



**The Catholic Church of Our Lady of the
Assumption,**
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Times of Masses and other Services: All Saints A.

Thirty - First Week of Ordinary Time: 1st - 7th November 2026

(Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week III) Schools' Word of the Week: Change

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

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Monday 2nd November: *All Souls' Day*

10:00 am: Mass; Hoy Souls (November Dead)

G Tuesday 3rd November: *Weekday Feria*

10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Hoy Souls (November Dead)

W Wednesday 4th November: *St Charles Borromeo, Bishop (mem)*

10:00 am: Mass; Hoy Souls (November Dead)

G Thursday 5th November: *Weekday Feria*

NO MORNING MASS OR SERVICE

G Friday 6th November: *Weekday Feria*

10:00 am: Mass; Hoy Souls (November Dead)

G Saturday 7th November: *Thirty - Second Sunday of the Year*

5:00 pm: Confessions

5:30 pm: Vigil Mass; Julia Wilson RIP (Birthday) (Diane & David)

G Sunday 8th November: *Thirty - Second Sunday of the Year*

9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish

11:00 am: Mass; (St Francis); Hoy Souls (November Dead)

PARISH FINANCES

24th / 25th October 2026

Envelopes: £ 251. 20

Loose Plate: £ 200. 20

S / Orders: £ 621. 00

TOTAL: £ 1072. 40

*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,
Margaret Patterson,
Anne – Marie Reid,
Simpson Family,
Kay Twomey,
Evelyn Venning
and John Wilcox.

SUNDAY MISSALS (Proper Prayers & Readings): pp 1180

OUR PARISHES RCIA Course continues **NEXT Monday, 9th November 2026 at 7:30 pm** in the Assumption Church Hall. The theme of this week's talk will be *The Incarnation*. 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.

ADORATION & ALES: The next Men's Group Adoration & Ales is at **8:30 pm** in the Adoration Chapel **THIS 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.

DIOCESAN MISSION PLAN: Bishop Patrick is visiting all Parishes in the Deanery to speak about the Parish Mission Plan. He will be visiting our Parish on the weekend of **5th / 6th December 2026**. He will celebrate all Masses over the weekend and is hoping to meet with a small group of Parishioners to discuss the Mission Plan. On Sunday afternoon there will also be a Celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick at the Assumption Church followed by afternoon tea.

CHANGE TO THE SATURDAY MASS TIME; SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER 2026: Yet again and without any consultation Broxtowe Borough Council have decided, despite objections, to disrupt our Parish Mass schedule. The Beeston Christmas Light Switch On which will begin in Beeston Square at **4:30 pm** and conclude with a firework display from **6:30 – 6:40 pm**. Commercial Avenue and Foster Avenue will be closed from **4:30 pm until 7:30 pm**, which completely restricts access to our Church. I have therefore been constrained to move the Saturday Evening Vigil Mass to **3:00 pm** for **THIS PARTICULAR SATURDAY ONLY**. ****Please note then SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER 2026 VIGIL MASS is at 3:00 pm.****

ENGLISH MARTYRS' SCHOOL RECEPTION 2027: Open Morning for Reception children starting Sept 2027, on **Wednesday 25th November 2026** from **9:30 am to 11:00 am**. If you know of any families that have children starting school in Reception next September please let them know about this. A space can be booked via this link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RSsFW8wTqA>. The Open Morning will start with an Introduction from Mrs Ellis followed by a tour of the school, refreshments and questions.

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 **7:00 pm – 8:30 pm** 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.