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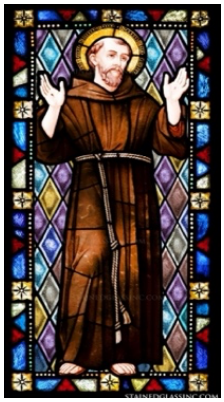

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Times of Masses and other Services: Thirtieth Sunday of the Year A.
Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time: 25th – 31st October 2026
(Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week II) Schools' Word of the Week: Holiness

G **Saturday 24th October:** *Thirtieth Sunday of the Year*
5:00 pm: Confessions
5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; *Giancarlo Micheletti (Maria)*

G **Sunday 25th October:** *Thirtieth Sunday of the Year*
9:00 am: Mass; *The Butler Family (SVP)*
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); *Deceased Members of the Keane Family*

G **Monday 26th October:** *Weekday Feria*
10:00 am: Mass; *Rev F Hays RIP (Foundation Mass)*

G **Tuesday 27th October:** *Weekday Feria*
9:20am: Rosary (St Francis)
10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); *Miss Windmill RIP*

R **Wednesday 28th October:** *Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles (Feast)*
10:00 am: Mass; *Louise Aldred RIP (David)*

G **Thursday 29th October:** *Weekday Feria*
NO MORNING MASS OR SERVICE

G **Friday 30th October:** *Weekday Feria*
10:00 am: Mass; *Margaret Simmons RIP (3rd Anniversary) (Alan)*

W **Saturday 31st October:** *All Saints (Solemnity)*
5:00 pm: Confessions
5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; *Catherine Hanger (Evans)*

W **Sunday 1st November:** *All Saints (Solemnity)*
9:00 am: Mass; *Monica Butler RIP (Owen)*
11:00 am: Mass; (St Francis); *May & Dan Doherty RIP (Sean)*
8:30 pm: Adoration & Ales; *The Assumption Adoration Chapel*

PARISH FINANCES

17th / 18th October 2026

Envelopes:	£ 197. 00
Loose Plate:	£ 302. 60
S / Orders:	£ 621. 00
TOTAL:	**£ 1120. 60**
World Mission:	**£ 327. 91**

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,
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.

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OUR PARISHES RCIA Course continues **THIS** ***Monday, 26th October 2026*** at ***7:30 pm*** in the Assumption Church Hall. The theme of this week's talk will be ***Virtues and Vices***. All welcome. If you have any questions or would like any further information please speak to me. – ***Fr Christopher***

NOVEMBER DEAD: During the month of November, we are once again encouraged by the Church to remember all those of our family and friends; whom we have known, who have died. This year we will have our Novena (Nine Days) of Masses for the Holy Souls beginning on ***Monday 2nd November 2026***. One Mass will be offered for the general intention of the Holy Souls and specifically for all those whose names we have placed upon the altar on the following days: ***Monday 2nd***; ***Tuesday 3rd; Wednesday 4th***; ***Friday 6th; Sunday 8th; Monday 9th; Tuesday 10th; Friday 13th; Saturday 14th*** *and;* ***Sunday 15th November 2026***. If you wish your loved ones to be included in the Novena, please complete a form and place it in the envelope provided, along with any donations, which you will find in the Narthex. All names will be placed on the Altar for the celebration of these Masses and throughout the whole month of November; both during and after the Novena. All donations in the envelopes will be taken out at the end of the month and further Masses will be offered throughout the year for all the deceased members of our Parish and their families and friends. If you cannot get an envelope or list from Church, then please make your own list on a piece of paper and put it along with your donation through the door of the Presbytery, so that these names can also be included.
THE BLESSING OF GRAVES: This will take place on the second Sunday in November. I will attend ***Beeston Cemetery***, Wollaton Road, at ***2:00 pm*** on ***Sunday 8th November 2026*** and ***Chilwell Cemetery***, Field Lane on the same day at ***3:15 pm*** to hold a short service for family and friends of our Parishioners who have gone to the Lord. On the same Deacon Chris Stevens will hold similar Services at ***West Park Cemetery*** at ***2:00 pm*** and ***Longmoor Lane Cemetery*** at ***3:15 pm***. All are welcome to attend to pray for the deceased members of our Parish Family.

BEESTON TEA AND CAKE DROP – IN: Parishioners, friends and family of all ages, are invited to our ***Tea and Cake Drop – In***, this ***Thursday, 29th October 2026*** from **2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**, in ***The Assumption Church Hall, Beeston***. Join us for an enjoyable afternoon of tea/coffee, cake and a chat. – ***Stella Grant*** (07809 559131)

HOUSEBOUND AND SICK: If you know and are in contact with any members of the Parish who are housebound or who cannot get to Church because of illness or long – term ill health, please remind them that it is still possible to receive the Sacraments. If you know of anyone who would like to go to Confession or be Anointed or receive Holy Communion in their home, please give their details to Fr Christopher or Deacon Chris. When people are unwell it is easy to focus very much on their physical and mental well – being; our spiritual needs are just as important! (*NB: I was very grateful to receive the Sacrament of the Sick; for the first time in my life, before my hip operation*).

PRAYING FOR LIFE: There will be a prayer evening held in the Chapel, Portland Building, University Park Campus on ***Tuesday 27th October 2026***. Catholics and other Christians will be together marking the 59th Anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act to remember the over 11 million lives lost, all people hurt by abortion and to pray for the protection of every human life. The Rosary will begin at ***6:00 pm*** and Evening Prayer at ***6:30pm***.

ADORATION & ALES: The next Men's Group Adoration & Ales is at ***8:30 pm*** in the Adoration Chapel next ***Sunday, 1st November 2026***, followed by a local pub afterwards: men of the parish. Please do come along to share some time with Our Lord and talk together afterwards. There isn't currently a women's equivalent: if you would like to start one please talk to Fr Christopher – you would be very welcome to copy the format or develop your own.

ROSARY: A reminder, especially during October, in this Month of the Holy Rosary, that Parishioners gather at around ***9:20 am*** each Tuesday morning, at St Fransis of Assisi Church, before Mass to say the Rosary. Please feel free to join them, it is not an exclusive club! (NB: Mass this Tuesday is at English Martyrs' School)

CATECHIST FORMATION: The Diocese of Nottingham is offering three courses about being a catechist: if you are interested in being a catechist or are just starting out or if you have been a Catechist for a long time, there is a course for you. All courses are on Zoom on Thursday evenings, with the first course, Encounter Catechesis, exploring four big questions about the foundations of catechesis, from ***Thursday 5th November 2026***. Speak to your parish priest, or email formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

CELEBRATE: has produced an online ***Family Pack for All Saints*** and celebrating Saints Throughout the Year. The pack aims to provide families with ideas on how to get to know the Saints and walk with them in the journey of holiness. There are suggestions for saint crafts and activities, prayers to share, books to savour and videos to enjoy together. The pack is free to download (but not free to produce): a suggested family donation is £3, and the Pack is available at https://www.celebratetrust.org/shop/walkingwiththesaints

AI, SECURITY AND PEACE: WHAT KIND OF FUTURE ARE WE CREATING? Artificial intelligence is transforming our world at extraordinary speed, raising questions about human dignity, ethics, freedom and the common good. How do we ensure that technology remains at the service of humanity, and contributes to peace rather than undermining it? Join Pax Christi for a free online on ***Thursday 12th November 2026*** from 7:00pm – 8:30pm for a thought-provoking presentation with Aaron Humphriss and Emmanuel Fisseha, exploring the ethical challenges posed by AI and its growing impact on human dignity. Register at https://paxchristi.org.uk/event/ai-security-and-peace/?instance_id=1647

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.