



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF  
OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION,  
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NG9 1AE  
and  
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH, TAMWORTH  
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**Times of Masses and other Services: Thirty – First Sunday of the Year: B.**

Thirty – First Week of Ordinary Time: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week III)

**G** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: *Thirty – First Sunday of the Year*

5:00 pm: Confessions

5:30pm: Vigil Mass; Bill Ryan RIP (Curtis)

**G** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: *Thirty – First Sunday of the Year*

9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish

11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Canon Jeremiah Anthony Cronin RIP (Goodhind)

8:30 pm: Adoration & Ales; The Assumption Adoration Chapel

**W** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November: *St Charles Borromeo, Bishop (mem)*

10:00 am: Mass; Julia Marie Wilson RIP (Diane & David)

**G** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November: *Weekday Feria*

10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Janet Reich's Intentions

**G** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November: *Weekday Feria*

10:00 am: Mass; Special Intention

**G** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November: *Weekday Feria*

**NO MORNING MASS**

**G** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November: *Weekday Feria*

10:00 am: Mass; Private Intention

**G** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November: *Thirty – Second Sunday of the Year*

5:00 pm: Confessions

5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Sid Smith RIP (Curtis)

**G** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November: *Thirty – Second Sunday of the Year*

9:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls (November Dead)

11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Mrs Maxine King RIP (Goodhind)

2:00 pm: Blessing of the Graves; Beeston & West Park Cemeteries

3:15 pm: Blessing of the Graves; Chilwell & Long Lane Cemeteries

**PARISH  
FINANCES**

26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Envelopes: £ 204. 00

Loose Plate: £ 282. 99

S / Orders: £ 418. 00

**TOTAL: £ 904. 86**

*Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.*

**The Blessing of the Graves  
NEXT Sunday at Beeston,  
Chilwell, Long Lane and  
West Park Cemeteries.  
(Times of Services below)**

*Your Prayers are requested  
for those who are sick:*

Kathleen Anderson,  
Isobel Alana Barnes,  
Marica Borsos,  
Ann Harrison,  
Andrea Hoffman,  
Breeda Keaney,  
Brenda Lowe,  
Michael Morrissey,  
Julie Mortimer,  
Anne – Marie Reid,  
Simpson Family,  
Eileen Thompson  
Kay Twomey,  
Evelyn Venning  
and John Wilcox.

**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**

**RCIA PROGRAMME:** Our Parishes RCIA Course will continue on *Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024* at 7:30 pm in the Assumption Church Hall. The subject for this Session will be *Virtues and Vices*. All welcome. If you have any questions or would like any further information please speak to me. – *Fr Christopher*.

**CATHOLIC MEN OF THE PARISH:** Join us at The Assumption, Beeston *THIS Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024* at 8:30 pm for an hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a drink at one of our local pubs. Hope to see you there! Any questions ask David Aldred, or Fr Christopher. (*In association with Catholic Man UK. For more information see: <https://catholicman.uk/>*).

**COFFEE MORNING AND PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024(11:00 am – 1:00 pm)** Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and seasonal refreshments at the Parish Christmas Coffee Morning. There will be a Cake Stall, Raffle, Tombola, Bran Tub and our popular bottle stall among the stalls. Please help us make this the usual successful event by donating BOTTLES for the stall and RAFFLE PRIZES for the raffle and on the day cakes for the cake stall. The Big Box is in the Church porch for your donations and there is a list of suggested Raffle Prizes on the notice board. If you would like to donate a prize – put your name at the side of your choice. RAFFLE TICKETS will be on sale from this weekend and the price is £1 per ticket. **Please make a note of the time and the date and bring along your friends and family to this Parish Social and Fund Raising event.**

**NOTTINGHAM BIG BAND:** are having an evening of music in aid of Maggie's Nottingham, on *Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 from 7:30 pm* at the Church of the Assumption, Beeston. Tickets available on the door or contact [mick@walley@icloud.com](mailto:mick@walley@icloud.com). (£5.00 minimum donation). Further details can be found on the posters at the back of the Church or in the Church Hall.

**A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER, ON THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR:** Reflecting on Saint Paul's encouragement to pray unceasingly (cf. 1 Thessalonians 5<sup>17</sup>), the Church's spiritual writers have asked how to remain in a constant state of prayer. The Russian ascetic tradition developed the prayer of the heart, based on repeating the words, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner," until they become like the air we breathe. The Greek monk Evagrius compared prayer to a flame burning perpetually in our hearts even as we carry out our daily tasks. Prayer thus becomes the backdrop against which every action of our lives finds its deepest meaning. If God can find time for each of us, surely we can find time for Him! Full reflection at [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer).

**NOVEMBER DEAD:** During the month of November, we are once again encouraged by the Church to remember all those of our family and friends; whom we have known, who have died. This year we will have our Novena (Nine Days) of Masses for the Holy Souls beginning on *Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024*. One Mass will be offered for the general intention of the Holy Souls and specifically for all those whose names we have placed upon the altar on the following days: *Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>; Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>; Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>; Friday 15<sup>th</sup>; Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>; Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>; Monday 18<sup>th</sup>; Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November and; Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024*. If you wish your loved ones to be included in the Novena, please complete a form and place it in the envelope provided, along with any donations, which you will find in the Narthex. All names will be placed on the Altar for the celebration of these Masses and throughout the whole month of November; both during and after the Novena. All donations in the envelopes will be taken out at the end of the month and further Masses will be offered throughout the year for all the deceased members of our Parish and their families and friends. If you cannot get an envelope or list from Church, then please make your own list on a piece of paper and put it along with your donation through the door of the Presbytery, so that these names can also be included. **THE BLESSING OF GRAVES:** This will take place on the second Sunday in November. I will attend *Beeston Cemetery*, Wollaton Road, at 2:00 pm on *Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024* and *Chilwell Cemetery*, Field Lane on the same day at 3:15 pm to hold a short service for family and friends of our Parishioners who have gone to the Lord. All are welcome to attend to pray for the dead of our Parish.

**OUR NEW LECTIONARY EXPLAINED:** On *Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023* at 7:00 pm Pierpaolo Finaldi the CEO of the Catholic Truth Society (CTS) will present a webinar for our Diocese to help us explore the New Lectionary translation. Pierpaolo has overseen the publication of the new Lectionaries and will explore the reason for the new translation, the translation chosen, how we can prepare to hear and proclaim the scriptures in Mass. For more information and to register: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/our-new-lectionary-explained](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/our-new-lectionary-explained).

**PARISH FILM CLUB:** Beginning on *Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024* at 1:30 pm we hoping to begin a group to look at the way the Bible is portrayed on film. To look at how some of the characters from the Bible and the Saints of the Church are portrayed in films (such as St Francis of Assisi, Jeremiah, and St Luke) and the development of fictional stories related to religious themes. The first meeting will be a short introduction and discussion of the films that will be available. If you have the time please do come along. – All welcome.

**DAY FOR CATECHISTS:** on *Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024* the Diocese is hosting the first in – person day of Reflection and Formation for catechists since lockdown! The day will run from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, including Mass, and be led by the Dominican Sisters of Saint Joseph. The day will explore the calling of a catechist, reaching the whole family with catechesis, and going beyond Sacramental Catechesis. The day costs £10 per person; bring your own packed lunch. For more information and to book visit: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/day-for-catechists-2024](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/day-for-catechists-2024)

**CHANGE TO THE SATURDAY MASS TIME; SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024:** Broxtowe Borough Council have unilaterally decided and without any discussion or consultation to once again disrupt our Parish Mass schedule. The Beeston Christmas Light Switch On which will begin in Beeston Square at 4:30 pm and conclude with a firework display at 6:30 pm. As with last year they have also decided to close Commercial Avenue and Foster Avenue from 4:30 pm until 7:30 pm, which completely restricts access to our Church. I have therefore been forced to move the *Saturday Evening Vigil Mass* to 3:00 pm for THIS PARTICULAR SATURDAY ONLY.

\*\*Please note then **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ONLY SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024 VIGIL MASS** is at 3:00 pm.\*\*