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

Fifth Week of Ordinary Time: 4th – 10th February 2024 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week I)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Saturday 3rd February: <u><i>Fifth Sunday of the Year B</i></u> 5:00 pm; Confessions 5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Private Intention ● Sunday 4th February: <u><i>Fifth Sunday of the Year B</i></u> 9:00 am: Mass; Margaret Simmons RIP (Lowe) 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Jim Willis RIP (Beckett) ● Monday 5th February: <u><i>St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr (memoria)</i></u> 10:00 am: Mass; Private Intention (PS) ● Tuesday 6th February: <u><i>SS Paul Miki & Comp., Martyrs of Japan (memoria)</i></u> 10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Paul Green RIP (Curtis) ○ Wednesday 7th February: <u><i>Weekday Feria</i></u> 10:00 am: Mass; Intentions of Frances Plowright (SVP) ● Thursday 8th February: <u><i>Weekday Feria</i></u> NO MORNING MASS ○ Friday 9th February: <u><i>Weekday Feria</i></u> 10:00 am: Mass; Evans & Mc Intyres Families ● Saturday 10th February: <u><i>Sixth Sunday of the Year B</i></u> 5:00 pm Confessions 5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Sally Dobbs RIP (Murphy) ● Sunday 11th February: <u><i>Sixth Sunday of the Year B</i></u> 9:00 am: Mass; Intentions of Vera Kelly (Benson) 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Mrs Mc Nally RIP (Curtis) 	<p>PARISH FINANCES</p> <p>27th / 28th January 2024</p> <p>Envelopes: £ 203. 00 Loose Plate: £ 268. 31 S / Orders: £ 403. 50</p> <p>TOTAL: £ 874. 81</p> <p>White Flower Appeal: £ 201. 59</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.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Brian Thomas Evans*, formerly of Hillside, Beeston who died on **22nd January 2024** aged **85 years**. Brian will be received into Church on **Monday 19th February 2024 at 6:00 pm** and his Requiem Mass will take place on **Tuesday 20th January 2024 at 11:00 am** followed by cremation at Bramcote Crematorium. We pray for him and his family at this sad time. May he rest in peace.

PARISH PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION: To mark 70 years of our Parish Church and 40 years of our Parish Hall we will be celebrating with a Mass and a Hog Roast on **Friday 5th July 2024 at 6:30 pm**. Tickets will be on sale for this event priced at £15 per Adult – Children (5 – 16 year-olds) £10. Ticket price includes Hog Roast, various salads, cake, soft drinks and wine We will need to know definite numbers for catering purposes by **31st May 2024**. Tickets will be available in the next few weeks. To spread the cost of this event there will be a Parish saving scheme for ticket/s (i.e. save a little each week / fortnightly) if you would like to take advantage of this, please see Marie Calladine or Margaret Cookson for more information. Put the date in your diary and come and celebrate with our lovely Parish Community and enjoy a great evening celebrating our Parish.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The next Class for the First Holy Communion course for the Children and their Parents, “*In the Name of the Father,*” will be **THIS Sunday, 4th February 2024 before Mass at 10:00 am** in St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall. The next Class, “*Lord Have Mercy,*” will be on **Sunday 25th February 2024, after Mass** in The Assumption Parish Hall. If for any reason you are unable to attend these classes, please contact me as soon as possible to let me know.

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>

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER, 5th SUNDAY: The Pope recalled an occasion when someone said to him: “You talk too much about prayer. It is not necessary”. The Pope’s reply was emphatic: “Yes, it is necessary. Because if we do not pray, we will not have the strength to go forward in life. Prayer is like the oxygen of life. Prayer draws down upon us the presence of the Holy Spirit who always leads us forward. For this reason, I speak a lot about prayer.” *To read the full reflection and find more resources at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer.*

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**.

SEARCH FOR THE LIGHT IS BACK AGAIN THIS YEAR! Take some time out this Easter to come to The Briars for an amazing retreat experience. You can come by yourself or with your friends, no parents or teachers needed, and take part in fun activities and opportunities to learn more about and deepen your faith alongside other like-minded young people. This retreat is open to all in years 10 to 13, between **Thursday 28th – Sunday 31st March 2024**, and costs £55 per person (with bursaries through the St Francis of Assisi Fund). Get in contact on our Instagram (@NDCYS) or Facebook (NDCYS – The Briars) or call (01773 852044). **APPLICATIONS FOR THE BRIARS TEAM 24/25:** are now open! If you are feeling called to a volunteer year at The Briars you can find more information on our website or get in touch with us via any of our social medias.