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Times of Masses and other Services: Twenty - Ninth Sunday of the Year A.
Twenty - Ninth Week of Ordinary Time: 18th - 24th October 2026
(Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week I) Schools' Word of the Week: Justice

G	<u>Saturday 17th October:</u>	<u><i>Twenty - Ninth Sunday of the Year</i></u>	PARISH FINANCES
	5:00 pm: Confessions		10 th / 11 th October 2026
	5:30 pm: Vigil Mass;	Pro Populo; People of the Parish	Envelopes: £ 277. 00
G	<u>Sunday 18th October:</u>	<u><i>Twenty - Ninth Sunday of the Year</i></u>	Loose Plate: £ 199. 82
	9:00 am: Mass;	Jozef & Marta Hajas RIP (Gabriela)	S / Orders: £ 621. 00
	11:00 am: Mass (St Francis);	Pat Conon RIP (Doherty)	<u>TOTAL: £ 1097. 82</u>
G	<u>Monday 19th October:</u>	<u><i>Weekday Feria</i></u>	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i>
	10:00 am: Mass;	Linda Newbold RIP (5 th Anniversary) (Kerry)	
G	<u>Tuesday 20th October:</u>	<u><i>Weekday Feria</i></u>	<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.
	9:20am: Rosary (St Francis)		
	10:00 am: Mass (St Francis);	Margaret Fogarty RIP	
G	<u>Wednesday 21st October:</u>	<u><i>Weekday Feria</i></u>	
	10:00 am: Mass;	Georgina Lyons RIP (Jim)	
G	<u>Thursday 22nd October:</u>	<u><i>Weekday Feria</i></u>	
	NO MORNING MASS OR SERVICE		
W	<u>Friday 23rd October:</u>	<u><i>St John Paul II, Pope (memoria)</i></u>	
	10:00 am: Mass;	Barbara Potter (100 th Birthday) (SVP)	
G	<u>Saturday 24th October:</u>	<u><i>Thirtieth Sunday of the Year</i></u>	
	5:00 pm: Confessions		
	5:30 pm: Vigil Mass;	Giancarlo Micheletti (Maria)	
G	<u>Sunday 25th October:</u>	<u><i>Thirtieth Sunday of the Year</i></u>	
	9:00 am: Mass;	The Butler Family (SVP)	
	11:00 am: Mass; (St Francis);	Deceased Members of the Keane Family	

NB: BRITISH SUMMER TIMES ENDS NEXT SUNDAY CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR at 2:00 am

Second Collection THIS Sunday for World Mission Day.

SUNDAY MISSALS (Proper Prayers & Readings): pp 794

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Today, Parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope’s charity for world mission – we stand united as God’s global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme ‘*One in Christ, United in Mission*’ to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God’s love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection. To donate, use the **Missio Envelope**, call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit: www.missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

OUR PARISHES RCIA Course continues **THIS Monday, 19th October 2026** at **7:30 pm** in the Assumption Church Hall. The theme of this week’s talk will be *The Life of Prayer*. All welcome. If you have any questions or would like any further information please speak to me. – *Fr Christopher*

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 **Monday 2nd November 2026**. 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: **Monday 2nd; Tuesday 3rd; Wednesday 4th; Friday 6th; Sunday 8th; Monday 9th; Tuesday 10th; Friday 13th; Saturday 14th and; Sunday 15th November 2026**. 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 8th November 2026** 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. On the same Deacon Chris Stevens will hold similar Services at **West Park Cemetery** at **2:00 pm** and **Longmoor Lane Cemetery** at **3:15 pm**. All are welcome to attend to pray for the deceased members of our Parish Family.

HOUSEBOUND AND SICK: If you know and are in contact with any members of the Parish who are housebound or who cannot get to Church because of illness or long – term ill health, please remind them that it is still possible to receive the Sacraments. If you know of anyone who would like to go to Confession or be Anointed or receive Holy Communion in their home, please give their details to Fr Christopher or Deacon Chris. When people are unwell it is easy to focus very much on their physical and mental well – being; our spiritual needs are just as important! (NB: I was very grateful to receive the Sacrament of the Sick; for the first time in my life, before my hip operation).

ROSARY: A reminder, especially during October, in this Month of the Holy Rosary, that Parishioners gather at around **9:20 am** each Tuesday morning, at St Francis of Assisi Church, before Mass to say the Rosary. Please feel free to join them, it is not an exclusive club! (NB: Mass this Tuesday is at English Martyrs’ School)

CATECHIST FORMATION: The Diocese of Nottingham is offering three courses about being a catechist: if you are interested in being a catechist or are just starting out or if you have been a Catechist for a long time, there is a course for you. All courses are on Zoom on Thursday evenings, with the first course, Encounter Catechesis, exploring four big questions about the foundations of catechesis, from **Thursday 5th November 2026**. Speak to your parish priest, or email formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

FLAME: is the national Catholic youth gathering, run by CYMFed (the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation). Every two years Catholic young people from across England and Wales fill Wembley Arena for a day of music, speakers and prayer. For many young people it is the first time they see how big the Church they belong to actually is and how alive it feels. The Diocesan Youth Service has 400 passes for School and Parish Groups, with ticket – only or coach packages available. To book email bookings@ndcys.com or visit www.ndcys.com/flame/

EVERYMAN THEOLOGY – A WEEKLY BLOG FOR EVERYDAY FAITH: Are you looking to connect your Catholic faith with the realities of work, parenting and daily life? If so, check out the weekly blog at www.everymantheology.com Written by Geoff, a Diocesan Catholic RE teacher, husband and father of two, each weekly post offers thoughtful, relatable reflection designed for everyday men and women seeking God in the middle ground between basic introductions and heavy academic theology. Find God in the real world, the real mess, the real stresses of everyday life.

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.