

## Masses & Services this Week

<b>Saturday 12th August</b>	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (People of the Parish)
<b>Sunday 13th</b>	8.00am Mass: (Thelma Hare RIP) 11.00am International Mass: (Thierry Christian-Gnanakumar RIP) <sup>04</sup> 4.00pm Pre-Baptism Programme (Part Two) <i>Fr. John Martin</i>
<b>Monday 14th</b> <i>St. Maximilian Kolbe</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Ben Tillbrook RIP) <b>7.00pm Vigil Mass of The Assumption</b> <i>Bishop Patrick McKinney</i>
<b>Tuesday 15th</b> <i>The Assumption of Our Lady</i>	<b>HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION</b> 9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Mike McDonald RIP) 7.30pm Polish Mass
<b>Wednesday 16th</b>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Betty Mitchell's Intention) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00pm The Angelus & Benediction <i>Deacon Warren Peachey</i>
<b>Thursday 17th</b>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Joan & James Dorgan RIP) <i>Fr. John Cahill</i>
<b>Friday 18th</b>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Moreen Parkin's Intention) <i>Deacon Owen Le Blanc</i>
<b>Saturday 19th</b>	9.00am Mass: (Forgotten Souls) Confessions available after Mass 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (David Atha RIP)
<b>Sunday 20th</b> <i>20th Sunday of the Year 'A'</i>	8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 11.00am Mass: (The Deceased members of the Cornell & Darragh Families) <i>Fr. Matthew Jakes</i>

Confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.

*Wishing you, and all you hold dear, every blessing throughout the coming week*

*Fr. Jim, Deacon Dennis & Deacon Paul*

## PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

**13th August 2017**

**19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)**

**Week 4**

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**Today: Our pre-Baptism programme** concludes this afternoon at 4.00pm in the Walsingham Chapel. Parents are asked to make arrangements with Deacon Paul for the baptisms, if possible, to take place before he leaves on the 1st September.

**15th August: The Feast of the Assumption is a Holyday of Obligation—and we are bound to attend Mass on this day.** We will celebrate a Vigil Mass at 7.00pm on Monday evening. Mass times on Tuesday are: 9.30am & 7.30pm (Polish Mass).

**Changes to Weekday Mass Times:** We will continue to celebrate Mass at 9.30am on Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout August; there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays, concluding with Benediction at 12.00pm—please sign the list at the back of the church if you are available to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament—thank you.

**The Parish Office:** Unfortunately, Lynn is on sick leave until the 16th August. To book Masses or to make an appointment to see one of the clergy, ring Fr. Jim's direct line: 01775 722056 or email: [fr.jim@stnorbets.org.uk](mailto:fr.jim@stnorbets.org.uk)—alternatively, speak to any of the clergy—thank you.

**A Reflection:** One YouTube clip of magician Chris Angel shows him stepping off the side of a swimming pool and walking out onto the surface of the water. It looks like he's walking on an unseen floor a few inches below the surface.

Then a swimmer passes beneath him, sinking the idea that there must be some underwater support. There are no cables suspending him in the air. In mid-pool, he kicks off his shoes and continues barefoot to the other side of the pool. Astounded spectators cannot believe their eyes. But despite their amazement, everyone seems to know that somehow this is merely a trick they can't figure out.

In the middle of the night storm, far out on the Sea of Galilee, the already terrified disciples encountered Jesus walking to them on the water. Such a reality must have taken their breath away. Leaving them

We ask you to open our minds to the will of God  
and follow in the footsteps of Jesus in seeking God's Blessing for our  
Mission.

Through Christ Our Lord  
Amen

Our Lady of Spalding, swift to hear—Pray for us.  
St. Norbert—Pray for us.

**Jubilee Year of Fatima - Concession of Plenary Indulgence:** In order to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the Apparitions of Fatima, by the mandate of Pope Francis, it is granted a Jubilee Year, with the inherent plenary indulgence, from the 27th November 2016 to the 26th November 2017.

**The plenary indulgence of the Jubilee Year of Fatima is granted:**

a) To the faithful who visit the Shrine of Fatima on pilgrimage and devotedly participate in a celebration or prayer in honour of the Virgin Mary, pray the Our Father, recite the symbol of faith (Creed) and invoke Our Lady of Fatima;

b) To the faithful who visit with devotion an image of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly displayed for public veneration in any church, oratory or adequate place, during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions (the 13th of each month, from May to October 2017), and devotedly participate there in any celebration or prayer in honour of the Virgin Mary, pray the Our Father, recite the symbol of faith (Creed) and invoke Our Lady of Fatima;

c) To the faithful who, due to their age, disease or other serious reason, are impeded of moving, if, repentant of all their sins and having the firm intention of performing, as soon as possible, the three conditions mentioned below, in front of a small image of Our Lady of Fatima, spiritually unite in the days of the apparitions to the jubilee celebrations, offering with trust to God all-merciful through Mary their prayers and pains, or the sacrifices of their own lives.

To gain the indulgence the usual conditions apply i.e. sacramental

notice on the sacristy noticeboard and indicate which Mass you wish to attend that weekend – thank you.

**Social Committee:** Fr. Jim would like to call a meeting of the Social Committee on **Monday, 4th September at 7.00pm.**

**MISSION 2018:** The Prayer Team last Monday (7th August) with a view to appoint a Prayer Co-ordinator. To begin working on composing or selecting a Mission Prayer and to begin a spiritual programme in preparation for the Mission. Deacon Dennis has offered to promote and lead Eucharistic Adoration. The Rosary was also suggested. Regular weekly or monthly prayer meetings led by volunteers and it was also suggested that we could consider organising House Groups.

Anne Darragh has kindly taken on the role of co-ordinator, but she will need help. We were given the task of working on finding/composing a Parish Mission Prayer – the date of our next meeting is **Tuesday, 22nd August at 6.00pm.** And a full meeting with as many members (of the 'Prayer Team') as possible on **Tuesday, 29th August also at 6.00pm.**

*Meanwhile....*

You are invited to join us to pray the Rosary at Trinity Bridge, Crowland on Friday, 25th August at 12.00 noon.

We have also selected a prayer that we are invited to recite daily in preparation for the Mission:

Lord, Jesus Christ

Listen to the prayers of your people of this Parish  
as we prepare for our Mission of Faith in the coming months

We seek your help and the guidance of the Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together as one family in Christ,  
to deepen our faith and celebrate the Word of God.

barely able to exclaim: "Truly you are the Son of God."

Jesus, we often find ourselves on the stormy waters of life. Sickness, bereavement, poverty, insecurity, broken relationships and fear of the future can be a very stormy sea of worry and confusion. Come to us over those stormy waters with your assuring words; "Do not be afraid!"

When we feel ourselves sinking into despair or depression hear our cry for help and raise us up as you raised up Peter on those storm-tossed waves.

We pray for Pope Benedict: that the Lord will hear his prayer and raise him up like St Peter as he weathers the storms of his onerous office.

We pray for all those who work for peace and justice in the troubled parts of the world: that God will bless and support them in their work.

We pray for ambulance, lifeboat, fire and emergency personnel who come to the aid of persons who are in danger as Jesus came to the disciples over the water: that God will protect them and bless their work with success.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2017/18:** Application forms are now available from the parish office, or the sacristy – these must be returned to the **parish office or handed to either Fr. Jim or one of the deacons only.** The Parents Meeting will take place on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm, and the programme for the children commences the following evening (Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September) at 5.00pm. Our lead catechist, Ruth Nester, would like to visit all families presenting their children for the sacraments of Reconciliation and first Holy Communion at home before the 11<sup>th</sup> September.

**JOURNEY OF FAITH** is a course that we offer each year for those wishing to know more about the Catholic Church and our faith. It is

an ideal course for those who are Catholics, but feel they could benefit from a refresher; for those of other faiths who are interested in learning about our beliefs and practices, and for those who may be interested in becoming full members of the Church. We understand that your participation in this course does not necessarily mean that you are interested in joining the Church. If this course interests you, please have a word with Fr. Jim or one of the deacons as soon as possible.

**Going into hospital? Unable to get to Mass? Do you require a visit from Fr. Jim?** Sometimes Fr. Jim is the last person to know when a parishioner is unwell or requires the Sacrament of the Sick, Holy Communion or a pastoral visit. Please do not assume that someone has already informed Fr. Jim when a visit is needed. **Fr. Jim is on call 24 hours—and should be called for in danger of death, before any surgery. If Fr. Jim is away from the parish, or is unwell, we will arrange for another priest to attend.**

To contact Fr. Jim directly: Telephone: 01775 722056—option '2' or email: fr.jim@stnorberts.org.uk

*Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners:* Jo Baguley, Eric Ormond, Allison Law, Margaret Trivett, Audrey Cook, Marcello Viglianti, Maria Dowling, Rosetta Le Compte, Elvira Choma, Ros Mullholland-Gullick, Jean Fairbanks, Rosemarie & Peter Anderton, Norma Yaxley, Tony Ball, Jesus Moniente, Linda Lawless, Susan Bertolaso, Mollie Coaten, Mary Naughton, Norman Coleman, Sylvia Hayden, Katherine McLoughlin, Patrick King, The Taylor Family, Mons. Jonathan Moore, Pat Baxter, Rita Gensiorskyj, Manfred Haacker, June Burrell, Maurice Cranney, Kuriakose Antony Thelekatt, Helen Henry, Philip Chandler, Maria Sharples, Fr. Oliver Martin O.Praem, Madge Rankin, Brian Stout, Alison Merryman-Marx and Fr. Eamonn O'Hara.

**Please Pray** for the happy repose of the soul of Peggy O'Hearn, the sister of Deacon Dennis, who died recently in California. Also Mandy Beecham, the sister of Martin Pell who died Thursday morning. Our sincere condolences to Deacon Dennis, Martin, Ann and their families at this time—may they rest in peace.

*Please also remember:* Mike McDonald, Johanna Atkinson, Oskar Lagtapon, Vincent Spreckley, Joan Dorgan, Georgina Lee, Joseph Brincat, Ann Cudd, Michael Joseph Neary and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

**RED BOX (MISSIO) APPEAL:** Please can you bring your Missio red boxes into church to be emptied before the end of September 2017. As you know the old £1 coin will go out of circulation in October 2017. This is the reason for the early collection. Please hand them into the sacristy or to Sharon Amess. All emptied boxes will be left for you to collect from the Narthex window sill. Thank you once again for your ongoing support. I have many spare Missio red boxes that would like a home if anyone would like to start a collection please contact Sharon Amess 01775 760793.

**PARISH FINANCE:** Last weekend you gave: £533.73. Thank you.

**Forthcoming collections in August:** Next weekend (19th/20th August): Special Collection. 26th/27th August Maintenance Collection.

**Counters Rota:** Could you spare a few hours one Sunday? We are now preparing the new counter's rota for September to December. We do have some gaps. You normally would count the weekend collection in pairs, and help will be given—if you can help, please contact Fr. Jim or Deacon Dennis as soon as possible.

**Music & Hymns:** There are about 900 hymns in our hymn book—some old and loved, some unfamiliar. All are welcome to join us on Monday's at 2.00pm in church to learn new hymns and remind ourselves of the old. The first session will be on Monday, 7th August and will last no longer than an hour.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Our Eucharistic Ministers are invited to renew their commitment to this important ministry within the Church over the weekend of the 2nd & 3rd September. Please see the