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

Fifth Week of Ordinary Time: 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week I)

		PARISH FINANCES
<b>G</b>	<u>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February:</u> <i>Fifth Sunday of the Year: A</i> 5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Rafael Febres RIP (Power)	31 <sup>st</sup> January / 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2026
<b>G</b>	<u>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February:</u> <i>Fifth Sunday of the Year: A</i> 9:00 am: Mass; Anastazia Hnilicova RIP (Gabriela) 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Paul Gibson RIP (Halliday)	Envelopes: £ 257. 00 Loose Plate: £ 331. 85 S / Orders: £ 475. 70
<b>G</b>	<u>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February:</u> <i>Weekday Feria</i> 10:00 am: Mass; Joe Twomey (Birthday) (Kay)	<b>TOTAL: £ 1064. 55</b>
<b>W</b>	<u>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February:</u> <i>St Scholastica, Virgin (memoria)</i> 10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Holy Souls	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i>
<b>W</b>	<u>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February:</u> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes (memoria)</i> 10:00 am: Mass; Private Intention (PS)	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> 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.
<b>G</b>	<u>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February:</u> <i>Weekday Feria</i> <b>NO MORNING MASS</b>	
<b>G</b>	<u>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February:</u> <i>Weekday Feria</i> 10:00 am: Mass; Intentions of Elizabeth Needham (G T – Ross)	
<b>G</b>	<u>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February:</u> <i>Sixth Sunday of the Year: A</i> 5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; In Thanksgiving (Sue Findlay)	
<b>G</b>	<u>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February:</u> <i>Sixth Sunday of the Year: A</i> 9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Asuncion Sanchez RIP (Anniv) (Shaw)	

**SUNDAY MISSALS** (Proper Prayers & Readings Sunday pages 706 ff)

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

**RCIA PROGRAMME:** Our RCIA Course will continue **THIS Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026** at **7:30 pm** in the Assumption Church Hall. The subject for this Session will be ***The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation***. All welcome. If you have any questions or would like any further information please speak to me. – ***Fr Christopher***

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** First Holy Communion Classes will begin **THIS Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026** immediately after 9:00 am Mass in the Assumption Parish Hall.

**LENTEN SOUP:** **18<sup>th</sup> February 2026** is Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. Once again, delicious homemade soup and a roll will be served on the Friday's during Lent at 12:45 pm after Mass which will be at Midday on the Friday's during Lent. The soup will be **£ 4.00** and all money raised will once again go to Mary's Meals. Father Christopher will again be having his head shaved for Lent and if you would like to sponsor him – also for Mary's Meals – please put your name on the sponsor form in the narthex.

**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. ***This weekend we welcome The Parish Ambassadors from English Martyrs' School who will be sharing information about upcoming events at the School to which we are all invited as well as wider community events.***

**NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN YEARBOOK 2026:** now available priced £ 6.00.

**PASTORAL PLAN:** Bishop Patrick's Pastoral Letter and a copy of the Five Year Mission Plan for the Diocese of Nottingham 2026 – 2030, "***Go Make Disciples***" are now available on the Parish Website. Printed copies of the Mission Plan and Parish Summary Copies are also available from the back of Church.

**PRO – LIFE RENEWAL DAY:** **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (10:00 am until 4:00 pm)**, at Good Shepherd Church, Arnold, and led by Father Bernard Murphy CFR. All are welcome to this day of spiritual renewal, focussed on prayer for the sanctity of life at all stages. How do we as Christians keep fighting for the dignity of life when so many around us do not value it? Father Bernard will help us renew our motivation by opening scripture and Church teaching. There is no charge for the day (donations welcomed); a light lunch and refreshments are provided. To book a place or for more information contact John: [pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**NOTTINGHAM 40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** Praying for an end to abortion, between ***Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026***. During these 40 days of Lent Pro – Lifers will be: praying for an end to abortion in our community near the main abortion clinic in Nottinghamshire; offering peaceful witness to God's love and the possibility of healing; offering practical, non – judgemental help to women who may want to consider an alternative to abortion and offering support for post – abortive women. More information is at [www.40daysforlife.com/nottingham](http://www.40daysforlife.com/nottingham) or contact [40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com)

**SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA:** Each year, 8<sup>th</sup> February (when not a Sunday) is the memorial of St Josephine Bakhita, the Patron Saint of Victims of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery. There are 50 million victims of human trafficking across the world and as many as 130, 000 in the UK, hidden in plain sight in your neighbourhood. Pope Francis described human trafficking as "blood money" and a "crime against humanity". We are all called to combat this evil trade. To find out more and what you can do, go to [www.santamartagroup.org/resources](http://www.santamartagroup.org/resources).