

Masses & Services this Week

Saturday 4th June	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (People of the Parish)
Sunday 5th	8.00am Mass: (Eileen Walton's Intention) 11.00am Mass: (Anne Judd's Intention) PB 3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet & Holy Hour
Monday 6th <i>St. Norbert— our Patron</i>	No Morning Mass 1.30pm School Mass (For the intentions of the school) 3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.00pm Mass: (Mario & Lena Martino RIP)
Tuesday 7th	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (For our living and deceased benefactors) 3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Wednesday 8th	3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6.50pm Evening Prayer 7.30pm Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 9th	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Service of the Word & Holy Communion 3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Friday 10th	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Service of the Word & Holy Communion 3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Saturday 11th <i>St. Barnabas</i>	No Morning Mass or Confessions 3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Holy Souls)
Sunday 12th <i>12th Sunday of the Year 'C'</i>	Jubilee Day of Prayer for the sick and those living with disability 8.00am Mass: 11.00am Mass: (Mary Brady RIP) Followed by The Rosary for the Sick & those living with disability 3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

5th June 2016

10th Sunday of the Year (C)

Psalter 2

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(OFSTED rated St. Norbert's: 'OUTSTANDING' - July 2015)

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Ordinary
Time



TODAY: (SUNDAY) Our 11.00am Eucharistic Ministers will be renewing their commitment to their ministry in our parish. We also ask your prayers for those who have accepted the invitation to take part in a formation weekend later this year – please God, they will be commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers towards the end of the year.

100 CLUB: The first draw of the new season takes place tomorrow – and it's still not too late to join or renew your subscription. Mike is still collecting subscriptions (£15.00) after all Masses this weekend.

THE FEAST OF ST. NORBERT takes place tomorrow (Monday, 6th June) - there are two Masses tomorrow 1.30pm School Mass & 7.00pm, by moving Mass to the evening the hope is that more people will be able to attend.

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners: Audrey Cook, Marcello Viglianti, Maria Dowling, Rosetta Le Compte, Elvira Choma, Margaret Burke, Ros Mullholland-Gullick, Jean Fairbanks, Tony Faulkner, Rosemarie & Peter Anderton, Norma Yaxley, Tony Ball, Colin & Elizabeth Stewart, George Porter, Robert Baden Smith, Jesus Moniente, Linda Lawless, Susan Bertolaso, Mollie Coaten, Mary Naughton, Norman Coleman, Fr. John Abbott, Anne Clarke, Julian Paleson, Sylvia Hayden, Katherine McLoughlin, Patrick King, The Taylor Family, Frankie Joe Smith, Mons. Jonathan Moore, Bob Goemans, Pat Baxter, Rita Gensiorskyj, Manfred Haacker, Mary Clarke, June Burrell, Maurice Cranney, Kuriakose Antony Thelekatt, Helen Henry, Fr. Dennis Higgins, Philip Chandler, Fr. Oliver Martin O.Praem, Madge Rankin, & Brian Stout.

Please also remember: Mary Copley, Valarie Davies, Esther Black, Nicholas Tooke, Margaret Stamp, James Hayden, Adrianus Jansen, Peter King Ruby Massey, Mary Brady, Brian McGunningham, Mollie Grey and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

THANK YOU; Ros (Mullholland-Gullick) wishes to send her thanks to the parish for our prayers for her wellbeing.

Mercy is also God's kindness to us, and ours to others, caring about and caring for others: sharing, serving, even sacrificing oneself for the benefit of another. Mercy is blind, both that which we receive from God, and what we show to others: blind to the identity of the other, and to whether the other is deserving, or is aware of what is being done, or is grateful. All of that is irrelevant to whether God shows us mercy, and likewise to whether we show mercy to others. Mercy is free. There is no sense in which someone is owed mercy, as if out of justice. In fact, mercy is much more than justice, giving more than is deserved, or requiring less in reparation. Mercy is the heart of the practice of our religion. It is the fulfillment of the law, prophets, and the teaching of Jesus. And it is the clearest indicator of whether or not we are true followers of Jesus.

Well, I seemed to have gone off at a tangent there! I did not set out to write a 'preachy' kind of message – but, as you can probably tell, I have taken some extracts from various notes I have made from different sources on the theme of mercy – at the end of the day, all of us should strive to become '*Merciful like the Father*'.

Before I close, I wish to say a special thank you to all who minister in any way in and around the church, keeping our church alive and ticking, beautiful and tidy. I have tried to avoid naming names, but I do want to include in this message my housekeeper and our new administrator; Deacon Dennis, and my colleague and friend, Fr. Stan.

Finally, please continue to pray for me, and be assured of my prayers for you all.

With my love and with a blessing.

P.S. I will be taking some time off over the coming days – I have many things to do, so I may change the times around a bit when I am here so that I can celebrate Mass with you, but I will remain 'off-duty' until the 23rd June. During this time Deacon Dennis will look after all pastoral matters – but, if you need a priest in an emergency please contact one of the following:

BOSTON	Fr. Alex Adkins	01205 362056
HOLBEACH	Fr. Paul Lloyd	01406 423034
PETERBOROUGH	The Presbytery	01733 562528

Non-pastoral matters will be dealt with by Val in the Parish Office.

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The Apostleship launched a 'Click to pray' digital ministry on 4th March 2016; primarily an app for smartphones and tablets, this spiritual pathway is undertaken by a brief morning, midday and evening reflection; users can download the app from www.clicktopray.org, and make their daily offering with the Pope and people around the world.

FR. JIM WRITES: On Wednesday I will complete my eighth year as your Parish Priest, and I wish to acknowledge my gratitude to you all for your prayers, love and support. I also acknowledge my shortcomings, of which there are many, and I apologise for any offense or hurt I may have caused.

I am obviously conscious that we are half way through this extraordinary year of God's mercy—it had never occurred to me how that word 'mercy' 'pops-up' in the liturgy so much—I did think about keeping a tally of the times 'mercy' features in the Mass, but I have lost count! This is certainly become a very special year for me—and, it is both a privilege and a blessing to share and celebrate God's mercy with all of you.

Sometimes when I feel down, or I need to switch-off to re-charge my batteries, I like to watch or just listen to my favourite musical, 'Les Miserables' - I have seen the production no less than six times! The last time I saw it on stage was on Broadway in 1998—which was very different from the West End production—it's much shorter for a start! The story *Les Miserables* tells how Jean Valjean, a prison parolée, stole valuable silverware from a bishop who had given him a meal and a room for the night. The police caught Valjean, and recognising the bishop's initials on the silverware, brought him before the bishop and accused him of stealing. The kindly bishop replied that this was not a case of theft, explaining that he had *given* the stuff to Valjean. He even scolded Valjean for not taking the silver candlesticks as well! This is a striking tale of mercy: forgiving a wrong, as well as lifting someone out of poverty. Mercy changed the life of Valjean, inspiring him to show mercy to others, even to his enemies.

Mercy is the forgiveness we receive from God, which we as followers of Jesus give to others.

IMPORTANT NOTICE WITH REGARD TO THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN: We have been requested to remind parents and guardians of children that they are responsible for their safety and wellbeing whilst on church property. Children should be discouraged from playing and running around the church complex in case of any accident. We have been requested to publish similar notices frequently in our parish newsletter.

U.C.M - Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th June 2016 at 7.30 pm at Holy Trinity Church, Holbeach, when we shall be having a flower demonstration given by Mary King. All are welcome, so if you would like to see this demonstration then please do come along.

UCM PILGRIMAGE to WALSINGHAM on Tuesday 5th July 2016
All Welcome. Leaving Holy Trinity, Holbeach at 9.30am and returning about 6pm. Transport from Spalding by car at 9am, to be arranged.

Pilgrimage fee £8, mobility link bus £2-50 for those who can't walk the mile, and we are asking a donation of £10 towards the fuel for the minibus. Please be aware that if you put your name on the list (to be found at the back of church) you are committing yourself to these costs. All monies to be paid to Jean Strickland or Christine Smith by June 7th, please.

JUBILEE YEAR OF GOD'S MERCY

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed everyday in our church at 3.00pm

Lectio Divina: Every Friday from 6.00 to 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room

Changes to our programme: We have had to change our programme slightly during the month of June.

Next Sunday (12th June) is a Jubilee Day of Prayer for the sick and those living with disability – Deacon Dennis will lead the Rosary for this intention after the 11.00am Mass. The Service for the Sick, disabled and housebound will now take place on Sunday, 17th July – more details to follow.

Parish Finance: Last weekend you gave £781.03 – thank you.

GIFT AID/PLANNED GIVING/STANDING ORDERS: It was raised at last week's Parish Pastoral Council meeting that some parishioners who signed up for Planned Giving or those who wished to join the Gift Aid scheme or pay their weekly offering by Standing Order did not hear any more from anyone – we apologise for this. **Please contact Fr. Jim or Deacon Dennis if this applies to you, or if you want any information in connection with the above and we will put you in touch with the person to help you – thank you.**

Fundraising: NEW & PRE-LOVED GOODS SALE: This event will take place over the weekend of the 2nd & 3rd July in our Community Hall after all Masses that weekend. Items required include, **NEW: Cakes, chocolates, plants, toiletries etc. PRE-LOVED: Clothes, shoes, DVDs, CDs, games etc.** Donations and contributions may be brought in on the 1st July from 6.30pm to 8.30pm and the 2nd July from 10.30am to 12.00 noon. The stalls will be manned by our Confirmation Group – *please, do support them with any donations for the stall and by your attendance at the sale – thank you.*

OTHER NEWS

Agape Food Donations: Sincere thanks to all those parishioners who regularly donate food items to those less fortunate than ourselves in our local community, they are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to Agape Food in Spalding.

Missio Red Box Appeal: Many members of our community have a Red Box in their homes. It's a way we support Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas missions, and the Mill Hill Missionaries, Britain's own missionary society. Thank you to everyone who is a Red Box member.

We're holding a special collection for **those whose Red Box may not have been opened for a while.** Maybe it's lurking on top of the fridge, or behind some books. If so, please bring it to Mass (**leave in the Sacristy**) over the coming weekends 4-5 and 11-12 June 2016 so they can be emptied. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Amess 01775 760793

BRIGHTLIGHTS - 17th - 19th June 2016: In this Jubilee of Mercy, Alton Castle, in Staffordshire, is the venue for the Brightlights Young Adult Festival for 16-30 year-olds. This national Catholic event is a place for workshops, powerful speakers, music, theatre and the celebration of Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. *Fr. Jim writes:* I would strongly recommend this day to the young people of our parish – The festival will be attended by the Most Rev. Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham, and our own Bishop Patrick. Among those taking part are The Rise Theatre, The Mercy Door with CJM, Youth 2000...For further information, please visit www.ndcys.com; to make a booking, please contact Angela Gillespie (angela@ndcys.com; 01773 852044).

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham - 19th June 2016: For those of you who may have missed the opportunity to attend our recent parish pilgrimage might like to attend our Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Patrick.

Apostleship of Prayer: Pope Francis has described the Apostleship of Prayer as 'the Pope's personal prayer network'. In the words of Fr David Stewart SJ, the national director:

The Apostleship of Prayer has been, for many years, the official way in which Popes have made their monthly intentions known to the People of God. Recently, it has undergone a re-creation, partly at the initiative of Pope Francis himself, becoming known familiarly as 'the Pope's prayer network'. It is a spiritual pathway, offering a simple way by which people can offer themselves each day in prayer; the traditional morning offering to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is still very much at the heart of this ministry. Pope Francis continues to involve himself in this work and takes a keen personal interest in what we do. It is, and always has been, an ecclesial ministry, not a Jesuit work, entrusted to the Society of Jesus for over 100