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Times of Masses and other Services: Twenty – Sixth Sunday of the Year A.
Twenty – Sixth Week of Ordinary Time: 27th September – 3rd October 2026
(Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week II) Schools' Word of the Week: Listen

G	<u>Saturday 26th September:</u>	<u><i>Twenty – Sixth Sunday of the Year</i></u>	<u>PARISH FINANCES</u>
	5:00 pm: Confessions		19 th / 20 th September 2026
	5:30 pm: Vigil Mass;	Jimmy Keavney RIP (Twomey)	Envelopes: £ 256. 00
G	<u>Sunday 27th September:</u>	<u><i>Twenty – Sixth Sunday of the Year</i></u>	Loose Plate: £ 273. 81
	9:00 am: Mass;	Bob Solloway RIP (7 th Anniversary) (Anne)	S / Orders: £ 621. 00
	11:00 am: Mass (St Francis);	Gertie Byrnes RIP (Halliday)	<u>TOTAL: £ 1150. 81</u>
G	<u>Monday 28th September:</u>	<u><i>Weekday Feria</i></u>	Home Mission: <u>£ 260. 91</u>
	10:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion		<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i>
W	<u>Tuesday 29th September:</u>	<u><i>SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels (Feast)</i></u>	
	10:00 am: Mass (St Francis);	Louise Aldred RIP (David)	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</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.
W	<u>Wednesday 30th September:</u>	<u><i>St Jerome, Priest & Doctor (memoria)</i></u>	
	10:00 am: Mass;	Mary O Sullivan RIP	
W	<u>Thursday 1st October:</u>	<u><i>St Therese of the Child Jesus Virgin & Doctor (memoria)</i></u>	
	10:00 am: Mass;	Vicky Roberts RIP (Pauline)	
G	<u>Friday 2nd October:</u>	<u><i>The Holy Guardian Angels (mem)</i></u>	
	10:00 am: Mass;	Michael Begley RIP (Rosemary)	
G	<u>Saturday 3rd October:</u>	<u><i>Twenty – Seventh Sunday of the Year</i></u>	
	5:00 pm: Confessions		
	5:30 pm: Vigil Mass;	Tony Saville RIP (Anne)	
G	<u>Sunday 4th October:</u>	<u><i>Twenty – Seventh Sunday of the Year</i></u>	
	9:00 am: Mass;	Pro Populo; People of the Parish	
	11:00 am: Mass; (St Francis);	Deceased Members of the Ashton Family	

Second Collection Next Sunday CAFOD Harvest Fast.
SUNDAY MISSALS (Proper Prayers & Readings): pp 782

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Verónica (Vicky) Roberts*, who died on **Friday 7th August 2026**, aged 83 years. Vicky's Funeral Service will take place on **Thursday 1st October 2026 at 12:45pm** in the Reflection Chapel at Bramcote Crematorium. Also, *David (Dave) Smith* the husband of Ronnie Smith who died recently. Also, *Beverley (Bev) Bernard Braddock* who died on **4th September 2026**. Bev's Requiem Mass will take place on **Friday 9th October 2026 at 11:00 am** followed by burial at Beeston Cemetery. We remember them and their families at this sad time May they rest in peace.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL THIS HARVEST (THIS Friday 2nd October 2026):

is a day when we are invited to pray, eat simply and give generously. By giving to CAFOD this Harvest, we can put our faith into action and share God's love with our neighbours overseas – we can help communities support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school with better access to water, nourishing school meals and gardens where food can be grown, even during times of drought. Please collect a CAFOD envelope as you leave, so that you can Gift Aid your donation or give through the CAFOD website: www.cafod.org.uk/envelope or call **0303 303 3030** or use the QR Code. Thank you for your generosity.



OUR PARISHES RCIA Course continues **THIS Monday, 28th September 2026 at 7:30 pm** in the Assumption Church Hall. The theme of this week's talk will be *Creation and Fall*. All welcome. If you have any questions or would like any further information please speak to me. – *Fr Christopher*

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: will be held **NEXT Saturday, 3rd October 2026 from 10:00 am until 12 noon** in the Hall. Come and have a hot drink and cake with your friends and parishioners and support Macmillan in their amazing work. Cake stall, raffle and games. If you can help by baking cakes or donating a raffle prize that would be lovely. Extra help on the day would be really appreciated but most of all we need **YOU** to come and join us and help support Macmillan with their cancer support and care. Looking forward to seeing you all. – *The Parish Social Committee*.

CATECHISTS: The Diocese is inviting all Catechists to a day at Holy Trinity Newark on **Saturday 17th October 2026** entitled: *Reimagining Catechesis*. As a catechist would you love to see more families engaged with Parish Life and growing in faith? That at the end of Sacramental Programmes fewer people would 'disappear'. This day led by the team from GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) will share how this is happening in their Parishes and it can happen in yours too. For more information see the poster in church or visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/events

WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS: whether you are new to Nottingham Trent University or University of Nottingham or returning after the summer break, you are very welcome here at *The Assumption*. We have a thriving Catholic Chaplaincy to our Universities and our two Catholic chaplains, Fr Joe Wheat and Christopher Howitt, who work at both NTU and UoN. They will be at Freshers Fairs and welcome events over the next couple of weeks, so say 'hello' if you see them. The Catholic Chaplaincy is based at St Paul's on Lenton Boulevard (NG7 2BY) and Fr Joe and Chris also attend the 6:00 pm Sunday Evening Mass at St Barnabas Cathedral. Students always gather afterwards for some social time together. If you want to keep in touch with events and activities, sign up for the weekly Catholic Chaplaincy newsletter, email: unicatholicchaplainnottm@dioceseofnottingham.uk or take one of the Chaplaincy postcards from the back of Church.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI (PATRONAL FEAST): **Sunday 4th October 2026** is the **800th Anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi**. Unfortunately, as this day falls on a Sunday in the Roman Calendar this year, the memorial of St Francis is omitted, as the Sunday takes precedence.

NOVENA TO ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI IN LONG EATON: takes place from **Friday 25th September to Saturday 3rd October 2026**, the eve of the Patronal Feast Day, in this Jubilee Year of St Francis. CAFOD have produced this series of nine short prayers and reflections: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/novena-to-st-francis>, this can be said at home or in groups. Additionally there will be Exposition, Adoration, Reflection and Prayer in our Church each day including weekends at 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm during this period, which will include the day's Novena Prayers

THIS SUNDAY IS THE WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: In his latest Encyclical Pope Leo says: *'A litmus test for social justice today is the treatment of migrants, refugees and those forced to move due to poverty, violence, climate change and environmental disasters. The way a society treats them reveals whether its sense of justice is driven by fear or by the spirit of fraternity'*. (Magnifica Humanitas 81). This year Pope Leo's message draws attention to the vulnerability of children experiencing forced displacement: visit <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/migration/documents/20260811-world-migrants-day-2026.html>

Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to frathomas@outlook.com by WEDNESDAY (before 6:00 pm) of each week for inclusion in the next issue.