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**TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: B**

**Nineteenth Week of Ordinary Time: 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> August 2021 (Weekday Cycle Year I / Psalter Week III)**

<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August:</b>	<i>Weekday Feria</i>	<p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></p> <p>Isobel Alana Barnes, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim &amp; Margaret Dougan, Fr Theodore Gomes, Ann Harrison, Fr Peter Harvey, Andrea Hoffman, Farzin Kazem, Breda Keaney, Anne – Marie Reid, Simpson Family, Evelyn Venning, John Wilcox and Bob Wilson.</p>
<b>Mass;</b>	<i>Private Intention</i>	
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August:</b>	<i>Nineteenth Sunday of the Year: B</i>	
<b>10:00 am: Mass;</b>	<i>Pro Populo; People of the Parish</i>	
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August:</b>	<i>St Theresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin &amp; Martyr. Patron of Europe (Feast)</i>	
<b>10:00 am: Mass;</b>	<i>Audrey Adamson RIP (Twomey)</i>	
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August:</b>	<i>St Lawrence, Deacon &amp; Martyr (Feast)</i>	
<b>10:00 am: Mass (St Francis);</b>	<i>Holy Souls</i>	
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August:</b>	<i>St Clare, Virgin (memoria)</i>	
<b>10:00 am: Mass;</b>	<i>Terence Walker RIP (Lowe)</i>	
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August:</b>	<i>Weekday Feria</i>	
<b>Mass;</b>	<i>Private Intention</i>	
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August:</b>	<i>Weekday Feria</i>	
<b>10:00 am: Mass;</b>	<i>Intentions of Isobel Barnes &amp; Family</i>	
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August:</b>	<i>St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest &amp; Martyr (memoria)</i>	
<b>Mass;</b>	<i>Special Intention</i>	
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August:</b>	<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)</i>	
<b>10:00 am: Mass;</b>	<i>Deceased Members of the Morgans Family (Harvey)</i>	
<b>UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED THE ABOVE MASSES WILL ALL BE SAID PRIVATELY!</b>		
<p><i>The Parish Hall of Our Lady of the Assumption and the Parish Hall at St Francis of Assisi 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).</i></p> <p><i>For enquiries or to book a Mass Intention, please see me after the one of the Scheduled Public Masses or contact me by telephone. Mass Stipends and Parish Collection Envelopes can be posted or given at a later date.</i></p>		

**HOSPITALS**

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.

Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to [frcathomas@live.com](mailto:frcathomas@live.com) by WEDNESDAY of each week for inclusion in the next issue.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to *Rebecca Burrows* and *James Simpson* who were married on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at St Barnabas Cathedral in Nottingham. We pray for them as they begin their married lives together.

**POOR CLARES:** The Sisters send their sincere thanks to parishioners for the gifts and donations they received from you when I visited on 26<sup>th</sup> July. They are continuing to work hard with their fund raising for the new building and one of the things they are doing is baking and on Monday I collected the first orders for our Parish. The following are cakes and other things that can be ordered from them: BEST CHOCOLATE FUDGE CAKE – CRUNCHY TOP LEMON CAKE – BANANA AND MIXED FRUIT CAKE – CARROT AND PINEAPPLE CAKE – FLAPJACK – RHUBARB CAKE – SAMOSA – APPLE PIE – FRIED RICE WITH EGG CURRY – PILAU RICE WITH EGG CURRY. These need to be ordered by ***Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021*** for collection on ***Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021***. There is no set price for the above but the Sisters request that you give a donation towards their fund raising. Please either phone your order to me on 07774 213712 or use the form on the notice board in the church. – *Diane Wilson*

**CATHOLIC DIARIES FOR 2022:** can be purchased, but to order only, this year. Orders must be placed by ***August 29<sup>th</sup> 2021*** to ensure supply, as far as possible, in November / December. The supplier is offering only the hardback version in black, red or blue at £ 3.00. If you would like one, please put your order on the list in the narthex. – *Helen Sinclair*

**GUIDANCE FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF ENGLAND:** Based on the guidance which has been given by the Catholic Bishops' Conference for England and Wales (CBCEW), the following points remain unchanged for the time being:

1. **Prevailing Local Conditions:** All places of worship are asked to consider the prevailing local conditions for the virus. Special consideration should be given to rates at which people are being vaccinated in the locality, the prevalence of new variants of the virus, the local rates of hospital admissions and any local public health advice. In most of our Diocesan geographical area cases are on the rise. And vaccination uptakes in some city areas are very low, especially those areas with a diverse ethnic mix. An overview of data (but often a week behind) can be seen here: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/cases?areaType=region&areaName=East%20Midlands> you can use the options on the side to swap between cases, healthcare, vaccination & deaths and use the filters at the top (Cases in ...) to swap to Regions or Local Authority areas.
2. **Mitigations:** It is important to mitigate against the risks of virus transmission. Although the vaccine rollout programme is very successful to date, over 85% of adults having had one dose and 64% two doses, the risk of transmission is still live and there are enough people not protected by vaccination to result in significant hospitalisations. However, HM Government has clearly stated that the progression from infection to hospitalisation and ultimately to deaths has been appreciably reduced through the vaccine programme. Most people admitted to hospital currently are only partially vaccinated or not vaccinated at all and communities should continue to encourage people to participate in the vaccination programme. Mask wearing will still help protect others as vaccination does not stop you passing it on, it just reduces the transmissions. Hands, Face, Space, Ventilate is still key. General cleaning, along with Covid cleaning, will continue and we will continue to provide hand sanitiser at entrances and exits and face coverings are still strongly recommended to be worn by those in Church.

3. **Social Distancing and Capacity:** While legal requirements ended on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021, isolating from close contacts does not. If there is no distancing and a subsequent positive case then people could be advised to isolate. (Changes based on vaccinations do not come in until 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021). We have been advised to consider increasing capacity slowly so that people can adjust and consider the infection rate in our area in making a decision. The Mass Booking website will still be running over the summer and this this will be used for managing capacity.
4. **Celebration of Holy Mass:** The following is recommended for the celebration of Holy Mass from the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 within the churches and communities in England and Wales. At this time, it is not recommended that Holy Water stoups are refilled. Should people wish to receive Holy Water, it is recommended they speak to the Parish Priest. Ministers for the celebration of Holy Mass can be deployed such as servers and readers. It is recommended that the physical Sign of Peace remain suspended as it is not an integral part of the Mass and its omission will help to reduce physical contact between people during the celebration. Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind and the ministers will continue to sanitise their hands beforehand and wear a face covering whilst distributing. Holy Communion is recommended to be distributed in the hand.
5. **Other Sacraments: *Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals;*** There is no restriction on the number of people that can attend Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals in the Church. Marriages in the form of a Nuptial Mass should observe the recommendations for the Celebration of Holy Mass. Those within a Marriage Service outside of Mass should apply the usual norms. There is no restriction on the number of people that can attend Funerals in the Church. Funerals in the form of a Requiem Mass will also observe the recommendations for the Celebration of Holy Mass. For all Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals, however, the safe capacity of the Church, within the guidelines of safe distancing for those from different households will be observed.  
***Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation;*** Please speak to me if you wish to go to Confession.  
***Home Visits;*** Any Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who wish to take Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound are asked to speak to me regarding the guidelines and regulations for this.

If you would like further clarification please speak to me.

**Mass Booking:** Please remember that you will still need to book to come to Masses using the Diocesan booking system. Details of how to book for Mass can be found on the Diocesan Website by following the link: <https://massbooking.uk/> where you will first need to Sign Up (if you haven't already done so) in order to book for Mass. This is a pre – booking system and is the only way of regulating those who come to Church.

***PLEASE NOTE: that you can only book on the Mass Booking System up to 7 days ahead, so some of the Masses will not be visible yet.*** The latest time to book for a Mass will be **TWO HOURS** before. ***PLEASE NOTE: If there are only two people coming from the same household please book TWO SEATS and not a whole pew as this will allow more people to attend Mass.***

If you do not have access to or are unable to use a computer you may book for Mass, by telephone, by calling Marie Calladine for The Assumption (Tel: 07850 978788), or at Long Eaton by calling Christina Boott on 07875 625974; but I would ask that you only use this option if you unable to book online. Mass will be available at The Assumption, Beeston on ***Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays*** and, at St Francis, Long Eaton on ***Tuesdays***, all at ***10:00 am***. The Sunday obligation continues to be suspended, so if you are unsure about coming along, do not feel under any obligation to do so; and if you or someone in your household, displays symptoms of Covid19, then please do stay at home. **TO HELP THE STEWARDS PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARRIVE FOR MASS IN GOOD TIME BEFORE MASS BEGINS.**

## *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: B.*

*(READINGS: 1 Kings 19<sup>4-8</sup>; Psalm 33<sup>2-9</sup>; Ephesians 4<sup>30-52</sup> and; John 6<sup>41-51</sup>)*

One of the greatest afflictions of the modern age is that of, “I” trouble. Not the eye trouble that can be corrected by a visit to the opticians, but the, “I” trouble of individualism. The idea that I can get by on my own, without anyone else’s help. The seeming ability, to do without God and without anyone else’s help; the belief that we can get by with our own resources and strengths. The world of advertising and the media present us with a constant stream of such individuals. The modern – day heroes who seem to rely on their own worth in order to get on. The endless display of stereotypes that tell us what we should eat, how to dress, what kind of house to live in and what kind of car to drive. They even give us the picture of the ideal way to look; sometimes, even how we should think. It’s a symptom that seems to have touched all aspects of life today. Even the hard work, co – operation and commitment, once demanded by professional sportsmen of a particular team is disintegrating because so many individual stars dominate. The demands of huge salaries and the lack of loyalty to any team are exchanged for an auction of talents and services to the highest bidder. And these are the role models and standards that the world presents to us. These are the figures that our young people are encouraged to look up to!

This, however, is not the message of today’s Readings. The people to whom Our Lord preached were suffering from a lack of leadership and direction. They suffered from the anguish of poverty and a lack of freedom. But Our Lord offered them something new. What He wanted to show them was that they were not alone. They could have the help of God in their daily lives. He promised not to just give them earthly food, but a teaching that would reveal a God who loved and cared for them. The Jews however, did not want to listen. Jesus was still trying to show them the meaning of the feeding with the loaves and the fishes. But they were still unable to get beyond who Jesus is. To the Jews, Jesus is the son of Joseph, a simple carpenter. They know His father and mother. He is no – one special in their eyes, why should they listen to Him?

The Jews had long waited for a Messiah who would set them free from oppression and slavery. But Jesus is too familiar. How could He be the Messiah? The Jews failed to acknowledge Jesus because they put the focus solely on His human origins. They were unable to scratch beneath the surface, to the deeper spiritual level; to what Jesus was trying to show them.

Jesus told the crowd that He would teach them who God truly was. Elijah experienced this God. A God of love, who cared for His people. But even Elijah had to learn the hard way. It is rather humbling and comforting to think, that even the greatest prophet in the Old Testament could be broken – hearted and despairing. Elijah, like most of us at one time or another, was suffering from a deep spiritual hunger. He just wanted to lie down and die; “I have had enough, take my life,” he said. But he was touched by God. The angel gave Him food which refreshed and restored Him. His physical and spiritual hunger was satisfied. He was then able to face the long journey to Mount Horeb, where God would reveal Himself to Elijah. And so, it is only the food that comes from the hand of God which can fully and truly restore the spirit of man.

When some people take the wrong kind of food they get sick and sometimes they die. When one is suffering from a spiritual hunger it is important to take the correct nourishment. Many people though look for the wrong kind of nourishment. They believe that their spiritual hunger can be satisfied with wealth, power, pleasure and all the material goods that the world has to offer. While that hunger may be satisfied for a short time, the deeper longings of the heart go unanswered. While there is plenty of manna there is not enough of the right kind of food. “Your fathers ate manna in the desert, and they are dead. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.”

The Eucharist is the answer to the spiritual hunger of man. Unfortunately, many do not realise that they are hungry. When Jesus fed the crowds with visible bread they accepted Him. But when He told them that He was the, "Bread of Life," and offered Himself to them, they would no longer walk with Him. To those who can acknowledge their spiritual hunger the words of the Responsorial Psalm rings true: "Taste and see that the Lord is good." While the Eucharist then, may be the answer to our spiritual hunger, it must also lead us to communion with one another. St. Paul outlines this kind of communion in the Second Reading, "Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ."

The Christian life then demands a willingness to share the Good News that God truly does care for us. Like Elijah we often experience this goodness before we come to know that God cares. Jesus continues to feed us as we gather as a community to worship. We are strengthened by His teaching and the revelation to us of a loving and caring God. If all this is true then our conduct can and should be different. Individualism which denies the power of God and the power of the community cannot be the way Christians live. Instead we must be a community that reaches out to all and shares the love, kindness and concern of God for all.

Today though, we have to be aware, that as Christians, there is the danger of mirroring society rather than changing it. We could perhaps pray for the zeal of Elijah to go forth once more and proclaim a God whom we know. We also need the vision and dreams of St. Paul to create that society of compassion and care. But above all we need to believe in the words of Our Lord, who promised that those who accepted His teaching will come to know through Him the God who reveals His love and care.

St John Henry Cardinal Newman said, "*The one peculiar and characteristic sin of the world is this: that whereas God would have us live for the life to come, the world would make us live for this life only. You must either conquer the world, or the world will conquer you. You must be either master or slave.*"

God then, does not ask about our ability or our inability to do His will. But He does question and ask about our availability and willingness to do it. And to take seriously the exhortation made to us at the end of Mass to, "*Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.*"