



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: 27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: B

Twenty – Seventh Week of Ordinary Time: 3rd – 9th October 2021 (Weekday Cycle Year I / Psalter Week III)

<p>Sunday 3rd October: <i>Twenty – Seventh Sunday of the Year</i></p>	<p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> Isobel Alana Barnes, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim & Margaret Dougan, Fr Theodore Gomes, Ann Harrison, Fr Peter Harvey, Andrea Hoffman, Farzin Kazem, Breeda Keaney, Janet Mernagh, Anne – Marie Reid, Simpson Family, Evelyn Venning, John Wilcox and Bob Wilson.</p>
<p>9:00 am: Mass; Members of the Beeston SVP 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Thomas O' Brien RIP</p>	
<p>Monday 4th October: <i>St Francis of Assisi (memoria)</i></p>	<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.</p>
<p>10:00 am: Mass; Ivy & Brian Sheridan RIP (3rd Anniv) (Taylor)</p>	
<p>Tuesday 5th October: <i>Weekday Feria</i></p>	
<p>10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Fr Peter Madden RIP (Goodhind)</p>	
<p>Wednesday 6th October: <i>Weekday Feria</i></p>	
<p>10:00 am: Mass; Ernest Strickland RIP (Marie)</p>	
<p>Thursday 7th October: <i>Our Lady of the Rosary (memoria)</i></p>	
<p>Mass; Holy Souls</p>	
<p>Friday 8th October: <i>Weekday Feria</i></p>	
<p>10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p>	
<p>Saturday 9th October: <i>St John Henry Newman, Priest (Feast)</i></p>	
<p>Mass; Special Intention</p>	
<p>Sunday 10th October: <i>Twenty – Eighth Sunday of the Year</i></p>	
<p>9:00 am: Mass; Mike Begley RIP (Rosemary) 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Intentions of Kiera Morgan Harvey</p>	
<p>UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED THE ABOVE MASSES WILL ALL BE SAID PRIVATELY!</p>	

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).

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.

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

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Bob O'Donnell* who died on *Friday 1st October 2021*. Funeral details have yet to be confirmed. We pray for him and his wife Jenny and their family at this sad time. May he rest in peace.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: This weekend we welcome two new members into our Parish Community: *William and Gabriella Duarte Ferreira* who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on *Saturday 2nd October 2021*. We pray for them and their parents, *Bruno* and *Nadia* on this happy occasion.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We began our Parish preparations for First Holy Communion in back in January 2020 but were unable to complete them due to the pandemic. I am hoping that we can celebrate First Confession and First Holy Communion before Advent begins. Could I therefore ask that the parents of any children who have already begun this preparation to contact me as soon as possible, preferably by seeing me after Mass or by telephone.

POOR CLARES: The Sister's were very happy to receive the donations and gifts from our Parish and send their sincere thanks to you all. They are expecting to be leaving the convent at Bulwell at the end of November, prior to demolition and rebuilding. It is more important than ever that we continue to support them and I will be visiting them every month at their temporary accommodation in Alfreton to take your gifts and donations. If you would like to order anything from their Cake list (in the Narthex) please would you let me know by *Wednesday 20th October 2021* for collection on my next visit *Monday 25th October 2021*. Many thanks again for your continued support – *Diane Wilson*

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: A big THANK YOU to everyone involved in any way with the Coffee Morning on 25th September 2021 – We raised a magnificent **£ 465. 00** – **Well Done!**

MISSIO/RED BOXES: If you have a Mill Hill / Red Box that hasn't been emptied for a while please can you bring it in to be emptied. The pandemic has meant that, across the country, many boxes have not been emptied and the amount of money banked has dropped. If you want your box emptied and would like me to collect it from you, please get in touch – 07774 213712. Mid – December is the final banking time for 2021 and it would be great to get all the boxes emptied and contents banked by then. There are still some copies of the Autumn MISSION DAY available in the Narthex. Thank you – *Diane Wilson Parish MISSION Secretary*.

FAITH IN FAMILIES: If anyone has a collection box for Faith in Families could you please bring it to Church as soon as possible so that it can be emptied and counted, and the monies forwarded on.

CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY: Family Fast Day was last *Friday 1st October 2021*. An extra basket for envelopes and donations will be available this weekend as you leave church. This year local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. Donate online through the CAFOD website or by using a CAFOD envelope, which is available from Church this weekend. You can also easily give via text. Text CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10*. Or choose to give any whole amount between £1 and £20 by texting CAFOD, followed by the amount you would like to donate, to 70580. (*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70580. For more information, please see our Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/privacy).

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION & PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE TO WALSINGHAM: On **Saturday 23rd October 2021** led by Bishop Mark Davies and others beginning with Mass at 12 noon. The day will also include opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Litany of Life and Benediction. The theme is *The Courage to Proclaim the Gospel of Life in Post – Pandemic Britain*. More details: www.prolifepilgrimage.org A coach will be going from the Diocese picking up at The Good Shepherd Church in Arnold at about 8:00 am and the Cathedral at 8:15 am, returning to Nottingham by about 7:30 pm. For more details and to book a place (Adults £18, children £10, students/unwaged £12) contact Marie at marielangford@live.co.uk or 07948 151264.

SAINT JOHN HOUGHTON CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY JOB VACANCIES: At Saint John Houghton, we are currently seeking to employ: *2 x Full time, Permanent Classroom Teaching Assistants and 1 x Part time, Permanent Classroom Teaching Assistant*, to work in the classroom supporting students to keep them on task and to help develop their understanding. A teacher will lead lessons and it is the role of the TA to support. In addition, we are always looking to secure seasonal staff as exam invigilators to work with small groups of students during our busy exam periods, often around Christmas and in the summer. Our headteacher, Mr Steve Brogan, is leading our mission to provide world – class Catholic education at Saint John Houghton School and it has been suggested that prior experience is not singularly the most important attribute for candidates, but they must share and be willing to contribute to our vision. The closing date for applications is *15th October 2021* and we could negotiate start dates for the right candidates. Further information is available on our trust website and I would be more than happy to have an informal conversation about any of our vacancies if there are any questions. Please visit: <https://www.srscomat.co.uk/vacancies/> Many thanks – **Mr Dave Conlon SENCO**

THANKSGIVING PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE: 11th OCTOBER 2021: £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes return flight, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single supplement £100.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. (*Knock Pilgrimages is fully protected by ATOL T7613*).

It is important to remember that Covid restrictions are still in place and ideally it would be best practice to book to come to Mass 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.

It has been brought to my attention that some people cannot or will not use the booking system. If that is the case, then there are still plenty of seats available to accommodate people who just wish to turn up without booking. Should you choose to come to Mass without booking we would ask that you arrive at least 10 minutes before Mass is due to begin and use the NHS App and scan your phone on the QR code at the entrance to Church or confirm to a Steward your attendance by giving your name and contact number.

For the time being we will continue to have stewards, a one – way system and hand – sanitisers at both the entrance and exits to the Church; which you are strongly encouraged to use. For the safety of yourselves and your fellow Parishioners I would also request and encourage you to wear a face mask when you are in Church (*exceptions apply to those with medical conditions*). Although the need to socially distance is no longer 2 metres, I would ask that you keep a sensible space from anyone who is not in your household/bubble while you are in Church.

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 are unable to book online. Mass will be available at The Assumption, Beeston on **Sundays at 9:00 am, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** all at **10:00 am** and, at St Francis, Long Eaton on **Sunday at 11:00 am and Tuesdays 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.