>Seventh Sunday of the Year: A</i></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p> <p>11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Kathleen Dahill RIP (Bradford)</p> | |
| <p><u>Monday 24th February:</u> <i>Weekday Feria</i></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Deceased Parish Clergy (Foundation Mass)</p> <p>9:30 am: (St Francis); Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p> | <p>15th / 16th February 2020</p> |
| <p><u>Tuesday 25th February:</u> <i>Weekday Feria</i></p> <p>9:30 am: Mass (St Francis); Special Intention</p> <p>1:00 pm: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p> | <p>Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: TOTAL: Chad: Intercare: SVP:</p> |
| <p><u>Wednesday 26th February:</u> <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); David Powell RIP (Anniversary) (Jane)</p> <p>7:00 pm: Mass; Mrs Martha Whitmore (Foundation Mass)</p> | <p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i></p> |
| <p><u>Thursday 27th February:</u> <i>Lenten Feria</i></p> <p>9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p> <p>9:30 am: Mass (St Francis); Holy Souls</p> | <p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></p> <p>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 and Evelyn Venning.</p> |
| <p><u>Friday 28th February:</u> <i>Lenten Feria</i></p> <p>12:30 pm: CONFESSIONS</p> <p>1:00 pm: Mass; Mike & Julia Wilson RIP (D & D Wilson)</p> | |
| <p><u>Saturday 29th February:</u> <i>Lenten Feria</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO MORNING CONFESSIONS</p> | |
| <p><u>Saturday 29th February:</u> <i>First Sunday of Lent: A</i></p> <p>5:30 pm: Confessions</p> <p>6:00 pm: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p> | |
| <p><u>Sunday 1st March:</u> <i>First Sunday of Lent: A</i></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Bob Solloway RIP (Walton)</p> <p>11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Cypprie Hillier RIP (Halliday)</p> <p>8:30 pm: Beeston Men: Adoration (Blessed Sacrament Chapel) & Ales</p> | <p><u>SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON CLUB:</u> <i>This Thursday, 27th February 2020 at 1:00 pm.</i> For tickets please contact Geraldine (0115 925 9828).</p> |

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.

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| ROTAS: | 6:00 pm | 9:00 am |
| Welcomers: | M Cookson & S Neely | |
| Next Week: | M Simpson & L Newbold | |
| Readers: | A Simmons | S Grant |
| Next Week: | P Hubberstey | S O'Brien |
| Offertory: | K Twomey & J Lyons | D & D Wilson |
| Next Week: | A Simmons & Volunteer | M Ferrara & N Iacovotti |
| Coffee: | Hopkins & Twentymans | Next Week: R Marlow & V Loffreda |
| Cashiers: | - | Next Week: J Walton |
| | THIS WEEK | NEXT WEEK |
| Flowers: | NO FLOWERS IN LENT | Next Week: NO FLOWERS IN LENT |
| Church Cleaning: | Team Powell | Next Week: Team Newbold |
| Hall Cleaning: | Julia, Katy & Stella | Next Week: Maggie, Maria & Adriane |
| Brasses: | L Newbold | Next Week: - |

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Canon Colin Taylor*, a priest of our Diocese who died on *Wednesday 19th February 2020*. Canon Colin had previously been Parish Priest in Ilkeston. His Requiem Mass will take place at Our Lady of Lincoln, Laughton Way, Lincoln. LN2 2HE on *Friday 6th March 2020 at 11:00 am*. May he rest in peace.

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 *THIS Monday, 24th February 2020*. – *Diane Wilson*.

FAIR TRADE: THIS WEEKEND 22nd/23rd February 2020 after both masses. All profit made from the sale of Fair Trade goods in our parish goes to Mary's Meals which is a charity helping to feed school children in the Third World.

FRIDAY LENTEN SOUP: Starting *THIS Friday, 28th February 2020, after the 1:00 pm Mass*. Homemade soup and a roll will be served in the Hall during the six Fridays of Lent. There will be a choice of two different soups each week for a donation of £ 2.50 per person with all donations going to CAFOD. All welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: the next Holy Communion Classes will be after Mass on *Sunday 1st March 2020*.

PARISH PANCAKE SOCIAL: Tuesday 25th February 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Come and enjoy Pancakes with your Parish Community. Tickets on sale £ 2.00 each.

PARISH TRIP TO ST MARY'S SEMINARY, OSCOTT, SUTTON COLDFIELD – WEDNESDAY 29th APRIL 2020: Leaving Beeston at 10:00 am approx. This Trip includes a Tour of the Seminary and Tea and Cake. The cost of the tour is £10 each which needs to be paid to Marie Calladine by 29th February / 1st March 2020 there will also be an additional cost of transport. Please note that the Seminary does not have a lift and there are quite a few stairs (for further information please speak to Fr Christopher). If you wish to go please put your name on the list at the back of Church, please note there are limited places available.

RCIA PROGRAMME: Our Parishes RCIA Course continues *THIS Wednesday, 26th February 2020 at 8:00 pm* in the Parish Hall. The subject for this week: "*Mary and The Four Last Things*." All welcome.

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP: The next Adoration and Ales is *NEXT Sunday, 1st March 2020 at 8:30pm*. An hour of Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel, followed by drinks at a local pub. Men from Beeston and Long Eaton all welcome! If you don't know the door code for the chapel, just ask Fr Christopher, David Aldred or Alan Horgan.

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 contact us at 40daysforlifenootts@gmail.com.

OPPORTUNITY TO WORK FOR MARRIAGE CARE: Marriage Care is seeking to appoint a part – time Team Leader to head our Appointment Service. The successful applicant will help us support adult relationships through our marriage preparation and relationship counselling services and will support our gifted team of 600 volunteers across England and Wales. For more information please visit www.marriagecare.org.uk/get-involved. The closing date for applications is *27th February 2020*.

ST BARNABAS CATHEDRAL HOSTS J S BACH ST JOHN PASSION: In this 'Year of the Word', join Bishop Patrick on *Saturday 7th March 2020 at 7:45 pm* at St Barnabas Cathedral for a performance of J. S. Bach: St John Passion by Nottingham Cathedral Choir and Musical & Amicable Society Baroque Orchestra, conducted by Alex Patterson. Tickets: £16, £12, £10 available online from www.nottinghamcathedralmusic.com or the Nottingham Tourism Centre, Smithy Row or at the door (subject to availability). Experience the spiritual and artistic grandeur of Bach's great retelling of Christ's Passion in the beautiful setting of Nottingham's Pugin – designed Cathedral. Sung in German with translation available.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020: Praying with Zimbabwe *Friday 6th March* at The Parish Church of St John the Baptist Beeston at 10:30 am. A Service for everyone. For more information see: www.wwdp.org.uk

WALK WITH ME: A Lenten Journey of Prayer for 2020 booklets available at the back of Church **£ 1.00 each**.