

ALL SAINTS, HASSOP (DE45 1NS) and ENGLISH MARTYRS, BAKEWELL (DE45 1DA)

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday evenings: Hassop/Bakewell: 5.30 p.m.

Hassop/Bakewell on request.

Week commencing Sunday, 16th August 2015

Saturday	15 th	6.15 p.m.	Bakewell	Parishioners	Feast of the Assumption
Sunday	16 th	10.00 a.m.	Hassop	R & J Tommason RIP	
Monday	17 th	9.30 a.m.	Hassop	Celebrant's Intention	Feria
Tuesday	18 th	9.30 a.m.	Bakewell	Celebrant's Intention	Feria
Wednesday	19 th	9.30 a.m.	Hassop	Celebrant's Intention	Feria
Thursday	20 th	9.30 a.m.	Bakewell	Celebrant's Intention	St Bernard
Friday	21 st	11.30 a.m.	Hassop	Celebrant's Intention	St Pius X (Pope)
Saturday	22 nd	6.15 p.m.	Bakewell	Teresa Parker	21st Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday	23 rd	10.00 a.m.	Hassop	Parishioners	

Ministries weekend of 22nd/23rd August

	Readers	E. Ministers	Welcomers	Flowers
Bakewell 6.15 p.m.	A. Jenkins, J. Birmingham	N. Harney	A. Jenkins	V. Dooley
Hassop 10.00 a.m.	M. Etchells, J. Hespe	K. Benson, E. Muller	The Smith Family	
Counters	16 th Aug: MPTC		23 rd Aug: TMM	

I have recently returned from a 2-week stint as a confessor for the English-speaking pilgrims who visit the shrine of Lourdes. I have been to Lourdes several times but this was the first time that I volunteered to do this ministry at the Grotto. I found it very uplifting indeed although demanding at times because the ministry of the confessional could be as long as 5 – 6 hours per day. Most days it wasn't this long but you were expected to be available for this amount of time and, as we all know so well, some penitents can leave "things" until the last minute ... and the confessor is supposed to smile and carry on regardless! I enjoyed the experience enormously and would willingly do it again.

The penitents came from many countries and very varied backgrounds. Bishops, priests, deacons, nuns, consecrated lay people (with private vows) – all came to the Sacrament to seek God's mercy – but the vast majority of those who came were the ordinary people of our parish communities. Some were frequent visitors to the shrine but for many it was their first visit and, with these first time visitors, I used to speak about the 3 key words that I find helpful for a Lourdes pilgrim. There is a lot of **joy**, there is much **suffering** there in hearts and minds and bodies: there is also great **faith** in the lives of people who make the pilgrimage. Amongst the many penitents I met, I was very impressed with an American bishop, who helped the sick at the baths, and a young sports journalist who had come on a private pilgrimage to prepare for his wedding later this year: he had come on his own just to prepare for his wedding day promises. As I say, I was very impressed with the generous and loving faith that I saw in the lives of people of all ages and races. Young helpers were there in abundance!

Later this year the whole Church will be observing *The Year of Mercy* and Pope Francis is inviting us all to reflect again on how we live and celebrate forgiveness through the ministry of the Church – the Church that is a living body in the world – in **us**! Please keep your ears and eyes open for the opportunities that will undoubtedly come your way.

Yours, Fr Hugh

Many thanks again to all who helped to look after our recent visiting priests, Fr John Baptist and Fr Liam, both of whom have written to say they enjoyed their visit to the parish. Both have said that they are willing to come back to visit you which is always a good sign. Fr Liam is grateful to the folks who have responded to his appeal for local secretaries to help with A P F & Mill Hill support which operates outside the annual appeals system.

Archbishop Peter Smith writes on behalf of the Bishops' Conference to advise us about the *Assisted Dying Bill*: he says that a very important vote will take place on 11th September in the House of Commons. To help us, every parish in the country has received short & simple postcards that we can send to our M P. The only thing we have to do is put a stamp on the cards and the name of our M P: the cards are available in both churches and for **all** people would like to use them. Bishop Patrick also reminds us of this vote now being prepared.

Don't forget we are planning **Proclaim'15 – building missionary parishes**. There is a resource day planned for 17th October at the Christ the Kind Academy (NG5 7JZ) and it is hoped that *every* parish will be represented on the day. Who can go to represent us? Any expenses incurred are parish expenses.

The new Methodist Minister for Bakewell, the Rev. Adrian Perry, will be welcomed by his community plus visitors on 1st September at an evening service beginning at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church.

The Apostleship of the Sea writes to thank all who supported the recent collection for *Sea Sunday*: their letter says, "Your support goes a long way to help us to continue our pastoral work with seafarers who come to our shores."

Our recent 100 Club winners were B Hespe, B & J Cain and V Dooley. Thanks to all who help to keep the Club up & running and who actively support it.

St Mary's School Chesterfield is looking for a Foundation Governor: if interested, please contact the school directly.

Sick and Housebound: Mgr Edward Walker, Patricia Turner, Cliff Mann, Shirley Plant, Agnes Wilson, Mary McNulty and Eileen Simpson along with all our sick family & parish members.

Anniversaries: – We pray this week especially for Florence Gannon and Anne Cosgrove: we also remember Joan Fox (aunt of Fr T Donnelly cssp) who died recently. **May their souls rest in peace.**

**Last Sunday's collection: Envelopes £170.00 Loose Plate Hassop £69.15 Bakewell £19.85 Total £259.00
Gift Aid Envelopes are available in both churches for use by parishioners and visitors. Please use!**