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Times of Masses and other Services: Third Sunday of the Year: A.

Third Week of Ordinary Time: 25th – 31st January 2026 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week III)

| | | PARISH FINANCES |
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| G | Saturday 24th January: <i>Third Sunday of the Year: A</i> 5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Patrick Deane (Evans) | 17 th / 18 th January 2026 |
| G | Sunday 25th January: <i>Third Sunday of the Year: A</i> 9:00 am: Mass; Intentions of Barbara & Marek Bartek (Gabriela) 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Margaret Simpson RIP (Watts) | Envelopes: £ 264. 00 Loose Plate: £ 268. 37 S / Orders: £ 475. 70 |
| W | Monday 26th January: <i>SS Timothy & Titus, Bishops (mem)</i> 11:00 am: Requiem Mass; Eileen Thompson RIP | TOTAL: £ 1008. 07 |
| G | Tuesday 27th January: <i>Weekday Feria</i> 10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Pro Populo; People of the Parish | <i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i> |
| W | Wednesday 28th January: <i>St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor (memoria)</i> 10:00 am: Mass; Matelda McIntyre RIP (Evans) | <i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> |
| G | Thursday 29th January: <i>Weekday Feria</i> 10:00 am: Requiem Mass; Tita Saccomando RIP | Kathleen Anderson, Isobel Alana Barnes, Marica Borsos, Mary Evans, Kathleen Fisher, Andrea Hoffman, Breda Keaney, Margaret King, Brenda Lowe, Michael Morrissey, Julie Mortimer, Anne – Marie Reid, Simpson Family, Kay Twomey, Evelyn Venning and John Wilcox. |
| G | Friday 30th January: <i>Weekday Feria</i> 10:00 am: Mass; Kit & Hugh Spencer RIP (Evans) | |
| G | Saturday 31st January: <i>Fourth Sunday of the Year: A</i> 5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Richard Findlay RIP (Sue) | |
| G | Sunday 1st February: <i>Fourth Sunday of the Year: A</i> 9:00 am: Mass; Gabriel Klco RIP (Gabriela) 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Mother Frances O'Connor (OSC Bulwell & Arundel) RIP (Fogg) 8:30 pm: Adoration & Ales; The Assumption Adoration Chapel | |

SUNDAY MISSALS (Proper Prayers & Readings Sunday pages 698 ff)

SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Eileen Thompson*, formerly of Myrtle Grove, Beeston, who died on **Friday 31st October 2025**, aged 70 years. Eileen's Requiem Mass take place on **Monday 26th January 2026** at **11:00 am** followed by Cremation at Bramcote Crematorium. Also, please remember in your prayers *Mrs Tita Saccomando*, formerly of Seaburn Road, Toton who died on **Wednesday 17th December 2025** aged 88 years. Tita's Requiem Mass will take place on **Thursday 29th January 2026** at **10:00 am** followed by Burial at Beeston Cemetery. We remember them and their families at this sad time May they rest in peace.

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2026: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its Annual Appeal **THIS** weekend. SPUC exists to transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes unthinkable. The Society is actively leading the fight in courts, classrooms and culture to achieve this mission. Through these efforts we will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. This year's appeal postcards allow supporters to join the fightback campaign against the current threats in Parliament to expand abortion and allow assisted suicide. Your support means everything to us. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC at this critical time for our country.

CATHOLIC MEN OF THE PARISH: Join us at The Assumption, Beeston NEXT **Sunday, 1st February 2026** 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/>*).

RCIA PROGRAMME: Our Parishes RCIA Course will begin again on **Monday 26th January 2026** at **7:30 pm** in the Assumption Church Hall. The subject for this Second Session will be *The Community of the Church*. All welcome. If you have any questions or would like any further information please speak to me. – *Fr Christopher*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026: We will begin our Parish preparations for the 2026 First Confession and First Holy Communion Programme in early February. Could I ask that the parents of any children in the Parish who are in School Year 3 and above and who have not made their First Holy Communion please see me after Mass to collect an Enrolment Form for their child (ren) and return the completed Form (s) to me on or before **Sunday 1st February 2026**.

NEW MISSALS: New Daily Missal and Weekday Missals NOW AVAILABLE. The Daily Missal is the only UK Missal to contain the complete Sunday, Weekday, and Sanctoral Cycles in one volume. The Weekday Missal contains all the Prayers and Readings for all Weekday Masses, as well as the Sanctoral cycle, from Monday to Saturday. I have a limited number available of each and if you would like one or other either of these they are priced at **£65.00** for *The Daily Missal* and **£55.00** for *The Weekday Missal*. I also have some new *Sunday Missals* available as well priced at **£20.00**.

DEANERY ROADSHOWS: The Nottingham and Sherwood Deaneries will meet on the **Tuesday 27th January 2026** at **7:00 pm** in the Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Newark. The purpose of these Roadshows is to discuss the new Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend this Meeting and if you would like to attend / need more information please speak to me as soon as possible.

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY: has received a glowing Ofsted report after being inspected under the Education Watchdog's new framework. The School, in Long Eaton, achieved a 'strong standard' in six areas including attendance and behaviour, curriculum and teaching, early years, inclusion, leadership and governance and personal development and wellbeing. Achievement was said to be of '*Expected Standard*.' Under the new framework for Ofsted inspections, a five – point scale: Exceptional, Strong Standard, Expected Standard, Needs Attention, Urgent Improvement, is used to grade different areas of a provider's work. An overall effectiveness grade is no longer given. Expected Standard means the School is fulfilling the standard of education and or / care while strong standard means that leaders are working above the standards expected of them.

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.