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**Times of Masses and other Services: Fifteenth Sunday of the Year: B.**  
Fifteenth Week of Ordinary Time: 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week III)

<b>G</b>	<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July:</b> <i>Fifteenth Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>PARISH FINANCES</b>
	5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Vigil Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	
<b>G</b>	<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July:</b> <i>Fifteenth Sunday of the Year</i>	6 <sup>th</sup> / 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
	9:00 am: Mass; In Thanksgiving for Marek & Barbara Bartek (Gabriela)	Envelopes: £ 195. 00
	11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Timothy Casey RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) (Veronica)	Loose Plate: £ 274. 58
<b>W</b>	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July:</b> <i>St Bonaventure, Bishop &amp; Doctor (mem)</i>	S / Orders: £ 410. 00
	10:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion	<b>TOTAL: £ 879. 58</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July:</b> <i>Weekday Feria</i>	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i>
	10:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion (St Francis);	
<b>G</b>	<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July:</b> <i>Weekday Feria</i>	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i>
	10:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion	Kathleen Anderson,
<b>G</b>	<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July:</b> <i>Weekday Feria</i>	Isobel Alana Barnes,
	NO MORNING MASS	Marica Borsos,
<b>G</b>	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July:</b> <i>Weekday Feria</i>	Des Burrows
	10:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion	Ann Harrison,
<b>G</b>	<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July:</b> <i>Sixteenth Sunday of the Year</i>	Andrea Hoffman,
	11:30 am: Baptism; Walter Ernest Whatmore	Breda Keaney,
	5:00 pm: Confessions	Brenda Lowe,
	5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; John Black RIP (Evans)	Julie Mortimer,
<b>G</b>	<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July:</b> <i>Sixteenth Sunday of the Year</i>	Anne – Marie Reid,
	9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	Simpson Family,
	11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Intentions of Kiera Morgan Harvey	Eileen Thompson
		Kay Twomey,
		Evelyn Venning
		and John Wilcox.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY FOR SEA SUNDAY**

Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to [frcathomas@outlook.com](mailto:frcathomas@outlook.com) by WEDNESDAY of each week for inclusion in the next issue

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Next weekend we welcome a new member into our Parish Community: *Walter Ernest Whatmore* who received the Sacrament of Baptism on *Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024*. We pray for him and his parents, *Hannah* and *Matthew* on this happy occasion.

**STELLA MARIS; SEA SUNDAY:** Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is NEXT Sunday *14<sup>th</sup> July 2024*. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in Church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

**READING AT MASS:** Whilst we have a good number of readers, there are times when we can be a little stretched – especially for Sundays. If you would be able to join the readers' rota, please contact either Fr Christopher or David Aldred. Don't worry if you haven't read before – we will get you up to speed with all you need to know!

**THE NEW LECTIONARY:** The Lectionary which contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising Liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued with all the other Liturgical texts. The New Lectionary will use both the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter for the Psalms. These changes are meant to make the Biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, to reflect current Biblical Scholarship and to provide a text for use in Liturgical settings that is more proclaimable and where appropriate more inclusive. The New Lectionary will become mandatory for use in all Catholic Parishes in England and Wales from Advent 2024. In readiness for these changes, a new set of Lectionaries (in four volumes) and a Book of the Gospels will have to be purchased for our Parish at a cost of about **£ 1,500. 00**. As with the New Missal, I know that some parishioners like to donate such items in memory of a loved one. However, this is an opportunity for any parishioner who wishes, to consider making a donation of any amount (I would not expect one person to pay the full cost) and the names of your nominated loved ones will be inscribed on the inside cover of the New Lectionaries. If you are interested in doing this there will be sheets available to put names on (much like November Dead List).

**ENGLISH MARTYRS' SCHOOL:** Our parish ambassadors are going to hold a Coffee and Cake Sale on *Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024* in School at *3:30 pm*. All monies and donations made will go towards the cost of the New Lectionaries. **ALL WELCOME.**

**COULD YOU HELP COUPLES PREPARE FOR MARRIAGE?** Marriage Care in partnership with the Diocese of Nottingham are looking for volunteers who would like to train to help local couples prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. If you would like to know more about what is involved in helping couples build their marriage on a firm foundation come to our webinar (with no commitment to train as a facilitator) on *Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7:00 pm*. Visit [dioceseofnottingham.uk/events](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/events) or email [formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk) to book your place.

**A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER, ON THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR:** The Prayer of Praise! Matthew's Gospel tells us that Jesus, in facing hostility and rejection, responds by praising God. He thanks the Father for who He is and for His love in revealing Himself "to mere children" (Matthew 11<sup>25</sup>), to the poor and humble of our world. Jesus' example of praise calls us to respond as he did at times when we feel God is absent or evil seems victorious. In praising God for everything, even "Sister Death", Saint Francis teaches us the importance, in all the circumstances of our lives, of praising God who is always faithful. Full reflection at [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer).

**THE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION AND PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE:** is being held in Walsingham on *Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024*, led by Bishop David Oakley of Northampton Diocese. In the 40 years in which the Pilgrimage has been held there has been a shocking increase in the annual number of abortions throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland. At the same time there is constant pressure from euthanasia supporting lobby groups to introduce assisted suicide, with high profile personalities endorsing this policy. Humanly, we may feel that we lack any means to counter this onslaught, but this day in Walsingham is to storm heaven in the peace and beauty of this Shrine, remembering Our Lady's words, "All who come here will find help in their need". More details are available at: [www.walsingham.org.uk/event/pro-life-pilgrimage-4/](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/event/pro-life-pilgrimage-4/)