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Times of Masses and other Services: Eighteenth Sunday of the Year A.

Eighteenth Week of Ordinary Time: 2nd – 8th August 2026 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week II)

G	<u>Saturday 1st August:</u>	<u><i>Eighteenth Sunday of the Year</i></u>	<u>PARISH FINANCES</u>
5:00 pm: Confessions			25 th / 26 th July 2026
5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Special Intention (Saville)			Envelopes: £ 295. 00
G	<u>Sunday 2nd August:</u>	<u><i>Eighteenth Sunday of the Year</i></u>	Loose Plate: £ 323. 50
9:00 am: Mass; Louise Aldred RIP (David)			S / Orders: £ 621. 00
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Jim Willis RIP (Kathleen)			<u>TOTAL: £ 1239. 50</u>
8:30 pm: Adoration & Ales; The Assumption Adoration Chapel			<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i>
G	<u>Monday 3rd August:</u>	<u><i>Weekday Feria</i></u>	
10:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion			<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> Kathleen Anderson, Isobel Alana Barnes, Marica Borsos, Mary Evans, Kathleen Fisher, Andrea Hoffman, Breda Keaney, Margaret King, Brenda Lowe, Michael Morrissey, Julie Mortimer, Anne – Marie Reid, Simpson Family, Kay Twomey, Evelyn Venning and John Wilcox.
W	<u>Tuesday 4th August:</u>	<u><i>St John Marie Vianney, Priest (memoria)</i></u>	
10:00 am: (St Francis); Service of the Word and Holy Communion			
G	<u>Wednesday 5th August:</u>	<u><i>Weekday Feria</i></u>	
10:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion			
W	<u>Thursday 6th August:</u>	<u><i>The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)</i></u>	
NO MORNING MASS OR SERVICE			
G	<u>Friday 7th August:</u>	<u><i>Weekday Feria</i></u>	
10:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion			
G	<u>Saturday 8th August:</u>	<u><i>Nineteenth Sunday of the Year</i></u>	
5:00 pm Confessions			
5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish			
G	<u>Sunday 9th August:</u>	<u><i>Nineteenth Sunday of the Year</i></u>	
9:00 am: Mass; Sister Francis OSC Golden Jubilee (Wilson)			
11:00 am: Mass; (St Francis); Deceased Members of the Ashton Family			

SUNDAY MISSALS (Proper Prayers & Readings): pp 754

SAVE THE DATE – PARISH FAMILY BBQ: *Sunday 23rd August 2026 from 3:00pm.* Come and enjoy good food and good company with your Parish Family (Sunshine on order 😊). Tickets: Family Ticket (2 Adults 2 Children) £20.00; Adult £7.00; Children (4 – 16 years) £4.00 each. Bring your own drinks and either a salad or dessert for a shared table. Tickets will be on sale from 12th July until 16th August 2026. – *The Social Committee*

SVP RAFFLE TICKETS: On sale at the back of the Church – £1 per ticket – £5 per book – Excellent Prizes to be won and you will be supporting a good cause. Thank you – *Marie Calladine (SVP President).*

CATHOLIC MEN OF THE PARISH: Join us at The Assumption, Beeston **THIS Sunday, 2nd August 2026 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/>*).

MARCH FOR LIFE UK: *Saturday 5th September 2026* in London for the Annual March for Life. Abortion has devastating repercussions for mothers and children, but its wider impact on the family is often overlooked. It can lead to fractured relationships, hidden grief, and guilt. That's why the theme for this year's March for Life is "*Abortion Hurts the Family.*" Unite with thousands of others at this family – friendly event, where we recognise the value of life from conception and help all people understand why abortion is a tragedy in itself and one that harms the family to its very core. To find out more go to marchforlife.co.uk. There will be a coach going to the March from Nottingham. Tickets are £30 for adults, £10 for under 16s and £15 for students/unwaged. To reserve places contact Marie: 07948 151264 or marielangford@live.co.uk

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE: As you may have seen, the proposal to legalise assisted suicide which was rejected by the House of Lords in the last parliamentary session is returning to the Commons in exactly the same form on *Friday 11th September 2026*. Our Bishops have asked us to oppose this legislation, on the grounds that it undermines respect for the innate value of life; that it could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives; and that it risks putting many hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. The Bishops have asked us to contact / write to our MPs once again, to express our opposition to this bill. They have provided materials to help us to do this on their website (www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/). SPUC also offers advice on what to say to your MP ([SPUC.org.uk/Fight the Terminally Ill Adults \(End of Life\) Bill](http://SPUC.org.uk/Fight the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill)). There is only a short time before the bill is debated on 11th September. Please contact your MP as soon as possible.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF SPANNED: Our Diocesan agency supporting people with additional needs (SPANNED) is 50 years old this year and will be marked by a Golden Jubilee Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick at Saint Peter's Church, Hinckley, on *Saturday 26th September 2026 at 2:00 pm*. All are very welcome to share this wonderful milestone. If you are contemplating coming please contact Father Frank Daly, on 01455 634443, or hinckleypriory@gmail.com by 31st August 2026, to help with catering arrangements.

THE NATIONAL CONVERSATION: is a chance for everyone to contribute ideas about how to shape a more united future for England. It has been launched by the Independent Commission on Community and Cohesion. The Commission wants to hear from churches because it knows that we are on the frontline of community life. We see the pressures on families and young people, the impact of economic insecurity and cultural change, the tensions and misunderstandings between different groups — and the deep desire many people still have for belonging, meaning and hope. To engage, use this link: [this is a special link for churches; other sectors have different links](#). The survey should take around 10 minutes, and should be complete by the end of August.

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.