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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: B

Second Week of Ordinary Time: 14th – 20th January 2024 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week II)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Saturday 13th January:</u> <i>Second Sunday of the Year B</i> 5:00 pm; Confessions 5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; John Green RIP (Anniversary) (Sully) ● <u>Sunday 14th January:</u> <i>Second Sunday of the Year B</i> 9:00 am: Mass; Maggie Neale 60th Birthday (Marie) 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Pro Populo; People of the Parish ● <u>Monday 15th January:</u> <i>Weekday Feria</i> 10:00 am: Mass; Intentions of the Loretto Sisters (Breame) ● <u>Tuesday 16th January:</u> <i>Weekday Feria</i> 10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Ned Bowe RIP (Curtis) ○ <u>Wednesday 17th January:</u> <i>St Anthony, Abbot (memoria)</i> 10:00 am: Mass; Margaret Simmons RIP (SVP) ● <u>Thursday 18th January:</u> <i>Weekday Feria</i> NO MORNING MASS ● <u>Friday 19th January:</u> <i>Weekday Feria</i> 10:00 am: Mass; Bonnie Teeling RIP (Garton) ● <u>Saturday 20th January:</u> <i>Third Sunday of the Year B</i> 5:00 pm Confessions 5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Dorothy Atkin RIP (D & B Smith) ● <u>Sunday 21st January:</u> <i>Third Sunday of the Year B</i> 9:00 am: Mass; Anna Maria Whatmore RIP (Hannah & Matt) 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Pro Populo; People of the Parish 	<p>PARISH FINANCES</p> <p>6th / 7th January 2024</p> <p>Envelopes: £ 212. 00 Loose Plate: £ 309. 25 S / Orders: £ 400. 10 TOTAL: £ 921. 35</p> <p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i></p> <p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></p> <p>Kathleen Anderson, Isobel Alana Barnes, Marica Borsos, Jessie Breame, Margaret Brown, Des Burrows Ann Harrison, Fr Peter Harvey, Andrea Hoffman, Breeda Keaney, Brenda Lowe, Julie Mortimer, Anne – Marie Reid, Simpson Family, Kay Twomey, Evelyn Venning and John Wilcox.</p>
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Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to frcathomas@outlook.com by WEDNESDAY of each week for inclusion in the next issue.

The Diocese is producing a monthly podcast for the Year of Prayer called **Encounter Prayer**. Each month a different type of prayer will be showcased; this first episode is given by Bishop Patrick who introduces the Year of Prayer, his hopes for it, and shares insights from his own prayer life. The Podcasts can be found on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music and Audible by searching Diocese of Nottingham; they are also on the Diocesan Website: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer.

THE ONGOING REORGANISATION OF THE DIOCESE enabling us all to become more missionary in a way which recognises that we now have fewer clergy and fewer parishioners, continues to make steady progress. To date the 108 parishes we had in 2017 have been reduced to 88, with 32 Parishes having been amalgamated to form 12 new larger parishes. Parishioners in all our Parishes are on a journey of working more closely together, in a more missionary fashion, in our united effort to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ, and to put that love into practice across the East Midlands.

STOP TWO EXTREME ABORTION AMENDMENTS: Pro – abortion MPs, Stella Creasy and Diana Johnson, have tabled two extreme abortion amendments in an attempt to hijack the Criminal Justice Bill. **Right To Life UK** has launched a tool on its website that makes it easy for you to email your MP to ask them to oppose the two extreme abortion up to birth amendments and sign Early Day Motion 131 to stop abortion pills being sent out without an in – person medical appointment. Please visit <https://righttolife.org.uk/abortionamendments> to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER, SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: Prayer is dialogue with God; and every creature, in a certain sense, “dialogues” with God. Within the human being, prayer becomes word, invocation, hymn, poetry... The divine Word is made flesh, and in each person’s flesh the word returns to God in prayer. *To read the full reflection and find more resources at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer*

CAFOD: The Church relies on people getting involved. Our Parish, our community, our world needs you. Could your New Year’s resolution be getting more involved in the life of our Church? Which aspects of the Church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish? **CAFOD**, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for people to give some time and join in its mission. Could you help in your parish, inspiring our Church to help build a better world or by visiting our local schools? Maybe you could raise a voice and campaign for justice, or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the area? Could you support local volunteers or share your admin or people skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Roles are flexible to meet your availability, and full training and support are provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with Will, the local CAFOD worker, on wcruddace@cafod.org.uk or 07710 094455. Or could you take part in The Big Lent Walk? cafod.org.uk/walk

HOMES FOR UKRAINE GATHERING: on *Friday 2nd February 2024, 2:30 – 4:00 pm* at the Frassati Centre, Holy Cross, Leicester LE1 6HW. Nearly two years on from the full – scale invasion of Ukraine, the need for refuge in the UK is still high. Join this afternoon hosted by Caritas Social Action Network and Saint John of God Hospitaller Services, where you can find out about the current situation, eligibility for sponsoring refugees, and key considerations for hosting. Visit bit.ly/ukraine2feb for more details.

DO JUSTICE; FOR PARISHES: is an opportunity, ideal for Lent, to take up Pope Francis’ invitation to become “a more synodal and missionary Church, a Church that adores God and serves the women and men of our time, going forth to bring everyone the consoling joy of the Gospel”. Published by Caritas Social Action Network, it comprises three sessions with suggested follow – up, either as a ‘top up’ or review of mission for existing parish groups or perhaps to set the ball rolling on work for social justice. To find out more about running *Do Justice* locally visit bit.ly/dojusticenottingham