

PARISH OF  
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION &  
SAINT NORBERT

15th January 2017

2nd Sunday of the Year (A)

Psalter 2

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**NEW PARISH WEBSITE! [www.stnorberts.org.uk](http://www.stnorberts.org.uk)**

***We stream our services live via our website—this service is intended for our sick and housebound parishioners and those who care for them—simply go to our website and click on 'live from the church' and click on the blue banner at the top of the page.***

This parish is part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Nottingham  
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**Today's Mass:**

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Preface: Sunday 1

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Memorial Acclamation 1 (*May differ at the 11.00am Mass*)

**Today is a Day of Prayer for Peace**

**Second Collection taken at all Masses this weekend is for Julia's Fund - thank you.**

**A Prayer for World Peace**

O God, Creator of the universe, who extends your paternal concern over every creature and guides the events of history to the goal of salvation, we acknowledge your fatherly love when you break the resistance of mankind and, in a world torn by strife and discord, you make us ready for reconciliation. Renew for us the wonders of your mercy: send forth your Spirit that He may work in the intimacy of hearts, that enemies may begin to dialogue, that adversaries may shake hands and peoples may encounter one another in harmony. May all commit themselves to the sincere search for true peace which will extinguish all arguments, for charity which overcomes hatred, for pardon which disarms revenge. AMEN  
(*St. John Paul II*)

**Second Collection this weekend is for Julia's Fund—this fund was established in 2009 to assist a family to transport the body of baby Julia back home to Poland. Since that time, many people have been helped through this fund—thanks to your generosity. We were unable to take the usual collection on the 4th Sunday of Advent, so we will take it during all Masses this weekend—thank you.**

If you are in need of some help, please contact Fr. Jim in complete confidence...your request, which will remain anonymous, will be considered by those who administer the fund: Deacon Dennis, the Chair of the PPC, the Head Teacher of St. Norbert's School. We have invited Fr. Stan Kowalski to join this committee.



**Open meeting after the 11:00am Mass today**—The possibility of organising a parish mission in 2018 was raised during the recent meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council. Mary Hurst, a member of the PPC, has been invited to facilitate a discussion on this idea and to consult with parishioners to get your ideas, opinions and views—please come along today to find out more.

**Ecumenical News:** Fr. Jim and Deacon Dennis met with the Revv. Frances Ballantyne and Steve Weatherley-Barton with the view of seeing how we can work closer together. As it was the first time we had met, the purpose was just to open the lines of communication between us, but we all felt it was a productive meeting. It was clear that there is a real desire for St. Thomas's Road Methodist Church (our neighbours) and ourselves to work closer together. Revd, Steve Weatherley-Barton very kindly arranged for us to celebrate Mass in the Prayer Room within the Johnson Hospital in December—many of those who attended this Mass expressed a wish for this to be repeated, we would like to see the Prayer Room used much more, and so we would be looking for more opportunities to lead prayer services that would be open to the patients and wider community and perhaps hold an annual Mass in the hospital.

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins this Wednesday, 18th January, and concludes on the feast of the conversion of St. Paul, 25th January.**

**Next Saturday evening, Rev. Steve Weatherley-Barton will preach during the 4.30pm Mass;** meanwhile, Fr. Jim has been invited to preach at the Parish Church next Sunday evening at 6.30pm.

### **A Prayer for Christian Unity**

Eternal Father,  
we praise you for sending your Son  
to be one of us and to save us.

Look upon your people with mercy,  
for we are divided in so many ways,  
and give us the Spirit of Jesus to make us one in love.

We ask this gift, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

*Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners:* Margaret Trivett, Audrey Cook, Marcello Viglianti, Maria Dowling, Rosetta Le Compte, Elvira Choma, Ros Mullholland-Gullick, Jean Fairbanks, Tony Faulkner, Rosemarie & Peter Anderton, Norma Yaxley, Tony Ball, 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, Maria Sharples, Fr. Oliver Martin O.Praem, Madge Rankin, Brian Stout, & Fr. Jim O'Hanlon.

*For those who have recently died:* Susan Bacon, Margaret Banks Michael Brogan, Thelma Hare, and Helen Beggs.

**We extend our sincere sympathy** to the family of Thelma Hare. Thelma passed away peacefully in the early hours of Friday morning at the Abbeygate Nursing Home in Moulton.

**Helen Beggs:** We extend our sincere sympathy to Helen's next of kin, Anne & Michael Drew—Helen died in Gosberton House in the early hours of Saturday morning.—May Helen, Thelma, all those named above, and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

*Please also remember:* Ann Lockwood, Johanna Johns, Rosemary Edwards, Dick Roberts, Lucia Fappiano, John Joseph Cunningham, Vladeks Sinavskis and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

**PARISH FINANCE:** Unfortunately, no information has been provided for the past two weekends.

**Parish Income during December:**

Weekly Collections:

Loose Plate:	£0,887.56	Second Collections:	£0,414.55
Envelopes:	£1,784.65	Donations:	£0,150.00
Direct Debits:	Not known	Hall Hire	not known
		C'Mas Fayre:	£2,831.78

**TOTAL            £2,672.21            TOTAL            £3,396.33**

Thank you for your continuing support.

**Forthcoming second collections:** Next Sunday, 28th/29th January  
Parish Maintenance Fund



**WEBCAM:** It is now possible to watch our services stream live from our church. This service is provided mainly for our housebound parishioners and their carers. We are delighted that our site is being visited by many others who are enjoying this new service—including Liz Rodriguez de Dorey's family in Guatemala! Here we have a picture of Liz's mum, Ruth Lily and sister, also Ruth Lily, viewing Mass from their iPad!

**Do we have any other people 'out there' joining us for Mass from afar?** Why not drop us an email or send us a photo, so that we can say 'Hello'? Send your emails to [fr.jim@stnorberts.org.uk](mailto:fr.jim@stnorberts.org.uk)

We realise that we are still experiencing problems with the smooth running of the stream and Soni will be working to improve this.

## *You may be interested to know....*

**From the 1st to the 11th January 2017**

- ◇ 512 people have viewed Masses from our webcam.
- ◇ 6 viewers have shared the link with families and friends.
- ◇ On average 47 people watch Mass from our church every day
- ◇ Currently five people watch the live stream every day.
- ◇ Currently 96% of our viewers are from the UK, we have regular viewers from Ireland, India and the Philippines.

Our sincere thanks to Soni Thomas for providing this information for us—please, spread the word that this service is available from our church—the schedules are displayed on our parish website: [www.stnorberts.org.uk](http://www.stnorberts.org.uk)

**ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? HAVE YOU RECENTLY MOVED HOME?** Please help us to keep our parish records up to date and let us have your details...please let us have your name, address and contact details, you can send them to us by email: [office@stnorberts.org.uk](mailto:office@stnorberts.org.uk); hand your details into Lynn in the parish office or to Fr. Jim or Deacon Dennis—thank you.

**ARE YOU CELEBRATING A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY OR BIRTHDAY IN 2017?** Please don't forget to let Fr. Jim or Deacon Dennis know, so we can celebrate it with you in church!

**IF YOU ARE THINKING OF GETTING MARRIED IN CHURCH DURING 2017—** now is the time to contact us. Please contact Fr. Jim, Deacon Dennis or you can contact Lynn in the parish office who will gladly arrange an appointment for you.

## *Masses & Services this Week*

**BAPTISM:** If you are planning to have your child baptised in church, please contact Fr. Jim or Deacon Dennis.

*Other News/Notices/Announcements...*

*A note from Fr. Jim:* I am sad to report I had another set back at the beginning of last week, which caused me to cancel Mass last Wednesday evening—thankfully this was the only service I was forced to cancel. I have been put on some very strong medication for two weeks—this is working well, except some of the medication makes me fall into a deep sleep! I have missed a couple of phone calls and some callers to the door—this is not intentional! I have to sometimes alter the medication to allow me to continue my duties and it is best that I do not drive during this time—for obvious reasons. I am very grateful to those who are providing me with transport at this time. I am also receiving regular treatment from the Johnson Hospital. I am grateful to Fr. Stan who celebrated Mass in school last week. Because of all of the above, I have alerted Deacon Dennis to be ready to provide a Eucharistic Service at short notice!

**'MISSIO'** (APF-Mill Hill) **RED BOX HOLDERS:** Grateful thanks to all red box holders—the December 2016 collection amounted to £476.29. (Sharon)

**SPRING CLEAN:** It has been decided that our church and the Community Hall is in need of a major clean (at high level...walls etc) —the last time this was done was in preparation for Deacon Dennis' ordination in 2012. We also need to carry out some re-decoration and **we need a team of volunteers** to carry out this work...it is hoped that if we get sufficient help, the work can be carried out in a day. The following dates have been set : The church clean will take place after the 9.00am Mass on Saturday, 8th April & the Hall clean will take place on Saturday, 22nd April. More details to follow, but, if you are free and able to help, please put those dates in your diary — thank you.

**100 CLUB: January Draw** - 1st Janet Pell (£25), 2nd Philip Smith (£15), 3rd Mary Miller (£10), 4th Tony Faulkner (£5). Congratulations to all our prize winners.

<b>Saturday 14th January</b>	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Norah van der Voet RIP)
<b>Sunday 15th</b>	8.00am Mass: (Thelma Hare RIP) 11.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) Open Meeting to discuss the possibility of a Parish Mission in 2018
<b>Monday 16th</b>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Anne van der Weyden RIP)
<b>Tuesday 17th</b> <i>St. Anthony</i>	8.00am Mass: (Special Intention)
<b>Wednesday 18th</b>	<i>The beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i> 6.00pm Mass: (Elvis Posiakinas RIP) Followed by Holy Hour
<b>Thursday 19th</b>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Mike McDonald RIP)
<b>Friday 20th</b> <i>Blessed Cyprian Tansi</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (In Thanksgiving)
<b>Saturday 21st</b> <i>St. Agnes</i>	9.00am Mass: (John Joseph Cunningham RIP) Followed by Confessions 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (People of the Parish)
<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	8.00am Mass: (Helen Beggs RIP) 11.00am Mass: (November Dead List)

**Thursford Christmas Spectacular 2017:** Once again we shall be going to this fantastic show. The date is Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> for the 2:00pm performance. The bus will leave opposite Aldi car park at 11:30am prompt and returning by 7:00pm (or shortly after). Like most things there has been an increase in costs and our trip, everything included, will be £50.00. If you wish to be included please let Mike van de Weyden know as soon as possible. Tel: 01775 722379.

With our prayers and best wishes,  
Fr. Jim & Deacon Dennis