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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 8th January 2017

Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 8th – 14th January 2017 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week 2)

Saturday 7th January: <u>Saturday before the Epiphany</u>	<u>PARISH FINANCES</u>
NO MORNING MASS NO MORNING CONFESSIONS	31 st December 2016 / 1 st January 2017
Saturday 7th January: <u>Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)</u>	Envelopes:
5:00 pm: Confessions	Loose Plate:
5:30 pm: Mass; Deceased Members of the Curtis, Bouchard & Doherty Families.	Standing Orders:
Sunday 8th January: <u>Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)</u>	<u>TOTAL:</u>
10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	Chad:
Monday 9th January: <u>The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)</u>	Intercare:
11:00 am: Requiem Mass; Julianna Motowylczyk RIP	SVP:
Tuesday 10th January: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i>
12:30 pm: Confessions	<u>REQUIESCAT IN PACE</u>
1:00 pm: Mass; John Myatt RIP (Cookson)	Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of Julianna Motowylczyk (Spanish Julie), who died on Thursday 15th December 2016 . Her Requiem Mass will take place here at The Assumption Church this Monday, 9th January 2017 at 11:00 am followed by Burial at Beeston Cemetery. We pray for her and her family at this sad time. May she rest in peace.
Wednesday 11th January: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	
7:00 pm: Mass; Private Intention (P. L. Stevens)	
Thursday 12th January: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	
9:00 am: Mass; Special Intention	
Friday 13th January: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	
12:30 pm: Confessions	
1:00 pm: Mass; Intentions of Isobel Barnes	
Saturday 14th January: <u>Weekday Feria</u>	
10:00 am; Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	
10:45 am; Confessions	
Saturday 14th January: <u>Second Sunday of the Year A</u>	
5:00 pm: Confessions	
5:30 pm: Mass; Mr M Sawicki RIP	
Sunday 15th January: <u>Second Sunday of the Year A</u>	
9:00 am: Mass; David Rylie RIP (Anniversary)	

Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:
Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey, Marica Borsos, Pat Constable, David Fox, Audrey Mc Coy, Fr Joseph O' Hanlon, Bernadette Retallick, Mary Staley and John Webster.

Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to frcathomas@live.com by Thursday of each week for inclusion in the next issue.

*Second Collection **THIS** Sunday is for the *White Flower Appeal**

ROTAS:	5.30 pm	9.00 am	
Welcomers:		M Simpson & L Newbold	
Next Week:		K Orford – Perkins & M Castor	
Readers:	M Sully	S Grant	
Next Week:	A Simmons	S O'Brien	
Offertory:	M Sharp & S Spowage	R & N Wilson	
Next Week:	M Brown & S Mills	M Castor & Volunteer	
Coffee:	N Burrows & M Walton	Next Week:	M Calladine & L Wittam
Cashiers:	N Mason	Next Week:	A Simmons
Flowers:	Suzanne & Margaret J	Next Week:	Kay & Eve
Cleaning:	Team Begley	Next Week:	Team Powell
Brasses:	K Bennett	Next Week:	L Newbold

POOR CLARES: The Sisters send their thanks for all the donations taken to them before Christmas and they send their good wishes to all our Parishioners. The next visit will be Monday 30th January 2017. – *Diane Wilson*.

FAIR TRADE SALE: The next Fair Trade sale which will be the weekend 28th/29th January 2017. We continue our support for Mary's Meals with all Fair Trade goods sold. Information about Mary's Meals can also be found at the website: www.marysmeals.org.uk. – *Diane Wilson*.

RCIA PROGRAMME: Many thanks to all who continue to come along on Wednesday evenings for our continuation of the Catholicism Course by Fr Robert Barron. We will continue with the next chapter (9 of 10) **THIS Wednesday, 11th January 2017 at 7:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. The topic for that week is entitled, "*The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit.*" All are welcome and if you have missed the series so far it's still not too late to come along and join in.

***WHITE FLOWER APPEAL*:** The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal THIS weekend. In 2017 SPUC is commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. Over 8.7 million unborn children have lost their lives due to abortion in the last 50 years. Since 1967 SPUC has been working tirelessly to uphold the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. Please help make 2017 a landmark year in SPUC's historic campaign to win legal protection for unborn children. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC and help save mothers and babies from abortion.

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY: The first SVP Meeting for 2017 will be on **Monday 9th January** at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Any prospective new members or anyone wishing to find out more about what the SVP Society do are all very welcome to join us. Thankyou – *Beeston Parish SVP*

PARISH MAINTENANCE: I am sure that you will agree that the Church looked so beautiful for the Christmas celebrations. However, this can only happen with the time and help given by those who generously volunteer to help maintain the Church building. A great deal of this is done by those who clean the Church and take care of the brass polishing. I have been asked again to appeal to all members of the Parish, if they would like to volunteer to help with the cleaning and polishing. Some of our existing members are getting older and not in the best of health and would like to pass the job on to younger members of the Parish. It would probably entail cleaning the Church or the brasses about once a month.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: Trust in God's Guidance.

God is reminding us today that we can count on Him. He is begging us to trust Him and to follow Him just as the Wise Men followed the star. And if we do, we, like the Wise Men, will "be overjoyed," filled with true Christian joy. Christian joy is like the deep parts of the ocean. The ocean reaches depths of more than 36,000 feet, but only the top hundred feet are affected by even the most violent storms. God's faithfulness is as constant and dependable as those deep parts of the ocean. The heart that dwells in those depths can stay joyful even in the middle of life's storms. About a year before he died, Pope St John Paul was already in visibly declining health. He couldn't move himself around, he couldn't speak clearly – he was an icon of pain and suffering. Everyone knew he wouldn't be with us much longer. A Bishop visited him about this time, for the official five – year updates that every Bishop gives to the Pope. At the end of their meeting, the Bishop, with a sad look in his eyes, said to the Pope: "Holy Father, it saddens me to think that this is probably the last time I will see you." The Pope looked at him and said with a smile, "O really, Your Excellency? I didn't know you were having health troubles." This is the kind of joy God wants to give us; a deep, strong, meaningful joy that can put our sufferings in their proper perspective. Because God is faithful, we know that whatever happens, He will continue to guide our lives to their fulfilment, even during those times when, for short periods or long ones, the star goes behind a cloud. God is always guiding us, always accompanying us; He never forgets about us. To live in tune with this beautiful, powerful truth of our faith – that we can count on God – means to freely obey our conscience. Conscience is the secret chamber of the soul. Only two people have the key: you and God. In that secret chamber of our conscience, God shows us the star that can lead us to true meaning and joy. In that secret chamber of our conscience, God tells us what we need to leave behind in order to become truly free. What has He been telling us through our conscience? What has He been asking of each of us? He loves each of us more than we love ourselves, and so He is always urging us forward on the path of life. Like a good coach, he never stops encouraging us to give our best, to be true to our Christian calling. Maybe He has been nudging your conscience, telling you to break off an unhealthy relationship or to take the first step to heal a broken one. Maybe He has been inviting you to follow your true vocation, maybe to the priesthood or the religious life. Maybe He has been warning you to be more faithful to a particular relationship or responsibility. Only you and God know which star He has been pointing out. Sometimes we are afraid to follow it. Today He is reminding us that we have nothing to be afraid of. He is trustworthy. During this Mass, let us ask for the grace to follow that star. And at Holy Communion, let us pray for all those people who have stopped following it, or who still haven't seen it. God hasn't given up on them, and neither should we.