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Times of Masses and other Services: Pentecost Sunday: A.

Eighth Week of Ordinary Time: 25th – 30th May 2026 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week IV)

R <u>Saturday 23rd May:</u> <i>Pentecost Sunday (Solemnity)</i>		<u>PARISH FINANCES</u>
5:00 pm: Confessions		16 th / 17 th May 2026
5:30 pm: Vigil Mass;	<i>Giancarlo Micheletti RIP</i>	Envelopes: £ 245. 82
R <u>Sunday 24th May:</u> <i>Pentecost Sunday (Solemnity)</i>		Loose Plate: £ 302. 04
9:00 am: Mass;	<i>Bob & Margaret Tunney RIP (Wedding Anniversary) (Wilcox)</i>	S / Orders: £ 621. 00
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis);	<i>Pro Populo; People of the Parish</i>	TOTAL: £ 1168. 86
W <u>Monday 25th May:</u>	<i><u>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (memoria)</u></i>	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i>
10:00 am: Mass;	<i>Mrs Martha Mary Whitmore RIP (Foundation Mass)</i>	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i>
W <u>Tuesday 26th May:</u>	<i><u>St Philip Neri, Priest (memoria)</u></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.
10:00 am: Mass (St Francis);	<i>Holy Souls</i>	
W <u>Wednesday 27th May:</u>	<i><u>St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop (Feast)</u></i>	
10:00 am: Mass:	<i>Private Intention</i>	
W <u>Thursday 28th May:</u>	<i><u>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest (Feast)</u></i>	
NO MORNING MASS		
7:00 pm (St Francis);	Holy Hour and Benediction	
W <u>Friday 29th May:</u>	<i><u>St Paul VI, Pope (memoria)</u></i>	
10:00 am: Mass;	<i>Louise Aldred RIP (David)</i>	
W <u>Saturday 30th May:</u>	<i><u>The Most Holy Trinity (Solemnity)</u></i>	
5:00 pm Confessions		
5:30 pm: Vigil Mass;	<i>Norma Brennan RIP (6th Anniversary) (Joe)</i>	
W <u>Sunday 31st May:</u>	<i><u>The Most Holy Trinity (Solemnity)</u></i>	
9:00 am: Mass;	<i>Joe & Izzy Hopkins (Wedding Anniversary)</i>	
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis);	<i>Pro Populo; People of the Parish</i>	

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First Holy Communion Classes will continue on **Sunday 7th June 2026** and **Sunday 14th June 2026** immediately after 9:00 am Mass in the Assumption Parish Hall. Also a reminder that the **Retreat Day** will take place on **Saturday 20th June 2026**.

NEW WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES: are now available to collect from the back of the Church. Thank you for your continued financial support of our Parish – *Marie Calladine*

BEESTON TEA AND CAKE DROP – IN: Everyone is invited to our **Tea and Cake Drop – In**, on **Thursday 28th May 2026** from **2:00 pm to 4:00 pm** 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 and catch – up with fellow parishioners. – *Stella Grant*

PARISH COUNCIL: Following on from our initial Meeting in March there will be a follow up Meeting on **Wednesday 3rd June 2026** at **8:00 pm** in the Parish Hall, to continue the discussion on our way forward as a Parish Community. The purpose of this Meeting will be to form an initial Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee. All welcome.

CAFOD: The poorest countries in the world are being pushed into a deepening debt crisis, forced to pay ever higher interest rates to wealthy lenders who profit from countries in crisis. Money that should be spent on food, healthcare and education is flowing out of the countries that can least afford it. Governments have an impossible choice between serving their people or paying creditors and millions of people are suffering the effects. The Bible says, “If you lend money to my people, you shall not deal with them as a creditor, you shall not extract interest from them” (Exodus 22:25). Please consider signing the petition in the narthex asking the government to support debt forgiveness and just reform of the global debt system. Thank you – *Owen Butler (CAFOD Parish Volunteer)*.

YOUNG ADULTS AGED 18 – 35: are invited to join a special overnight **Pilgrimage to Walsingham** (**Saturday 20th to Sunday 21st June 2026**), taking place alongside the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage, with dedicated time, space and community for young adults. Staying at Elmham House (half board) pilgrims will share in the wider celebrations while also enjoying moments specifically for the young adult community and encounter. For any questions, contact Charles Archer, Young Adult Ministry Lead charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk Bookings at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/walsingham-2026

DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE: is taking place on **Saturday 20th June 2026** led by Bishop Patrick. Arrivals are from **11:30 am**, with Mass at the Catholic Shrine at **3:45 pm**. For more details see the poster.

WORLD YOUTH DAY: All Young Adults are warmly invited to join the Diocese of Nottingham and Pope Leo in Seoul, South Korea, for **World Youth Day 2027:** a week of Encounter and Discipleship with 100,000s of other Young Catholics ready to hear the Lord speak into their lives. Please contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk for more information! As numbers are limited please do this by **31st July 2026**.

VENERABLE MARY POTTER: Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass praying for the Beatification and Canonisation of Venerable Mary Potter, on **Thursday 4th June 2026** at **1:00 pm** at Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham. This special Celebration is an opportunity to come together in prayer and thanksgiving, honouring the life and enduring legacy of Venerable Mary Potter. All are very welcome.

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.