



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION,
FOSTER AVENUE, BEESTON,
NOTTINGHAM, NG9 1AE
and
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH,
TAMWORTH ROAD,
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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: CORPUS CHRISTI: YEAR: A

Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time: 14th – 20th June 2020 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week III)

<u>Saturday 13th June:</u> <i>St Anthony of Padua, P & D (memoria)</i>	<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>
Mass; John Whitby RIP	
<u>Sunday 14th June:</u> <i>Corpus Christi (Solemnity)</i>	
Mass; John Frederick Dixon RIP (Teresa)	
<u>Monday 15th June:</u> <i>Weekday Feria</i>	
Mass; Jean Fox RIP (SVP)	
<u>Tuesday 16th June:</u> <i>Weekday Feria</i>	
Mass; Norma Brennan RIP (Curtis)	
<u>Wednesday 17th June:</u> <i>Weekday Feria</i>	
Mass; Marie White RIP (Yarwood)	
<u>Thursday 18th June:</u> <i>Weekday Feria</i>	
Mass; Mary Walsh RIP (Cooke)	
<u>Friday 19th June:</u> <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)</i>	
Mass; Special Intention (Jim Lowe)	
<u>Saturday 20th June:</u> <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary (memoria)</i>	
Mass; Paddy Morrissey RIP	
<u>Sunday 21st June:</u> <i>Twelfth Sunday of the Year: A</i>	
Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	
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>	
<p style="text-align: center;">HOSPITALS</p> <p>A number of priests are still trying to maintain an 'on – call' rota for City and QMC. This is strictly calls for Anointing of the Sick when someone is nearing the end of their life. The hospital will not call us out for a request for prayers or when someone has already died – these will be dealt with by a member of the Chaplaincy Team who may or may not be a Catholic minister. Holy Communion is not being taken into hospital by Eucharistic Ministers. Families should not contact a priest directly to visit their loved one in hospital – all requests need to go through the Ward and Chaplaincy Department. QMC 0115 924 9924 ext. 63799 or City 0115 969 1169.</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

Ordinate Mass available to view from 6:00 pm Sunday

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.srscomat.co.uk and click on Chaplaincy).

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul *Jean Fox* who died on *Monday 1st June 2020*. Jean's Funeral Service will take place at Bramcote Crematorium on *Monday 15th June 2020*. We remember her and her family at this sad time. May she rest in peace.



THE ASSUMPTION AND ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISHES: On our YouTube^{GB} Channel for both Parishes there will be a *Corpus Christi Reflection* available from Sunday. To access the channel please visit https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP-xc-Pr6P30_j7mrtqCbhA and click on the

Videos Link. If you would like to put additional items to this Parish based site please let me know.

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*.

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

DAY FOR LIFE: Ahead of this year's Day for Life (*next Sunday 21st June 2020*), Pope Francis has given his Apostolic Blessing to it. This year's theme is "*Choose Life*," which will focus on the dignity and worth of the unborn child and expectant mothers. The full text of his blessing can be found here: <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/apostolic-blessing-given-for-day-for-life-2020/>

RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES: The emphasis at the moment is on SOME CHURCHES – not all. There many conditions which need to be adhered to and considered before Churches can be opened and, only for individual private prayer. This will require the completion of a Risk Assessment document, before permission can be granted for a church to re-open for private prayer only. Bishop Patrick has also communicated to the Clergy that Priests will not be able to manage the re-opening of churches on their own and that we are not to feel pressured into fulfilling these requirements. He therefore expects that only a few of our larger churches in each Deanery will initially be able to re-open for private prayer.

Below is a summary of the guidelines and requirements sent out by the Bishops' Conference for England and Wales:

Even before churches can re-open, there are some important preparations that will need to be made. In order to be ready, Parish Priests need to ensure the fundamentals of infection control are in place (which will protect those who are vulnerable) by doing the following:

1. Assembling a team of stewards to ensure that the guidance can safely be put into effect. The number of volunteers required will vary depending on the size of churches, but priests will not be able to manage the re-opening of churches on their own. It is important that those in the team should not be drawn from those instructed to shield themselves, nor, as a general rule, from groups considered more vulnerable to coronavirus.
2. Securing sufficient supplies of alcohol hand gel, cleaning materials (including gloves for cleaners) and tape to mark appropriate distances on floors and to block off areas of seating. It is important to ensure that hand gel with anti-viral properties is obtained and this should be at least 65% alcohol: many hand sanitisers are only anti-bacterial and offer no protection against coronavirus.
3. Mark distances on the floor and block off pews/chairs to ensure adequate social distancing (2 metres/6 feet between each person) is maintained throughout the church. The maximum person capacity at any one time under the social distancing regime must be determined and this made clear to those entering the church, by way of clear signage.

4. Removing from the church all printed materials that are not designed for a single use. This would include service books, hymn books, CTS pamphlets etc.
5. Preparing appropriate signage, e.g. asking people to sanitise their hands, on entry and exit, not to touch or physically venerate statues or relics, clear entrance and exit signs, maximum safe capacity etc.
6. Maintaining as much ventilation within the church space as possible; keeping Entrance and Exit doors open decreases transmission risk through touching but also allows a flow of fresh air into the church space. If the church has windows that can be opened, these should be.

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales are working with our Public Health advisors, Public Health England and the Government in order to provide clear directives for the opening of our churches safely which minimises the risk of virus transmission. Considering the above understanding of virus transmission, the proposed directives are:

1. At least two stewards must be present in the church throughout the time it is open for prayer; the stewards must ensure that hand sanitisation occurs at entry and exit points, social distancing is maintained by people in the church and if a pre-determined capacity is reached, they prevent others from entering the church. (Through, for example, a "one in, one out" policy.) People with cold or flu-like symptoms should be asked not to enter.
2. Stewards themselves should practice good hand hygiene through either regular hand washing or the use of alcohol-based hand sanitiser. They should not eat or drink or touch their face unless they have immediately washed their hands beforehand and should maintain social distance within the church. They should ensure any cuts or grazes on their hands are completely covered with waterproof dressings. They should not physically assist people unless absolutely necessary, for example in an emergency for first aid.
3. An additional infection control measure would be to enter and leave the church via separate doors.
4. Alcohol hand gel should be provided at the doors, with notices asking people to sanitise their hands as they enter and leave the church.
5. Places where people can sit or kneel in prayer should be two metres apart from one another in all directions. Benches should be blocked off to facilitate this social distancing. People who are part of the same household can sit together but those not from the same household should maintain social distancing while in church.
6. The church must be cleaned fully **at least once a day**, using appropriate cleaning products and paying particular attention to touch points. Areas that are likely to be touched frequently (such as door handles) should be cleaned more often.
7. Cleaning an area with normal household disinfectant or detergent (including on pews) will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.
8. Those doing this work must wear disposable or washing-up gloves and aprons for cloth or disposable paper tissues; first clean hard surfaces with detergent and water or detergent spray; **not** polish spray on its own. Pay particular attention to frequently touched areas and surfaces. Those doing this work must practice good hygiene: wash their hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds, **especially** after removing gloves, aprons and other protection used while cleaning

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER ONLY: This advice concerns only the opening of churches for private prayer. Further detailed advice will be issued in due course when public worship is safe to re-commence. This advice cannot be followed for other activities that may take place on parish premises, such as groups that would meet in church halls, **because at present these must remain closed.** This is because group gatherings at the time of writing are not permitted by law and social distancing cannot be monitored in an effective way with groups that meet socially or for other activities in our premises.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE MEASURES: These measures may seem burdensome, or even a little daunting. They are however necessary, not least because if any churches are seen to be operating in a way that may increase the spread of the virus, there is a risk that stricter measures such as prohibition or enforced closure notices could be re-imposed by local authorities or even national administrations. It is our hope that with priests and their parishioners working effectively together, we will be able to open churches safely for private prayer, as a significant step towards the resumption of the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments.

At the moment St Barnabas Cathedral is hoping to be able to offer limited opening next week, dependent upon an approved Risk Assessment and sufficient number of volunteers. The proposed opening times at the Cathedral will be **Monday to Friday 10:00 am – 12 noon** and; **Saturday and Sunday 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.**

Given the above measures I have no plans at the present time to re – open the Churches in Beeston or Long Eaton for Individual Private Prayer only. But, I would welcome any comments or suggestions that you may have. There is a "quiet place" at the Assumption adjacent to the Parish Hall, where we have the Grotto. Similarly, at St Francis there is the statue outside the main church where you would be very welcome to come and spend some time in quiet prayer at any time. I look forward to the time when we can once again come together as a Parish Community (in whatever way that may be), to celebrate Mass and the Sacraments.

Corpus Christi

The Catholic Church has always believed and taught that Jesus Christ is really, truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. This makes the Sacrament of the Eucharist the greatest of all the Sacraments. The Catechism tells us, *“In the most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist the Body and Blood, together with the Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained.”* That means that the Eucharist is not just a symbol of Christ’s presence. A symbol points to a reality, like the Paschal Lamb in the Old Testament pointed towards the Lamb of God in the New Testament, Jesus Christ or like an exit sign on the motorway points towards a road or a town. Most non – Catholic Christians believe that the Eucharist is like that, just a symbol of Christ’s presence, not the real thing. But as Catholics we know that Christ is not just symbolically present in the Eucharist, He is really and truly present. That is what makes the Eucharist a Sacrament, instead of just a symbol. He gives us all of Himself – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, without counting the cost and holding nothing back.

In a unique and truly remarkable way, by the grace of God, sacrifice, suffering and self – giving can be redemptive and that in an unknown way, we can gain graces for ourselves and others, because we are become what we receive: the Body of Christ.

A story to illustrate the point. After the usual Sunday evening hymns, the church’s pastor slowly stood up, walked over to the pulpit and, before he gave his sermon, briefly introduced a guest minister who was at the service that evening. The pastor told the congregation that the guest minister was one of his dearest childhood friends and that he wanted him to have a few moments to greet the church and share whatever he felt would be appropriate for the service.

With that, an elderly man stepped up to the pulpit and began to speak. “Once upon a time, a father, his son and a friend of his son were sailing off the coast” he began, “when a fast – approaching storm blocked any attempt to get back to the shore. The waves were so high that even though the father, who was an experienced sailor, could not keep the boat upright and the three were swept into the sea as the boat capsized”

The old minister hesitated for a moment, making eye contact with two teenagers who were, for the first time since the service began, looking somewhat interested in his story. The aged minister continued, “Grabbing a rescue line; the father had to make the most excruciating decision of his life: *‘to which boy he would throw the other end of the lifeline?’*

“He only had seconds to make the decision. The father knew that his son was a believer in Jesus, a good Christian, and he also knew that his son’s friend was not and was living a sinful life. The agony of his decision could not be matched by the torrent of waves. Finally, as the father yelled out, ‘I love you, son!’ he threw out the lifeline to his son’s friend. By the time the father had pulled the friend back to the capsized boat, his son had disappeared beneath the raging waves into the black of night. His body was never recovered”

By this time, the two teenagers were sitting up straight in the pew, anxiously waiting for the next words to come out of the old minister’s mouth. “The father,” he continued, “knew his son would step into eternity with Jesus but he could not bear the thought of his son’s friend stepping into an eternity without Jesus. Therefore, he sacrificed his son to save the son’s friend.”

He then paused and said with fervour, “How great is the love of God that He should do the same for us. Our heavenly Father sacrificed His only Begotten Son that we could be saved. I urge you to accept His offer to rescue you and take a hold of the lifeline He is throwing out to you in this service.”

With that, the old man turned and sat back down in his chair as silence filled the room. Well, within minutes after the service ended, the two teenagers were at the old man’s side. “That was a nice story,” politely stated one of the boys, “but I don’t think it was very realistic for a father to give up his only son’s life in the hope that the other boy would become a Christian.”

“Well, you’ve got a point there,” the old man replied, glancing down at his worn Bible. As a soft smile broadened his narrow face, he once again looked up at the boys and said, “It sure isn’t very realistic, is it? But I’m standing here today to tell you that that story gives me a glimpse of what it must have been like for God to give up His Son for me. You see, I was that father and your pastor over there...he is my son’s friend.”