



**The Catholic Church of  
Our Lady of the Assumption,  
Foster Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 1AE**  
**and**  
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**Times of Masses and other Services: The Presentation of the Lord – Candlemas.**  
**Fourth Week of Ordinary Time: 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (Weekday Cycle Year I / Psalter Week IV)**

<b>PARISH FINANCES</b>	
25 <sup>th</sup> / 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	
Envelopes: £ 237. 00	
Loose Plate: £ 272. 65	
S / Orders: £ 475. 70	
<b>TOTAL: £ 985. 32</b>	
<b>SPUC: £ 179. 40</b>	
Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish. Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick: Kathleen Anderson, Isobel Alana Barnes, Marica Borsos, Mary Evans, Ann Harrison, Andrea Hoffman, Breedia Keaney, Francis Kildear, Brenda Lowe, Jim Lowe, Michael Morrissey, Julie Mortimer, Anne – Marie Reid, Simpson Family, Eileen Thompson Kay Twomey, Evelyn Venning and John Wilcox.	

<b>W</b>	<b><u>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February:</u></b>	<b><u><i>The Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas (Feast)</i></u></b>
	5:00pm: Confessions	
	5:30pm: Vigil Mass;	Oscar Harrison RIP (O'Connor)
<b>W</b>	<b><u>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February:</u></b>	<b><u><i>The Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas (Feast)</i></u></b>
	9:00 am: Mass;	Intentions of Elizabeth Needham (GTR)
	11:00 am: Mass (St Francis);	Pro Populo; People of the Parish
	8:30 pm: Adoration & Ales;	The Assumption Adoration Chapel
<b>R</b>	<b><u>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February:</u></b>	<b><u><i>St Blaise, Bishop &amp; Martyr (mem)</i></u></b>
	10:00 am: Mass;	Mrs Martha Mary Whitmore RIP (Foundation Mass)
	5:00 pm: Reception:	Bridget McAndrew RIP
<b>W</b>	<b><u>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February:</u></b>	<b><u><i>St Gilbert of Sempringham, Religious (mem)</i></u></b>
	11:00 am: Requiem Mass;	Bridget McAndrew RIP
<b>R</b>	<b><u>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February:</u></b>	<b><u><i>St Agatha, Virgin &amp; Martyr (mem)</i></u></b>
	10:00 am: Mass (St Francis);	Holy Souls
<b>R</b>	<b><u>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February:</u></b>	<b><u><i>SS Paul Miki &amp; Comps., Martyrs of Japan (mem)</i></u></b>
	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>	
<b>G</b>	<b><u>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February:</u></b>	<b><u><i>Weekday Feria</i></u></b>
	10:00 am: Mass;	Rafael Febres RIP (Power)
<b>G</b>	<b><u>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February:</u></b>	<b><u><i>Fifth Sunday of the Year: C</i></u></b>
	5:00 pm: Confessions	
	5:30 pm: Vigil Mass;	Pro Populo: People of the Parish
<b>G</b>	<b><u>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February:</u></b>	<b><u><i>Fifth Sunday of the Year: C</i></u></b>
	9:00 am: Mass;	Private Intention (GTR)
	11:00 am: Mass (St Francis);	John Monaghan RIP (Cook)

**SUNDAY MISSALS** (Proper Prayers & Readings pages 1114ff / Order of the Mass pages 522ff).

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE:** Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Bridget "Betty" McAndrew*, formerly of Cedar Avenue, Beeston, who died on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024. Bridget will be received into Church on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 at 5:00 pm** and her Requiem Mass will take place on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 11:00 am**, followed by burial at Beeston Cemetery. Also, *Oscar Harrison*, formerly of Greenland Crescent, Beeston who died on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Oscar's Requiem Mass will take place on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 10:30 am**, followed by burial at Beeston Cemetery. Also, *Maureen Stratford*, formerly of Ireton Grove, who died on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and Maureen's Funeral arrangements will appear in the Newsletter when known. We remember them and their families in our prayers. May they rest in peace.

**RCIA PROGRAMME:** Our Parishes RCIA Course will continue **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7:30 pm** in the Assumption Church Hall. The subject for this Session will be *Liturgy and the Sacraments*. All welcome. If you have any questions or would like any further information please speak to me. – *Fr Christopher*.

**CATHOLIC MEN OF THE PARISH:** Join us at The Assumption, Beeston **THIS Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025** at 8:30 pm for an hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a drink at one of our local pubs. Hope to see you there! Any questions ask David Aldred or Fr Christopher. (In association with Catholic Man UK. For more information see: <https://catholicman.uk/>).

**SAFEGUARDING:** DBS have changed their process re the updating service. You will continue to receive an annual email from the service. Previously you needed to do nothing for your subscription to remain active. You are now required to log in to your subscription and confirm it's renewal. The annual email will provide you with information on how to do this. Any queries please speak to *Carolyn Walley - Parish Safeguarding Rep.*

**JUBILEE 2025:** Bishop Patrick warmly invites all married couples to Saint Barnabas Cathedral (NG1 5AE) on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025** when we will celebrate Mass at **3:00 pm** to mark the *Jubilee of Marriages*. The Bishop will lead a Renewal of Vows during the Mass, impart a special Jubilee Blessing, and afterwards host a Reception in Cathedral Hall. All married couples (and their families) are very welcome to attend, especially those recently married and those celebrating significant anniversaries this Jubilee year.

**YOUNG ADULTS:** On **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025** Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass at Saint Barnabas Cathedral at **10:00 pm** for Young Adults (18 – 35) making use of the beautiful lighting in the Cathedral for 'Nottingham Night Light'. If you would like to support the Mass in any way, e.g. Reading, Serving, Welcoming, then please contact [charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk). **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025**, Youth 2000 is running a day retreat for all young adults (18 – 35) at The Briars, Crich, DE4 5BW. The day will include lunch and dinner, inputs, prayer, and Mass with Bishop Patrick. To purchase a ticket and find out more visit: <https://youth2000.churchsuite.com/events/eo9c6nuj> and for more information contact: [charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk).

**TAKING LITURGY SERIOUSLY:** starts later this month. There are six modules and the focus will be on Liturgical Spirituality, taking its inspiration from Pope Francis' Letter on Liturgical Formation, *Desiderio Desideravi*: "I would like this letter to help us to rekindle our wonder for the beauty of the truth of the Christian celebration." (§62) For each of the six modules there are three Zoom webinars. Each module is £30 with a discount for booking all six in advance. All the webinars will be recorded and made available for anyone who has signed up but could not make the webinar live. More information on speakers, dates, etc can be found at: <https://ssg.org.uk/taking-liturgy-seriously-3/?unapproved=4258&moderation-hash=e6b10bdd806efe1ef247052f42a31a73#comment-4258>  
Bookings can be made at: <https://ssg.org.uk/tls3/>

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