



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: 29TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: B

Twenty – Ninth Week of Ordinary Time: 17th – 23rd October 2021 (Weekday Cycle Year I / Psalter Week I)

<p>Sunday 17th October: <i>Twenty – Ninth 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; Francois Girardeau RIP (Gouveia) 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Special Intention (Ida)</p>	
<p>Monday 18th October: <i>St Luke, Evangelist (Feast)</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; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p>	
<p>Tuesday 19th October: <i>Weekday Feria</i></p>	
<p>10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Edmond O' Brien RIP</p>	
<p>Wednesday 20th October: <i>Weekday Feria</i></p>	
<p>10:00 am: Mass; Intentions of Des Burrows (SVP)</p>	
<p>Thursday 21st October: <i>Weekday Feria</i></p>	
<p>Mass; Special Intention 4:30 pm: Reception; Robert O'Donnell RIP</p>	
<p>Friday 22nd October: <i>Weekday Feria</i></p>	
<p>10:00 am: Requiem Mass; Robert O'Donnell RIP</p>	
<p>Saturday 23rd October: <i>St John Paul II, Pope, memoria</i></p>	
<p>Mass; Holy Souls</p>	
<p>Sunday 24th October: <i>Thirtieth Sunday of the Year</i></p>	
<p>9:00 am: Mass; Tom Hopkins RIP (Joe)</p>	
<p>11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Peggy Carroll RIP (Curtis)</p>	
<p>UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED THE ABOVE MASSES WILL ALL BE SAID PRIVATELY!</p>	
<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>	

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 *Robert (Bob) Patrick O' Donnell* who died on *Thursday 30th September 2021*, aged 78 years old. Bob's body will be received into Church on *Thursday 21st October 2021* at *4:30 pm* and his Requiem Mass will take place on *Friday 22nd October 2021* at *10:00 am* followed by Cremation at Bramcote Crematorium. Also, *Brendan McLoughlin* who died on *Tuesday 5th October 2021*, aged 66 years old. Brendan's Requiem Mass will take place on *Friday 12th November 2021* at *10:00 am* followed by Burial at Beeston Cemetery. We pray for them and their families at this sad time. May he rest in peace.

NOVEMBER DEAD: During the month of November, we are once again encouraged by the Church to remember all those of our family and friends; whom we have known, who have died. This year we will have our Novena (Nine Days) of Masses for the Holy Souls beginning on *Friday 12th November 2021*. On consecutive days one Mass will be offered for the general intention of the Holy Souls and specifically for all those whose names we have placed upon the altar on the following days: *Friday 12th; Saturday 13th Sunday 14th; Monday 15th; Tuesday 16th; Wednesday 17th; Thursday 18th; Friday 19th and Saturday 20th November 2020*. If you wish your loved ones to be included in the Novena, please complete a form and place it in the envelope provided, along with any donations, which you will find in the Narthex. All names will be placed on the Altar for the celebration of these Masses and throughout the whole month of November; both during and after the Novena. All donations in the envelopes will be taken out at the end of the month and further Masses will be offered throughout the year for all the deceased members of our Parish and their families and friends. If you cannot get an envelope or list from Church, then please make your own list on a piece of paper and put it along with your donation through the door of the Presbytery, so that these names can also be included.

THE BLESSING OF GRAVES: This will take place on the second Sunday in November. I will attend *Beeston Cemetery*, Wollaton Road, at *2:00 pm* on *Sunday 14th November 2021* and *Chilwell Cemetery*, Field Lane on the same day at *3:15 pm* to hold a short service for family and friends of our Parishioners who have gone to the Lord. All are welcome to attend to pray for the dead of our Parish.

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. There will be a meeting for all parents and children on *Saturday 23rd October 2021 at 10:30 am* in the Parish Hall. If anyone is not able to attend, please contact me as soon as possible, preferably by seeing me after Mass or by telephone.

RCIA PROGRAMME: As with the First Holy Communion Programme, I would like to complete the RCIA Course which we began in 2019. There will be a meeting **THIS** *Wednesday, 20th October 2021 at 7:30 pm* to discuss the completion of last year's course. If you are not able to attend, please 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*

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.

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.