



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
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and
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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: 31ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: B

Thirty – First Week of Ordinary Time: 31st October – 6th November 2021 (Weekday Cycle Year I / Psalter Week III)

Sunday 31st October: <i>All Saints (Solemnity)</i>	<p>9:00 am: Mass; <i>Iain Findlay RIP</i></p> <p>11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); <i>Brian Willis RIP (Farrelly)</i></p>	<p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></p> <p>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 Keane, Janet Mernagh, Anne – Marie Reid, Simpson Family, Evelyn Venning, John Wilcox and Bob Wilson.</p>
Monday 1st November: <i>Weekday Feria</i>	<p>10:00 am: Mass; <i>Special Intention</i></p>	
Tuesday 2nd November: <i>All Souls' Day</i>	<p>10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); <i>Paul Scullion RIP (Farrelly)</i></p>	
Wednesday 3rd November: <i>Weekday Feria</i>	<p>10:00 am: Mass; <i>Joan Williams RIP (Coulthard)</i></p>	
Thursday 4th November: <i>St Charles Borromeo, Bishop (memoria)</i>	<p>Mass; <i>Pro Populo; People of the Parish</i></p>	
Friday 5th November: <i>Weekday Feria</i>	<p>10:00 am: Mass; <i>Bob O'Donnell RIP (Begley)</i></p>	
Saturday 6th November: <i>Weekday Feria</i>	<p>Mass; <i>Holy Souls</i></p>	
Sunday 7th November: <i>Thirty - Second Sunday of the Year</i>	<p>9:00 am: Mass; <i>Julia Maria Wilson RIP (Diane & David)</i></p> <p>11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); <i>Intentions of Kiera Morgan Harvey</i></p>	<p>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>
<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.

NB: British Summer Time ends this weekend and the clocks go back one hour.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *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. Also, Ann Patricia Gardener of Thompson Close, Beeston, who died on *Monday 18th October 2021*, aged 82 years old. Ann's Funeral Service will take place on *Monday 15th November 2021* at *12:00 pm* followed by Burial at Chilwell Cemetery. And Jim Lyons' wife *Georgina Lyons* who died on *Wednesday 20th October 2021*. We pray for them and their families at this sad time. May they 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 *Sunday 14th November 2021*. 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: *Sunday 14th; Monday 15th; Tuesday 16th; Wednesday 17th; Thursday 18th; Friday 19th; Saturday 20th; Sunday 21st and; Tuesday 23rd November 2021*. 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: The First Holy Communion for all parents and children on continues on *Saturday 6th November 2021 at 3:00 pm* 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.

POOR CLARES: The Sisters send their sincere thanks for the gifts and donations I took them on Monday 25th October 2021. They are in the middle of moving from Bulwell in preparation for the demolition and rebuilding of their Monastery. Six sisters are moving to Alfreton, six to Southwell and two to Leicestershire. Mother Damian will be based at Alfreton and will visit the other two groups weekly. I will continue to visit them at Alfreton every month to take your gifts and donations and Mother will distribute them to the other two groups so it is still very important that we continue to support them as we have been doing. Because of the move there will be no cakes, etc., available for the time being but hopefully they will be able to start baking again in the New Year. My next visit to see the Sisters will be *Monday 29th November 2021* at Alfreton – thanks again for your continued support – *Diane Wilson*

ADVENT FAIR AND COFFEE MORNING: There will be a Coffee Morning and Sale in the Church Hall on *Saturday 27th November 2021* from *11:00 am until 12:30 pm* and also on *Sunday 28th November 2021 after Mass*. There will be a Craft stall with Christmas gifts, a Cake Stall, Jams Marmalades and Chutneys, a Christmas Hamper Raffle and Sheila's Bric – a – brac as well as refreshments and homemade mince pies. The Fair is to raise money for Church funds.

READERS' ROTA: Now that we are starting to come out the Lockdown restrictions, I think that it is now a good time to restart the Readers' Rota for Sunday Mass. In order to start a new rota could any readers or anyone who would like to read at Mass please contact me as soon as possible.

Synod 2023: A WORLDWIDE LISTENING PROCESS



On the 10th October 2021 Pope Francis launched the first stages of the 2023 Synod: “*For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission.*” A Synod is a worldwide gathering of Bishops (with other delegates and experts) to discuss and discern how the Church responds to a certain issue. The meaning of Synod is journeying together and those Bishops representing their country are called to bring the thoughts and hopes of the people they represent. The 2023 will not be responding to a particular issue, rather it will be reflecting how the nature or culture of the Church can be more synodal – a wider listening to the Holy Spirit speaking through all peoples.

This process though starting in Rome thoroughly begins in our local parishes, schools or chaplaincies. Every Catholic community is invited to meet together and listen to one another and the Holy Spirit reflecting on how we can be more focused on being a Missionary Church. One that makes Christ present to all peoples in all places. As a Diocese we are inviting each Catholic community to reflect on their dream for the Church and how to make that a reality. To not only listen to the leaders in Parishes / Chaplaincies / Schools but to all especially those at the margin of our community.



On the Diocesan website there are some documents, resources and guides how this can be lived out throughout our Diocese. We aim to have a report together that reflects what have been said by the people of our Diocese ready to present to the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales near the end of January 2022. This document will help form the national report that will go to the European Conference and then on to the worldwide meeting in Rome.

This process is not about gathering data for Rome. We are not going to ask Parishes, Schools and Chaplaincies to do this great work and then wait nearly two years to hear what is said in Rome. We want to see these communities listen to the Holy Spirit and then be empowered into action. We will invite each Parish to make concrete commitments that they will get to work on straight away. It is our hope that Pentecost 2022 can be a wonderful celebration of all the great things that have started to happen in our diocese.

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.