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**TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES:** Week Commencing 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B*

SEVENTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 29<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August 2018 (Weekday Cycle Year 2 / Psalter Week IV)

<p><b><u>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July: Weekday Feria</u></b></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Special Intention</p> <p>10:45 am: Confessions</p> <p>11:30 am: Baptisms; Jesse Ayoub &amp; Mavis Ayoub</p>	<p style="font-size: 1.2em;"><b><u>PARISH FINANCES</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July: Seventeenth Sunday of the Year: B</u></b></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions</p> <p>5:30 pm: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p>	
<p><b><u>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July: Seventeenth Sunday of the Year: B</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Philip Roulstone RIP (Diane &amp; David Wilson)</p>	<p style="font-size: 1.2em;">21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018</p>
<p><b><u>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July: Weekday Feria</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls</p>	<p>Envelopes:</p> <p>Loose Plate:</p> <p>Standing Orders:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TOTAL:</u></b></p> <p>Chad:</p> <p>Intercare:</p> <p>SVP:</p>
<p><b><u>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July: St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest (memoria)</u></b></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions</p> <p>1:00 pm: Mass; Vocations to the Priesthood</p>	<p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August: St Alphonsus Mary de Liguori, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church (memoria)</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>	
<p><b><u>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August: Weekday Feria</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Bella Lyons RIP &amp; Claire Sheridan RIP (Jim)</p> <p>1:30 pm: Nuptial Mass; Maria Holmes &amp; Daniel Cook</p>	<p><i>Please remember in your prayers today our Bishop, Patrick Mc Kinney who celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood (29<sup>th</sup> July 1978).</i></p>
<p><b><u>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August: Weekday Feria</u></b></p> <p>11:30 am: Requiem Mass; Philip Roulstone RIP</p>	<p><b><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></b></p> <p>Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey, Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim &amp; Margaret Dougan, Fr Theodore Gomes, Ann Harrison, Emilia Nowicki, Bernadette Retallick, Alan Roberts, Maria Sawicki, Simpson Family, Evelyn Venning and Louise Whitham.</p>
<p><b><u>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August: St John Vianney, Priest (memoria)</u></b></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Special Intention</p> <p>10:45 am: Confessions</p>	
<p><b><u>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August: Eighteenth Sunday of the Year: B</u></b></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions</p> <p>5:30 pm: Mass; Deceased Members of the Manion Family (Dixon)</p>	
<p><b><u>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August: Eighteenth Sunday of the Year: B</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p>	

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

<b>ROTAS:</b>	5.30 pm	9.00 am
<b>Welcomers:</b>		K Orford – Perkins & M Neale
<b>Next Week:</b>		D Wilson & M Roy
<b>Readers:</b>	A Simmons	C Hallam
<b>Next Week:</b>	P Hubberstey	A Horgan
<b>Offertory:</b>	S Mills & Volunteer	M Castor & Volunteer
<b>Next Week:</b>	M & A Simmons	J Powell & M Calladine
<b>Coffee:</b>	M Castor & M Neale	<b>Next Week:</b> Arnd & Alessia
<b>Cashiers:</b>	A Simmons	<b>Next Week:</b> J Brennan
<b>Flowers:</b>	Shirley & Margaret	<b>Next Week:</b> Anne & Sue
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Team Shalloe	<b>Next Week:</b> Team Freyne
<b>Brasses:</b>	M Castor	<b>Next Week:</b> K Bennett

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE:** Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Philip Roulstone* who died on *11<sup>th</sup> July 2018*. Philip's Requiem Mass will take place here on *Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 at 11:30 am* followed by Burial at Chilwell Cemetery. Also please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Robert Rooney* who died on *15<sup>th</sup> July 2018*. Robert's Funeral Service will take place at Bramcote Crematorium on *Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 12:45 pm*. We remember them and their families at this sad time. May they rest in peace.

**POOR CLARES:** The Sisters send their sincere thanks for the donations they have received from parishioners – they want you all to know that our Parish is in their prayers every day. The next visit to the convent at Bulwell will be *Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018*. – *Diane Wilson*.

**FAIR TRADE:** Thanks to everyone who supported the Fair Trade sale last weekend. We continue to support Mary's Meals with all the profit we make from the sale of fairly traded goods. Mary's Meals now feeds over one million school children daily in Africa, Asia and Latin America and is called Mary's Meals after Our Lady – Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The next Fair Trade sale is the weekend 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING:** NEXT *Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018* in the Parish Hall at *7:00 pm* to finalise plans for the Hog Roast and Bene Merenti Celebrations (see below). – All Welcome

**"BENE MERENTI" AWARD FOR DES BURROWS & BOB AND ANNE SOLLOWAY:** *Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018*. The Celebration will begin with Mass and Presentation at 7:00 pm followed by a Hog Roast. This is a whole Parish celebration and everyone is welcome to come. For catering purposes if you would like to attend please put your name on the list at the back of Church. You will then be issued with a free ticket. Thank you

**SVP SUMMER OUTING:** *Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018*; This year the Summer Outing on the above date will be a tour of Strelley Hall and afterwards cream tea will be served in the Panelled Room in the Hall. The SVP will use their own cars to transport everyone to the venue and there are approximately 30 places available. Fr. Christopher will say Mass at 12:00 pm on that day and we will leave for Strelley Village around 1:00 pm. The tour will start at approx. 1:30 pm and cream tea will be served in the hall around 3:00 pm. The tour all takes place on the ground floor and there will be only 1 step to negotiate so it is wheelchair friendly also. This should be a very interesting tour of somewhere local and hopefully everyone will find it very interesting. There will be lists up at the back of Church on the SVP Noticeboard from next weekend for people to put their names on. Obviously priority will be given to the elderly or housebound parishioners in the first instance. Thank you. – *BEESTON SVP*.

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: God Can work Wonders from our Poor Efforts.**

Five loaves and two fish cannot feed a crowd of five thousand men (plus at least as many women and children). It is impossible. Not even a year's salary could buy enough for such a feast; as Philip nervously points out. And yet, when the Apostles hand over their measly supplies to the Lord, they become more than enough to do the job. The same goes for every Christian, including ourselves. The mission we have received, the mission of becoming saints, the mission of using our gifts and talents to help others lead fulfilled and fulfilling lives, the mission of being bright lights in this dark world, lights that guide searching souls towards the hope of heaven – this mission is beyond our natural capacities. It is too much for us, which may be one reason we tend not to think about it very much. Whose natural talents and wisdom are sufficient to defeat the forces of evil that seem to hold the world in captivity? Whose innate strength is sufficient to put an end to the selfishness, lust and greed that rages within the human heart? How can the meagre resources of a single parish or diocese suffice to do battle with media moguls, corrupt politicians, international banking corporations and other agents of the culture of death? We only have five loaves and two fish; by ourselves we can do nothing. Only if we put all we have and all that we are into Christ's hands, confiding in Him and not in ourselves, can we hope to fulfil our life's mission and make a real difference for the good of the Kingdom – in our own hearts and in society at large. What we could never achieve on our own, we can immeasurably surpass with God. As Jesus Himself put it, "For God, everything is possible." Jesus asked His apostles to hand over the little that they had and He worked wonders with it. Could He perhaps be asking us to do the same? Which loaves and fish is God asking us to entrust to His care today? What do we have so little of that we are afraid to give it to God? Maybe it's TIME: maybe God has been whispering to us for a while, asking us to spend some more time with Him each day in prayer, in reading a good spiritual book, in reflecting on the Scriptures, in serving the Parish, in building up our family. But we are so busy, we have so little time! God will work wonders with whatever little bit we give Him. Maybe it's TALENT: maybe God has put a desire in our heart to do something for Him or for our neighbours, to start something new, to reach out to those in need; but we have been afraid of trying, because we are afraid of failing. God will multiply whatever little talent we have, if we put it sincerely and obediently into His hands. Maybe it's TALK: maybe there is someone in our life that we need to speak a word of forgiveness to or apologize to or invite back to Mass or encourage to walk away from some destructive, sinful habit. But how will we know the right thing to say? God will turn our poor words into seeds of grace, if only we place them in His hands. As Jesus performs the miracle of the Eucharist in this Mass, let us renew our confidence in Him and hand over whatever loaves and fish He is asking for. I guarantee one thing if you do: you won't regret it.