



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
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ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH, TAMWORTH
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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: B

Fourth Week of Ordinary Time: 28th January – 2nd February 2024 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week IV)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Saturday 27th January:</u> <u>Fourth Sunday of the Year B</u> 5:00 pm; Confessions 5:30 pm; Vigil Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish ● <u>Sunday 28th January:</u> <u>Fourth Sunday of the Year B</u> 9:00 am: Mass; Dennis Mooney RIP (Marie) 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Jim & Bridget Ward RIP (Anniv) (Willis) ● <u>Monday 29th January:</u> <u>Weekday Feria</u> 10:00 am: Mass; Intentions of Pauline Slater (Wilson) ● <u>Tuesday 30th January:</u> <u>Weekday Feria</u> 10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Pam Ashton RIP ○ <u>Wednesday 31st January:</u> <u>St John Bosco, Priest (memoria)</u> 10:00 am: Mass; John Fox RIP (Twomey) ● <u>Thursday 1st February:</u> <u>Weekday Feria</u> NO MORNING MASS ○ <u>Friday 2nd February:</u> <u>The Presentation of the Lord</u> <u>- Candlemas (Feast)</u> 10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish ● <u>Saturday 3rd February:</u> <u>Fifth Sunday of the Year B</u> 5:00 pm Confessions 5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Private Intention ● <u>Sunday 4th February:</u> <u>Fifth Sunday of the Year B</u> 9:00 am: Mass; Margaret Simmons RIP (Lowe) 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Jim Willis RIP (Beckett) 	<p>PARISH FINANCES</p> <p>20th / 21st January 2024</p> <p>Envelopes: £ 216. 00 Loose Plate: £ 243. 14 S / Orders: £ 400. 10 TOTAL: £ 859. 24</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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The first Class for the First Holy Communion course for the Children and their Parents, “*Getting to Know You,*” will be this **Sunday 28th January 2024, after Mass** in The Assumption Parish Hall. The second session, “*In the Name of the Father,*” will be next Sunday, 4th February 2024 **before Mass at 10:00 am** in St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall. If for any reason you are unable to attend these classes, please contact me as soon as possible to let me know.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2024: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend. SPUC’s vision is for a world where abortion is unthinkable. This year’s appeal calls for the Government to end the pills-by-post abortion policy. As well as ending the lives of precious babies, this policy lacks safeguards against illegal late-term abortions and puts mothers at the physical risk 86% of GPs are concerned that this scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis.

A SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE FOR LENT: During the past year there have been over 200,000 abortions in England and Wales. This means many lives lost; many women harmed; many families hurt. The Church tells us that abortion is wrong. But what can we as Christians do about it? 40 Days For Life is the answer. During Lent Christians will be praying outside the largest abortion clinic in Nottinghamshire. We will also be offering practical, compassionate and non – judgemental help to any woman who feels pressured into abortion so that she has a genuine pro – life alternative. And we will be witnessing to the power of prayer. **Will you join us?** If you would consider it come to the launch of our campaign on **Sunday 4th February 2024 at 3:00 pm**, in Cathedral Hall (NG1 5AE). You can find out about this spiritual movement spreading around the world, and have a chance to hear Rachel MacKenzie, of Rachel’s Vineyard, which offers spiritual healing to post abortive women. More details are available at www.40daysforlife.com/Nottingham or email 40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com Alone, we cannot change our society. But we are not alone! “*For with God nothing is impossible.*” (Luke 1³⁷)

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER, FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: All human suffering is sacred to God. So prays the prayer of Psalm 56: “You have kept an account of my wanderings; you have kept a record of my tears! Are they not written in your book?” (v. 8). Before God we are not strangers, or numbers. We are faces and hearts, known one by one, by name. *To read the full reflection and find more resources at* www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

NOTTINGHAM’S ANNUAL LIGHT NIGHT TRAIL: come and experience the Cathedral like never before. Its breath – taking gothic revival architecture will be illuminated, there will be live choral and organ performances throughout the evening, and the opportunity for families to make lanterns thanks to a new collaboration with Nottingham Playhouse. All are welcome on **Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd February 2024 from 5:30 pm – 10:00 pm.**

JESUS YOUTH IS ORGANISING A YOUNG ADULTS’ RETREAT: for those aged 18 – 23 years at The Briars, Matlock (DE4 5BW) on the **weekend of 23rd – 25th February 2024.** Come join us for this Catholic Youth Weekend, where we will explore deeper into aspects of Gender and Identity through the core theme for the weekend, the reality that we are “*Created For Love.*” To register, visit: <https://forms.gle/2JCX9JWCQRBdi21g7>

SITUATIONS VACANT: The Diocese of Nottingham is currently recruiting for a **Land and Buildings Officer** and for a **Compliance and Support Property Officer.** Details can be found on the poster at the back of Church or by visiting www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers. For more information contact Rachael Oxspring on 0115 953 9845. The closing date is **Monday 12th February 2024.**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR: Holy Family Parish, Nottingham seeks to appoint to this part – time role. Already an essential part of the leadership and ministry in the Parish for the last 6 years, due to the current post – holder’s retirement applicants are invited for this exciting and developing role. For information contact Diane Williams, Community Coordinator: 0115 911 8266 ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk The closing date is **Monday 26th February 2024.**