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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: B
Second Week of Eastertide: 7th – 13th April 2024 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week II)

			PARISH FINANCES
W <u>Saturday 6th April:</u> <u>Second Sunday of Easter -</u> <u>Divine Mercy Sunday</u>			30 th / 31 st March 2024
5:00 pm: Confessions			Envelopes: £ 147. 00
5:30pm: Vigil Mass; Brian Evans RIP (Julia)			S / Orders: £ 403. 50
W <u>Sunday 7th April:</u> <u>Second Sunday of Easter -</u> <u>Divine Mercy Sunday</u>			TOTAL: £ 550. 50
9:00 am: Mass; Anne Armitage RIP (Marie / Diane)			Holy Places of
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Henry & Gareth Willis RIP (Anniversary)			Palestine £ 408. 37
W <u>Monday 8th April:</u> <u>The Annunciation of the Lord</u> <u>(Solemnity)</u>			(Good Friday):
10:00 am: Mass; Eric Taylor RIP (5th Anniversary) (Margaret & Family)			<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i>
W <u>Tuesday 9th April:</u> <u>Easter Feria</u>			<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i>
10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Pro Populo; People of the Parish			Kathleen Anderson,
W <u>Wednesday 10th April:</u> <u>Easter Feria</u>			Isobel Alana Barnes,
10:00 am: Mass; Susanna Battell RIP (40 th Anniversary) (Powell)			Marica Borsos, Jessie Breame,
R <u>Thursday 11th April:</u> <u>St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr (mem)</u> NO MORNING MASS			Margaret Brown, Des Burrows
W <u>Friday 12th April:</u> <u>Easter Feria</u>			Ann Harrison, Fr Peter Harvey,
10:00 am: Mass; Audrey McCoy RIP (7 th Anniversary) (Joe)			Andrea Hoffman,
W <u>Saturday 13th April:</u> <u>Third Sunday of Easter</u>			Breeda Keaney, Brenda Lowe,
5:00 pm: Confessions			Julie Mortimer,
5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Pat Constable RIP (Derek)			Anne – Marie Reid,
W <u>Sunday 14th April:</u> <u>Third Sunday of Easter</u>			Simpson Family, Kay Twomey,
9:00 am: Mass; John Frederick Dixon RIP (Teresa)			Evelyn Venning
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Fr Herbie Bromley RIP (Doherty)			and John Wilcox.

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

PARISH PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION: To mark 70 years of our Parish Church and 40 years of our Parish Hall we will be celebrating with a Mass and a Hog Roast on **Friday 5th July 2024 at 6:30 pm.** Tickets will be on sale for this event priced at £15 per Adult – Children (5 – 16 year-olds) £10. Ticket price includes Hog Roast, various salads, cake, soft drinks and wine and will be on sale from **6th /7th April 2024**, so please put this date in your diary and save for your ticket, to come and enjoy a great evening celebrating our Parish Community. (NB: There will be Vegan/Vegetarian options available). **TICKETS NOW ON SALE.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The next Class for the First Holy Communion course for the Children and their Parents, “*Glory to God in the Highest,*” will be on **Sunday, 21st April 2024 before Mass at 10:00 am** in St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall. “*The Word of the Lord,*” will be on **Sunday 28th April 2024, after Mass** in The Assumption Parish Hall. If for any reason you are unable to attend these classes, please contact me as soon as possible to let me know.

COFFEE MORNING: The Ladies ‘89 group are having a coffee morning on Saturday 13th April 2024 at 10:30 in the hall. Admission £3 which includes a hot drink and cake. Proceeds are for Across (<https://www.across.org.uk>) – everyone welcome.

MISSIO RED BOXES: Anyone who has not already done so, please could you hand in your Missio Box for counting. Thank you – *Kerry Garton*.

EASTER CHOCOLATE RAFFLE: The winning tickets were 1st Prize: **Orange Ticket No. 126** (Ruth Marlow); 2nd Prize; **Green Ticket No. 241** (Rosemary Begley) and; 3rd Prize **Orange Ticket No. 298** (Steve Simms). Thank you to all who contributed to this Raffle and the knitted Easter Chickens which raised a total **£ 287. 00.**

HOW DO I KNOW IF GOD IS CALLING ME TO BE A PRIEST?: Want to speak to someone about whether God might be calling you to the priesthood? Contact Fr Neil Peoples, Vocations Director, at vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk or call 01283564814.

TWO VACANCIES AT ENGLISH MARTYRS’ SCHOOL: Class Teacher and Class Teacher (Maternity Cover). Closing dates for Applications is 9th April 2024. For more information visit: [Vacancies within the Trust \(srsccmat.co.uk\)](http://Vacancies within the Trust (srsccmat.co.uk))

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER, SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: Prayer is the rudder that guides Jesus’ course. The stages of His mission were not dictated by success, nor by consensus, or the seductive phrase “everyone is searching for you”. Jesus’ path was charted by the least comfortable one, which obeyed the Father’s inspiration, which Jesus heard and welcomed in His solitary prayer. From Jesus’ example we can derive some characteristics of Christian prayer. First and foremost, it possesses primacy: it is the first desire of the day, something that is practised at dawn, before the world awakens. It restores a soul to what otherwise would be without breath. (Full reflection at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer)

PRO – LIFE CHAIN: Take part in a nationwide act of witness to the lives of the 10 million unborn babies killed by abortion since the implementation of the Abortion Act in April 1968. The **Nottingham SPUC Pro-Life Chain** will be on Trent Bridge, West Bridgford, from **10:00 am until Midday on Saturday 20th April 2024.** Meet at the Brewhouse and Kitchen pub on the north side of the bridge, at 9:55am. For more information, please contact John on 07757 815 625 or email pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk. Be a voice for the voiceless.

THANK YOU: The Services for Holy Week and Easter do not just happen. So much hard work goes into making these beautiful days as beautiful as they are. Hard work goes on (so often behind the scenes) to ensure that, as a Parish, we can prayerfully enter into this most holiest of weeks and journey with the Lord. I am grateful to the Choir and Music Group for all their rehearsals and singing. To the Altar Servers who came together last week to assist with the Triduum. The Flower Arrangers for the beautiful displays of Easter colour. The welcomers and those who came to clean and tidy up the Church last Saturday. The Readers and Extraordinary Ministers have put themselves at the service of the Parish family. The candlesticks and other brasses have all been polished meticulously and everything glistens, shines and beams our Easter joy. For all that hard work – not just during Holy Week but throughout the year – thank you. That is in no small part what makes us a Parish Community and what draws people in – a community working together for the glory of God and the building up of a Community of Faith. For all that has been done across this last week, though, to make Holy Week the prayerful week that it has been, a huge thank you. Thank you as well for all the Easter cards and gifts and kind comments, as well your generous Easter Offering. – *Fr Christopher Thomas*