



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: B

Sixth Week of Ordinary Time: 11th – 17th February 2024 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week II / IV)

G	Saturday 10th February: <i>Sixth Sunday of the Year B</i>	PARISH FINANCES
	5:00 pm; Confessions	
	5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Sally Dobbs RIP (Murphy)	
G	Sunday 11th February: <i>Sixth Sunday of the Year B</i>	
	9:00 am: Mass; Intentions of Vera Kelly (Benson)	
	11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Mrs Mc Nally RIP (Curtis)	
G	Monday 12th February: <i>Weekday Feria</i>	3 rd / 4 th February 2024
	10:00 am: Mass; Maria Campbell (Power)	Envelopes: £ 206. 00
G	Tuesday 13th February: <i>Weekday Feria</i>	Loose Plate: £ 265. 59
	10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Bonny Tealing RIP (Curtis)	S / Orders: £ 403. 50
	<i><u>The Season of Lent</u></i>	TOTAL: £ 875. 09
V	Wednesday 14th February: <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.
	10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Intentions of Kevin White	
	7:00 pm: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	
V	Thursday 15th February: <i>Lenten Feria</i>	
	NO MORNING MASS	
V	Friday 16th February: <i>Lenten Feria</i>	
	10:00 am: Mass; Kathleen Dixon Birthday Intentions	
	7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross	
V	Saturday 17th February: <i>First Sunday of Lent B</i>	
	5:00 pm Confessions	
	5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Brian Evans RIP (Murphy)	
V	Sunday 18th February: <i>First Sunday of Lent B</i>	
	9:00 am: Mass; Intentions of Tiwalde Shodunke (1 st Birthday)	
	11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Hugh Curtis RIP	
	4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross & Benediction	
		Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick: 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.

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 and will be on sale from **6th /7th April 2024**, so please put this date in your diary and save for your ticket, to come and enjoy a great evening celebrating our Parish Community.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The next Class for the First Holy Communion course for the Children and their Parents, “*Lord Have Mercy,*” will be on **Sunday 25th February 2024, after Mass** in The Assumption Parish Hall. “*Celebrating our Rescue,*” will be on **Sunday, 3rd March 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.

LENTEN SOUP: Starting on **Friday 16th February 2024 on Fridays during Lent**, there will be homemade soup and a bread roll served in the hall at **1:00 pm**. The cost is £ 3.00 and proceeds will go to Mary’s Meals. Everyone is welcome.

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER; 6th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: The Psalms do not always use refined and genteel language, and that they often bear the scars of existence. And yet, all these prayers were first used in the Temple of Jerusalem and then in the synagogues; even the most intimate and personal ones. “The Psalms’ many forms of prayer take shape both in the liturgy of the Temple and in the human heart” (Catechism §2588). And thus, personal prayer draws from and is nourished first by the prayer of the people of Israel, then by the prayer of the Church.

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>

Inter Care: A small international charity based in Syston, Leicestershire, is celebrating its Golden Jubilee. Since 1974, the charity has provided £18.7 million of medical aid to rural mission – based health units across sub – Saharan Africa. Inter Care relies entirely on fundraising to support its mission. This Lent, please look to support Inter Care’s work which provides high – quality medicines and medical supplies to health facilities run by the Catholic Dioceses across Africa. Email Claudia Domin fundraising@intercare.org.uk or visit www.intercare.org.uk

CAFOD DAILY LENT REFLECTIONS: (*delivered straight to your inbox*) Ash Wednesday is fast approaching and CAFOD would like to invite you to join them as we all seek to make space and time to draw closer to God and our global family through reflection and prayer this Lent. This year, as part of their reflections on one of the readings of the day, CAFOD will be sharing the stories of people from a fishing community in Liberia, as well as a daily prayer and suggested action you might like to take. Join this journey by signing up for CAFOD’s daily Lent emails. Sign up now: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/lent-prayers>

NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: will be led by Bishop Patrick between **Monday 15th and Friday 19th July 2024**. By air from East Midlands Airport directly to Lourdes, prices for the full – board five – day pilgrimage start at £819, including a full liturgical programme, and medical care and assistance for those who need it. For more details visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes or email the Pilgrimage Deputy Director at simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk