



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 MOST HOLY TRINITY: YEAR: A

Tenth Week of Ordinary Time: 7th – 13th June 2020 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week II)

<u>Saturday 6th June:</u> <i>Weekday Feria</i>	<p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">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>	
Mass;		80 th Birthday Intentions (Dixon)
<u>Sunday 7th June:</u> <i>The Most Holy Trinity (Solemnity)</i>		
Mass;		Deceased Members of the Sadowski Family
<u>Monday 8th June:</u> <i>Weekday Feria</i>		
Mass;		Pro Populo; People of the Parish
<u>Tuesday 9th June:</u> <i>Weekday Feria</i>		
Mass;		Paddy Murray RIP (Nuala)
<u>Wednesday 10th June:</u> <i>Weekday Feria</i>		
Mass;		Holy Souls
<u>Thursday 11th June:</u> <i>St Barnabas, Apostle, Patron of the Cathedral (Feast)</i>		
Mass;		Norma Brennan RIP (Williams)
<u>Friday 12th June:</u> <i>Weekday Feria</i>		
Mass;		Sharon Horgan RIP (Curtis)
<u>Saturday 13th June:</u> <i>St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor (memoria)</i>		
Mass;	John Whitby RIP	
<u>Sunday 14th June:</u> <i>Corpus Christi (Solemnity)</i>		
Mass;	John Frederick Dixon RIP (Teresa)	
THE ABOVE MASSES WILL ALL BE SAID PRIVATELY AS ALL PUBLIC ACTS OF WORSHIP REMAIN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!		
<p>The Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and the Parish Hall and the Church of St Francis of Assisi and the Parish Hall are closed to members of the public, until further notice. If you urgently wish to contact Fr Christopher please telephone 0115 922 8145 (at any reasonable time).</p> <p>For enquiries or to book a Mass, please also do this via the telephone. Stipends can be posted or given at a later date, but for the foreseeable future if you book, or have already booked a Mass Intention, then this Mass will be Celebrated in private.</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.

LIVE STREAMING AND YOUTUBE VIDEOS WITH LINKS TO ACCESS LITURGIES BEING OFFERED DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

THE PRIVATE CHAPEL OF THE BISHOP OF NOTTINGHAM, BISHOP'S HOUSE.

(Bishop Patrick McKinney & Father Jonathan Rose.) Bishop Patrick has created a YouTube channel, so that during this time Mass and other devotions will be live – streamed from the Chapel at Bishop's House. This can be found by searching for 'Bishop Patrick McKinney' on YouTube and it will also be linked to the Bishop's Facebook and Twitter accounts. After each liturgy a video is created from the live streaming and this can also be accessed on the Bishop's YouTube account.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3Kl8GD79FotjQ>

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST BARNABAS, NOTTINGHAM

Canon Malachy Brett & Father Mathew Neriattil

http://www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/01_Community/livestream.html

Sunday Mass at 10:00 am

Monday – Friday Mass at 1:00 pm

Saturday Mass at 10:00 am

PARISH OF ST PAUL'S LENTON AND ST MARY'S HYSON GREEN

Father David Palmer

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1GxayEWIN_QQcfHqdzQG3g

Weekend Mass available to view from 6:00 pm Saturday

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Listen to Father David Palmer's homilies on podcast:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/fr-davids-homilies/id1481476061>

If you wish to take more opportunities to connect with Our Lord during this time, please use this useful link that lists all Prayer times, Rosary and Mass live links throughout your day in Ireland and the UK:

<http://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/>



Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady at Walsingham:

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

Fr Martin Sylvester's YouTube Channel can be accessed at www.revms.uk/youtube

SCHOOL RESOURCES: Resources available from The Nottingham and Derbyshire Catholic Multi – Academy Trusts: Our Lady of Lourdes CMAT (Nottinghamshire) <https://m.youtube.com/user/TheBecketSchool/videos> and St Ralph Sherwin CMAT (Derbyshire) https://m.youtube.com/channel/UC3M5M_ZNXU1ze-NS3pnZ4pA (or

search SRS Chaplaincy) also if you visit our website there are lots of other resources too (www.srscmat.co.uk and click on Chaplaincy).

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the souls of ***Norma Brennan*** who died on ***Friday 29th May 2020*** and her sister ***Jean Fox*** who died on ***Monday 1st June 2020***. Norma's Funeral Service will take place on ***Thursday 11th June 2020*** at ***Chilwell Cemetery*** and Jean's Funeral Service will take place at Bramcote Crematorium on ***Monday 15th June 2020***. We remember them and their family at this sad time. May they rest in peace.

POOR CLARES: On ***May 25th 2020*** I visited the Sisters at Bulwell and took with me all the wonderful donations you had managed to give. The sisters were so grateful for your kindness, life has been quite difficult for them during lockdown and they rely on whatever is brought to their door. Despite the church being locked my car was full of donations which people had either left at the presbytery or delivered to my home – thank you all so much – it really was a huge help to the sisters. The Sisters have also kindly had a Mass said for the Intentions of all the Parishioners of the Assumption. I am visiting again on ***MONDAY 29th JUNE 2020*** and if you wish to donate please would you continue to either leave at the back door of the presbytery or bring to my home. Our support is very important to them. Many thanks – ***Diane Wilson***.

ON THURSDAY 11th JUNE 2020 (THE FEAST OF ST BARNABAS): Bishop Patrick will be taking his turn as part of this important initiative. The Bishop will be offering Mass at 7:00 pm, which will be live streamed from the Cathedral of St Barnabas on the Bishops YouTube account: <https://www.youtube.com/bishoppatrickmckinney> Please try to join Bishop Patrick at Mass that evening through the medium of live streaming.

PARISH OFFERING ENVELOPES: are now due to be renewed and I know that some of you who have boxes have now set up Standing Orders for your offering during this time. If you would like to revert back to an offering envelope please could you let me know as soon as possible and I will set a box of envelopes aside for you. We will endeavour to deliver the boxes of envelopes (with social distancing) over the next two weeks for those have already been allocated. Thank you all for your continued financial support of our parish especially during this time of such financial uncertainty. **PLEASE COULD YOU DISCARD ALL YOUR OLD ENVELOPES AND ONLY USE THE NEW ENVELOPES FOR ALL DONATIONS (EVEN THOSE WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN BEFORE LOCKDOWN). THANK YOU**

MARY'S MEALS': I am deeply moved by the way church leaders across the UK have embraced technology to reach out to their congregations at this time. You have inspired us to create a series of special messages especially for churchgoers. These short films will include updates on how Mary's Meals is feeding hungry children through this pandemic and personal reflections on how faith is bringing hope and comfort. The first message (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mPJpA1hYPbw&t=7s>) shared in April, came from our founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow. I am pleased to now share the second message, from Mary's Meals' leaders in India and Kenya. Watch our new message at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ek0x5FbAypk>. For more information please visit https://giving.marysmeals.org/en_gb/contact-us. Please know that you in our prayers and Thank You for all your support. May the Lord bless and keep you – *Daniel Adams* (UK Executive Director, Mary's Meals).

JOB VACANCY – DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS: The Diocese of Nottingham seeks to appoint a Director of Communications to work with the Bishop of Nottingham and the Parishes, Chaplaincies and Schools of the Diocese to lead the development and implementation of an effective communications framework across the Diocese, promoting the Diocesan Vision and Mission and the three themes of Encounter, Discipleship and Missionary Discipleship. This would suit a committed Catholic with a strong track record in communications; an experienced media professional (or journalist) who has recently been involved in leading communications in a dispersed organisation. **Salary: £45,000 – £50,000** dependent on qualifications and experience. **For more information and an application pack email: office@dioceseofnottingham.uk Closing date 22nd June 2020.**

JOB VACANCY – COMMUNITY COORDINATOR: The Catholic parishes in the East of Nottingham wish to recruit a Community Coordinator to work across our parishes; St Augustine's, Our Lady & St Edward's and Sacred Heart. This is a full-time position and the person appointed will lead and coordinate the pastoral and administrative work of the parishes. This exciting new role is ideal for someone who has experience and skills in administration and finance, who is a good communicator and is willing to work as part of a team, leading and taking the initiative when necessary. For more details and how to apply, contact Fr Joe Wheat sacredheartcarlton@gmail.com Telephone: 0115 9118266. **Closing date 26th June 2020.**

OUTSIDE THE CITY RELEASE: Due to popular demand, this very moving and inspirational film, which was shown in cinemas around the country, about the lives of the monks at Mount St Bernard Abbey, will be released on 8th June 2020 on iTunes, Amazon, Google Play and DVD. To view trailer or pre – order your DVD (£12) visit: www.vivaverve.com/film/outside-the-city

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Dear friends in the Eucharistic Lord, and ministers in his service. We are fast approaching the celebration of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. As a Catholic community in these unusual times we will be lamenting that we cannot get together for Quarant'ore Adoration in anticipation of the Feast; we will be sad that First Holy Communion celebrations are postponed, that processions and Adoration-with-Benediction are in abeyance – and simply that we cannot come to Mass and receive Our Lord – Corpus Christi – in Holy Communion. These frustrations are wounding for our congregations, but doubly so for you Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. So many of you will have been looking forward to the County days of renewal this spring & summer: another COVID casualty that affected us all throughout the Diocese. I know that many have found helpful and inventive ways of keeping in touch with parishioners and especially the sick and housebound – at home, in Care Homes or hospitals. I know deeply the frustration of not being able to offer them regular gift of the Blessed Sacrament; my own parishes' outreach Ministers tell of that ache. I hope that at Corpus Christi we will find ways of honouring our Eucharistic Lord in countless streams and in personal prayers. I hope that you will find time personally to re – commit yourself to continued ministry. Furthermore, I hope that we will pray for each other, that soon the cloud may lift, and we can be of pastoral personal service to our Lord and his faithful people again. With every prayer for your safety and good health. God Bless; *Canon Don Bowdren Chairman, Diocesan Commission for Extraordinary Ministry.*

Trinity Sunday

If a Christian were to get into a theological conversation with a non – Christian, one of the first things that may come up is the mystery of the Holy Trinity, which we celebrate each year on this Trinity Sunday. Non – Christians, such as Jews and Muslims, believe there is one God, all – powerful and transcendent. Their concept of God resembles what appears in the Old Testament. A simplified, non – Christian idea of God, rejects what Jesus revealed about the Holy Trinity, that God is three Divine Persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – but one Divine Nature. That rejection certainly limits the room for theological controversy, but it also cancels out the whole New Testament, which Jews and Muslims do not accept. And so, of the world’s monotheistic religions, only Christianity believes in the Trinity. It is unique to us. Now it is true that the Trinity is hard to understand. How can God be both One and Three? How can the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be fully God and yet distinct Persons? Our minds cannot grasp this completely. And yet, that very fact makes the doctrine of the Trinity ring true. It shows that no merely human mind would have been able to come up with it. And it also shows that God, the Creator of the universe, exists in a way that we, mere creatures, cannot fully understand – and that makes perfect sense: God *should* exceed our ability to understand Him; if He didn’t He wouldn’t be much of a God!

But just because we cannot understand the Trinity completely does not mean we cannot understand it at all. The great apologist Frank Sheed (*Sheed & Ward*) used to give a very interesting explanation of the Most Holy Trinity. He started by thinking about our own human nature. Each one of us exists, but since we are spiritual, we also have an idea of ourselves. We can think about ourselves, reflect on ourselves, know ourselves. This is why human beings are the only animals on earth who write diaries. That is similar to what happens in the relationship between God the Father and God the Son. God the Father is spiritual, able to know Himself. He has an idea of Himself. But, since His knowledge is limitless, unlike ours, that idea of Himself is perfect, perfectly complete. But to be perfect, it has to share in God’s own existence; it has to actually be a Divine Person. And so, God the Father, from all eternity, knowing Himself, engenders the Son, the perfect image of the Father. And then, of course, since both the Father and the Son are infinitely good and beautiful, as soon as they know each other, they also love each other. Even we, when we think about ourselves, love ourselves. We want the best for ourselves. We are glad that we exist. But God’s love, like His knowledge, is unlimited and so it too has to be so intense and so full that it shares fully in the Divine Existence; it is a Divine Person – the Holy Spirit. This is the mystery we profess in the Creed when we affirm our belief in the Son of God, who is, “*begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father, God from God, Light from Light,*” and in the Holy Spirit, “*who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified.*”

This mysterious and wonderful doctrine about God, that He is both unity and trinity, is called by the Catechism “*the central mystery of Christian faith and life.*” (CCC 234). The Catechism goes on to say, “*It is the mystery of God in Himself.*” Think about that for a moment. We, as Christians, have been given a privilege that no one else in the history of the world has been given: we are able to know God from the inside. Philosophers and others who follow merely natural religions only know about God, from the outside. But we, through Christ’s grace, have actually begun to know God as He knows Himself. That is how much God has loved us. We are actually members of the Divine Family; we are actually friends of God; insiders in the Kingdom of Heaven. Friends open their hearts to each other; they share secret thoughts, affections and desires. That is what makes friendship so beautiful and so valuable. God, through Jesus Christ, has offered us this kind of friendship with Him: He has revealed His innermost thoughts and identity. Here on earth we only perceive it dimly (*see 1 Corinthians 13¹²*), but if we let Him, the Holy Spirit will strengthen our supernatural eyesight so we can see and know Him better and know all things as He knows them. When we profess our faith in this Triune God who has loved us so deeply, let us thank Him for this truly incredible gift. And let us promise Him that we will never take it for granted, but every time we pray in the name of the Father and, of the Son and, of the Holy Spirit, we will renew our commitment to live lives worthy of the Divine Friendship, the Divine Adoption that we have received.