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**TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: B**

Thirty – Third Week of Ordinary Time: 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (Weekday Cycle Year I / Psalter Week I)

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November: *Thirty - Third Sunday of the Year***

**Your Prayers are requested  
for those who are sick:**

- 9:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls (Novena Mass)
- 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Bob O'Donnell RIP (Curtis)
- 2:00 pm: Blessing of the Graves; Beeston Cemetery
- 3:15 pm: Blessing of the Graves; Chilwell Cemetery

- Isobel Alana Barnes,
- Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown,
- Pat Constable,
- Francesca Lina Craparotta,
- Jim & Margaret Dougan,
- 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.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November: *Weekday Feria***

- 10:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls (Novena Mass)
- 12:00 pm: Funeral Service: Ann Patricia Gardner RIP

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November: *Weekday Feria***

- 10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Holy Souls (Novena Mass)

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November: *St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop & Patron of the Diocese (Feast)***

- 10:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls (Novena Mass)
- 5:00 pm: Reception; Noreen Smith RIP

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November: *Weekday Feria***

- Mass; Holy Souls (Novena Mass)
- 10:00 am: Requiem Mass (St Francis); Noreen Smith RIP

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November: *Weekday Feria***

- 10:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls (Novena Mass)

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November: *Weekday Feria***

- Mass; Holy Souls (Novena Mass)
- 10:30 am: First Confessions; St Francis of Assisi
- 5:00 pm: First Confessions; Our Lady of the Assumption

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November: *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Solemnity)***

- 9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish
- 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Holy Souls (Novena Mass)

**HOSPITALS**

A few 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.

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE:** Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Ann Patricia Gardener* of Thompson Close, Beeston, who died on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021**, aged 82 years old. Ann's Funeral Service will take place on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021** at **12:00 pm** followed by Burial at Chilwell Cemetery. Also, *Edna Correya* who died on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021**, aged 91 years old. Edna's Requiem Mass will take place on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021** at **10:00 am** followed by Cremation at Bramcote Crematorium. 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>; Monday 15<sup>th</sup>; Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>; Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>; Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>; Friday 19<sup>th</sup>; Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>; Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> and; Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 **THIS Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021**. I will attend **Beeston Cemetery**, Wollaton Road, at **2:00 pm** 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. NB: There will also be the Blessing of the Grave and Prayers for the Dead at **Wilford Hill Cemetery**, Loughborough Road, NG2 7FE on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021** at **3:00 pm** (meet at the Cemetery Chapel) and **Carlton Cemetery**, Cavendish Road, NG4 3EF on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021** at **3:00 pm**.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The First Holy Communion for all parents and children on continues on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 5:00 pm** with First Confessions in Church. 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021** at Alfreton – thanks again for your continued support – *Diane Wilson*

**RCIA PROGRAMME:** The RCIA Course continues **NEXT Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7:30 pm**. If you are not able to attend, please contact me as soon as possible, preferably by seeing me after Mass or by telephone.

**ADVENT FAIR AND COFFEE MORNING:** There will be a Coffee Morning and Sale in the Church Hall on *Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021* from *11:00 am until 12:30 pm* and also on *Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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. Raffle tickets will be on sale after Mass from this weekend.

**PAX CHRISTI:** New Christmas cards are now available from Pax Christi. Felt banners were created some years ago for display at a Church in Cambridge during Christmas. These banners have now been made into Christmas cards. They can be ordered at £4.50 plus post + packing from: [HTTPS://paxchristi.org.uk/product/nativity-trio-cards/](https://paxchristi.org.uk/product/nativity-trio-cards/)

**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.

**SUNDAY MORNING TEA AND COFFEE ROTA:** I am looking for volunteers for the Sunday Tea and Coffee Rota, you could volunteer as a family, a couple or an individual, the more volunteers there are the less onerous the task. The task involves serving Tea and Coffee after Sunday Mass, washing up and most importantly getting to know your Parish Community, it is an extra hour added onto your Sunday when you are on Rota. If you are able to volunteer, please let me know – *Marie Calladine* (07850 978788) or [marie\\_calladine@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marie_calladine@hotmail.co.uk) or just catch me after Mass. Thank you.

### **Synod 2023: A WORLDWIDE LISTENING PROCESS**



On the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 of 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.

Following the opening of the Synodal Process and Bishop Patrick's Pastoral Letter, we are being asked to consider how all of us can contribute to the Synodal Process. The following questions are given to us for our consideration. As a Parish we will have the opportunity to meet and discuss these questions, but for the moment I would ask all of you to contribute, by giving some thoughts and ideas in answer to these questions. A separate sheet will be available from Church, on the Parish website and WhatsApp page for you to print off and provide written feedback. These can be handed into me at any time before the meeting (details of time and date to follow). There will also be an open Deanery Meeting in January where representatives of all the Parishes in the Nottingham Deanery will be invited to attend to share the ideas and thoughts from their respective Parishes. Regular updates about the Synod are also available on our Diocesan website at:

<http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/synod2023> and information about the Synod around the world can be found on the Vatican's website at: <https://www.synod.va/en.html>

The Questions for consideration are:

1. What is my dream for the Church, for my Parish so that it can become more outward – looking, more missionary?
2. To achieve this dream, what do we need to stop doing? What are we doing that needs to be developed or done differently?
3. As a Parish do we know who are the people who feel left out or excluded from the Parish and society?
4. How as a Parish can we reach out, listen to and love them? Suggest at least two identifiable ways (an immediate action and a long – term change) in which, as a Parish, we will reach out to and listen to, the marginalised or separated.
5. How do I hear and respond to the voice of God's Holy Spirit, in my life; what signs of the Spirit at work do I see in the life of my Parish?
6. What steps may the Holy Spirit be calling us to take, as a Parish, on our journey together into God's future?

**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.