



**The Catholic Church of Our Lady of the
Assumption,**
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Times of Masses and other Services: Seventeenth Sunday of the Year A.

Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time: 26th July – 1st August 2026 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week I)

PARISH FINANCES	
18 th / 19 th July 2026	
Envelopes: £ 305. 00	
Loose Plate: £ 248. 67	
S / Orders: £ 621. 00	
TOTAL: £ 1174. 67	
Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.	
Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick: 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.	

G	Saturday 25th July:	<i>Seventeenth Sunday of the Year</i>
	5:00 pm:	Confessions
	5:30 pm:	Vigil Mass; Derek Naylor RIP (Sue)
G	Sunday 26th July:	<i>Seventeenth Sunday of the Year</i>
	9:00 am:	Mass; Special Intention
	11:00 am:	Mass (St Francis); Jim Brennan RIP (Willis)
G	Monday 27th July:	<i>Weekday Feria</i>
	10:00 am:	Mass; Fr Noel Breslin RIP
G	Tuesday 28th July:	<i>Weekday Feria</i>
	10:00 am:	(St Francis); Service of the Word and Holy Communion
W	Wednesday 29th July:	<i>SS Martha, Mary & Lazarus (memoria)</i>
	10:00 am:	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
W	Thursday 30th July:	<i>St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor (memoria)</i>
		NO MORNING MASS OR SERVICE
W	Friday 31st July:	<i>St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest (memoria)</i>
	10:00 am:	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
G	Saturday 1st August:	<i>Eighteenth Sunday of the Year</i>
	5:00 pm:	Confessions
	5:30 pm:	Vigil Mass; Special Intention (Saville)
G	Sunday 2nd August:	<i>Eighteenth Sunday of the Year</i>
	9:00 am:	Mass; Louise Aldred RIP (David)
	11:00 am:	Mass; (St Francis); Jim Willis RIP (Kathleen)
	8:30 pm:	Adoration & Ales; The Assumption Adoration Chapel

SAVE THE DATE – PARISH FAMILY BBQ: *Sunday 23rd August 2026 from 3:00pm.* Come and enjoy good food and good company with your Parish Family (Sunshine on order 😊). Tickets: Family Ticket (2 Adults 2 Children) £20.00; Adult £7.00; Children (4 – 16 years) £4.00 each. Bring your own drinks and either a salad or dessert for a shared table. Tickets will be on sale from 12th July until 16th August 2026. – *The Social Committee*

SVP RAFFLE TICKETS: On sale at the back of the Church – £1 per ticket – £5 per book – Excellent Prizes to be won and you will be supporting a good cause. Thank you – *Marie Calladine (SVP President).*

BEESTON TEA AND CAKE DROP – IN: Everyone is invited to our **Tea and Cake Drop – In**, this **Thursday 30th July 2026 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm** in **The Assumption Church Hall, Beeston**. Tea, coffee and home – made cakes will be served throughout the afternoon. **Come and join us** for a relaxed and friendly chat with fellow parishioners; friends and neighbours are very welcome to come along, too. – *Stella Grant*

CATHOLIC MEN OF THE PARISH: Join us at The Assumption, Beeston **THIS Sunday, 7th June 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/>.*)

MARCH FOR LIFE UK: *Saturday 5th September 2026* in London for the Annual March for Life. Abortion has devastating repercussions for mothers and children, but its wider impact on the family is often overlooked. It can lead to fractured relationships, hidden grief, and guilt. That's why the theme for this year's March for Life is "*Abortion Hurts the Family.*" Unite with thousands of others at this family – friendly event, where we recognise the value of life from conception and help all people understand why abortion is a tragedy in itself and one that harms the family to its very core. To find out more go to marchforlife.co.uk. There will be a coach going to the March from Nottingham. Tickets are £30 for adults, £10 for under 16s and £15 for students/unwaged. To reserve places contact Marie: 07948 151264 or marielangford@live.co.uk

REPLY TO PRESS ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORT “A GROWING THREAT: THE ANTI-RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THE UK”: The Catholic Church works to uphold the God – given rights of all humanity, without exception. This includes the rights of those unjustly imprisoned, of refugees and migrants, of those who have been trafficked, and the right to life of all people from conception to natural death. Furthermore, we uphold the right to freedom of religion, conscience and expression as explained in the document of the Second Vatican Council, *Dignitatis Humanae*. Our belief in the dignity of every person, from which a proper understanding of human rights comes, animates all our work in the field of social justice in England and Wales.

Ahead of the Second Reading and vote in the House of Commons for the **TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS (END OF LIFE BILL)** on **Friday 11th September 2026**, the Bishops' Conference has produced resources encouraging parishioners to write to their MPs. Either scan the QR code on the poster, or visit www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/ Please consider writing to your MP, showing the support of the Catholic Community in opposition to this proposed change to the law.

THE GOVERNMENT'S GREAT BRITISH SUMMER SAVINGS SCHEME: takes place between **25th June and 1st September 2026**, with a temporary reduction on VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts, exhibitions and a wide range of other attractions. In addition, there is to be free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England. Full details can be found at: <https://summersavings.gov.uk>

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.