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Times of Masses and other Services: Third (Gaudete) Sunday of the Advent: A.

Third Week of Advent: 14th – 20th December 2025 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week III)

Rose	Saturday 13th December:	<i><u>Third Sunday of Advent</u></i> <i><u>(Gaudete Sunday): Year A</u></i>	PARISH FINANCES
<p>5:00 pm: Confessions</p> <p>5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Intentions of Joe Twomey (Kay)</p>		6 th / 7 th December 2025	
Rose	Sunday 14th December:	<i><u>Third Sunday of Advent</u></i> <i><u>(Gaudete Sunday): Year A</u></i>	Envelopes: £ 248. 00 Loose Plate: £ 369. 95 S / Orders: £ 475. 70 TOTAL: £ 1093. 65
<p>9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p> <p>11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); James Barnes RIP (10th Anniversary)</p>		Poor & Needy Parishes: £ 309. 99	
V	Monday 15th December:	<i><u>Advent FERIA</u></i>	<p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i></p> <p>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</p> <p>Kathleen Anderson, Isobel Alana Barnes, Marica Borsos, Mary Evans, Kathleen Fisher, Andrea Hoffman, Breeda Keaney, Margaret King, Brenda Lowe, Michael Morrissey, Julie Mortimer, Anne – Marie Reid, Simpson Family, Kay Twomey, Evelyn Venning and John Wilcox.</p>
<p>10:00 am: Mass; Patrick Deane RIP (Evans)</p>			
V	Tuesday 16th December:	<i><u>Advent FERIA</u></i>	
<p>10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Betty Kelleher RIP (Curtis)</p>			
V	Wednesday 17th December:	<i><u>Advent FERIA</u></i>	
<p>10:00 am: Requiem Mass; David Thompson RIP</p>			
V	Thursday 18th December:	<i><u>Advent FERIA</u></i> NO MORNING MASS	
V	Friday 19th December:	<i><u>Advent FERIA</u></i>	
<p>10:00 am: Mass; Albert Grey RIP (Anne)</p>			
V	Saturday 20th December:	<i><u>Fourth Sunday of Advent: A</u></i>	
<p>5:00 pm: Confessions</p> <p>5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Brian Evans RIP (Mary)</p>			
V	Sunday 21st December:	<i><u>Fourth Sunday of Advent: A</u></i>	
<p>9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p> <p>11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); David T Morgans Jnr. RIP (12th Anniv) (Harvey)</p> <p>6:00 pm: Reception; Sally Spowage RIP</p>			

SUNDAY MISSALS (Proper Prayers & Readings Sunday pages 38 ff)
SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY FOR THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *David Thompson*, formerly of Myrtle Grove, Beeston, who died on *Wednesday 24th September 2025* aged 72 years. David's Requiem Mass will take place on *Wednesday 17th December 2025 at 10:00 am* followed by Cremation at Bramcote Crematorium. (we also remember David's wife Eileen who also died recently and whose Funeral has yet to be arranged). Also, please remember in your prayers *Sally Jane Spowage*, formerly of Haddon Crescent, Beeston who died on *Wednesday 26th November 2025* aged 85 years. Sally will be received into Church on *Sunday 21st December 2025 at 6:00 pm* and her Requiem Mass will take place on *Monday 22nd December 2025 at 12 noon* followed by Burial at Beeston Cemetery. We remember them and their families at this sad time May they all rest in peace.

RCIA PROGRAMME: Our Parishes RCIA Course will continue *THIS Monday, 15th December 2025 at 7:30 pm* in the Assumption Church Hall. The subject for this Session will be *The Meaning of Love*. All welcome. If you have any questions or would like any further information please speak to me. – *Fr Christopher*

FATHER CHRISTOPHER'S 60th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: A Big Thank You to all who came along to celebrate the occasion of my 60th Birthday last Sunday. Thank you also for all the cards, gifts and good wishes I received last weekend, which were very affirming and much appreciated.

PARISH COFFEE MORNING AND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Thank you to all who came along and supported this event last Saturday. A list of Raffle winners is on the Noticeboard in the Narthex and any unclaimed Raffle Prizes can be collected from the Sacristy. Many thanks for your support – *The Parish Social Committee*.

BIG CHURCH CLEAN FOR CHRISTMAS: Calling all Cleaning Teams and anyone else who would like to help, we will be cleaning the Church ready for Christmas on *Wednesday 24th December 2025 from 10:30 am*. Please do come along if you can and make our Church extra clean for the Christmas Season. Thank you. – *Marie*

VOLUNTEERING IN THE PARISH: It is a requirement of the Diocese that any adult wanting to volunteer in our Parish to complete a safer recruitment process. This requirement applies to all volunteer roles in the Parish with *no exceptions*. Please speak to Father Christopher or Carolyn Walley. Before commencing a volunteering role in the Parish: 1. You have an under 18 year olds participating in Parish activities as formal parental consent is required; 2. You are a 16 – 17 year olds participating in Parish activities as the safer recruitment process will need to be completed; 3. You are a new volunteer who has not completed the safer recruitment process. Thank you for your cooperation – *Carolyn Walley (Parish Safeguarding Rep)*

TRINITY SCHOOL: is putting on Carols by Candlelight on *Tuesday 16th December 2025 at 7:00 pm* at St Teresa's Church. Please do join the pupils for an evening of Carols, readings, and reflections by candle light, with Mulled wine and mince pies served from 6:30 pm in the Hall.

Times of Masses for Christmas

Wednesday 24th December 2025: *The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity)*

Vigil Mass for Christmas: 4:00 pm; The Assumption, Beeston

Vigil Mass for Christmas: 6:30 pm; St Francis of Assisi, Long Eaton

Thursday 25th December: *The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity)*

Midnight Mass for Christmas: Midnight; The Assumption, Beeston

Christmas Morning Mass: 9:00 am; The Assumption, Beeston

Christmas Morning Mass: 11:00 am; St Francis of Assisi, Long Eaton

Friday 26th December: *St Stephen (Feast)*

Morning Mass: 10:00 am; The Assumption, Beeston

Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to frcathomas@outlook.com by WEDNESDAY (before 6:00 pm) of each week for inclusion in the next issue.