

Masses & Services this Week

Saturday 19th August	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (David Atha RIP)
Sunday 20th	8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 11.00am Mass: (Deceased members of the Cornell & Darragh Families) 12.30pm Baptism of Juozas Henrikas Kiveris <i>Fr. Matthew Jakes</i>
Monday 21st <i>St. Pius X</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (In Thanksgiving) <i>Fr. William Naylor</i>
Tuesday 22nd <i>The Queenship of BVM</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (The Baguley Family) 6.00pm MISSION 2018 'Prayer Team Meeting'
Wednesday 23rd	NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS MORNING 12.00pm Requiem Mass for Lyder O'Neill RIP
Thursday 24th <i>St. Bartholomew</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Maria & Domenico Bombardini RIP) <i>Fr. Pawel Urbanek</i>
Friday 25th	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Robert Baden Smith RIP & For the happy marriage of Martin & Jordan) 12.00pm Rosary at Trinity Bridge, Crowland—to pray for the people of the village and the success of our Parish Mission.
Saturday 26th	9.00am Mass: (Michael Joseph Neary RIP) Confessions available after Mass 1.00pm The Baptism of Abbie Elsie Pearson 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (People of the Parish) <i>Deacon Juan Carlos Valer</i>
Sunday 27th <i>19th Sunday of the Year (A)</i>	8.00am Mass: (Priest's Intention) 11.00am Mass: (Olga Drobenko RIP) <i>Fr. John McCay</i>

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

20th August 2017

20th Sunday of the Year (A)

Psalter 4

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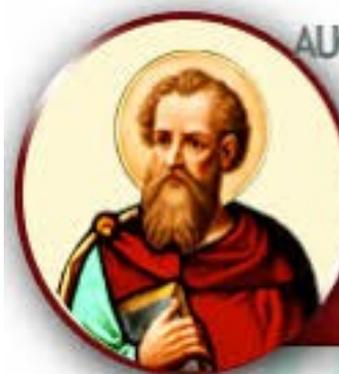
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AUGUST

20 20th Sunday
In Ordinary Time

Is 56:1.6-7; Ps 67;
Rm 11:13-15.29-32; Mt 15:21-28

TODAY (Sunday) We welcome Juozas Henrikas Kiveris into God's Family and our parish community through the waters of Baptism. Congratulations to his proud parents, Loreta & Juozas and their family.

Welcome Back Deacon Sherman: We are delighted to welcome back Deacon Sherman Mitchell III from the Diocese of Wilmington, USA and his wife, Shirley who are visiting family in the area and will be with us until 15th September—we hope that they enjoy their visit. Deacon Sherman has been given permission to assist us at Mass during their stay.

There will be a second collection taken at all Masses this weekend.

The Parish Office: Lynn has resigned from her position as Clerical Assistant. She had been deemed unfit for work until the 17th August. She has gone on a short family holiday and has decided to take annual leave up to the 23rd August—which in effect will be her last day. We thank her for her time with us, and wish her all the best for the future. It means that the desk in the office is once more vacant and we will re-advertise the post as soon as possible. We thank Anita for looking after things for us, but we could possibly do with some help with the accounts side of things on a temporary basis until we can make a new appointment—if you think you can help us out until that appointment is made, contact Fr. Jim as soon as possible, please.

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.

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, 11th September at 7.00pm, and the programme for the children commences the following evening (Tuesday, 12th September) at 5.00pm. Our lead catechist,

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.

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.

Friday 27th - Sunday 29th October - Nottingham Diocesan Youth 2000 Retreat. Hosted by St Benedict's School, Derby. **Youth 2000** is an international Catholic movement for young people, generally between the ages of 16 and 35. It was started in response to St. John Paul II's initiative to young people to take an active part in the Decade of Evangelization leading up to the Great Jubilee Year in 2000. Since then Youth 2000 has grown to become one of the most important groups working for the evangelization of young people within the Church.

The main focus and thrust of Youth 2000 is:

- To increase an awareness and love of Jesus in the Eucharist, through the Mass and Eucharistic Adoration.
- To promote devotion to Our Lady as a means of coming closer to Christ, through the Rosary and other Marian devotions.
- To encourage young people to come to love the Word of God, through reading the Bible, Lectio Divina etc., in order to build a deep love of the Scriptures and to promote a deeper understanding of, and fidelity to, the official teachings of the Church.
- To bring about Christian conversion.

More information coming soon!

The next full meeting with as many members (of the 'Prayer Team') as possible, will take place on **Tuesday, 29th August also at 6.00pm.**

You are invited to join us to pray the Rosary at Trinity Bridge, Crowland this coming Friday, (25th August) - we will commence The Rosary at 12.00 noon.

'The Visual Display & Artwork Team' The first meeting will take place in St. Norbert's School on Thursday, 7th September at 9.30am. If you would like to be involved with this group, please contact the co-ordinator, Mrs. Jenna Withers, Acting Headteacher, at the school (01775 722889). There will be further meetings in the evenings for those who cannot attend the day time meetings.

Anita Kerry and Fr. Jim will begin work on our parish records as soon as possible.

As announced last weekend, Fr. Jim will be contacting those who volunteered to be part of the Publicity and the Printing and Photocopying teams in the coming days; however, with the departure of Lynn from the office, this may have to wait a little longer.

Deacon Dennis has volunteered to lead weekly adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on Monday mornings (after the 9.30am Mass) to pray for the parish and the success of the Mission; starting from Monday, 4th September.

Fr. Jim will lead prayers for the success of our Mission on Friday, 7th September at 7.00pm. There will be a short meeting after the 7.30pm to establish interest in a weekly (or at least monthly) prayer group.

As introduced last weekend, we have also selected a prayer that we are all 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

Ruth Nester, would like to visit all families presenting their children for the sacraments of Reconciliation and first Holy Communion at home before the 11th September.

JOURNEY OF FAITH: *This is the last Call!* The 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, Fr. Eamonn O'Hara & Lesley Weldon.

Please Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Lyder O'Neill of

Spalding who died during the week. Our condolences to her family at this sad time. May she rest in peace.

Please also remember: Ian Pitcher, Charles Cornell, David Atha, Baby Antonio Sousa, William Nowlan, Emma Bray, Lucy Woolley, Kate Lynch 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: £676.71. Thank you.

Forthcoming collections in August: Next weekend (26th/27th August) Parish 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, please.

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 notice on the sacristy noticeboard and indicate which Mass you wish to attend

that weekend – thank you.

U.C.M. - Our next meeting will be held here in St. Norbert's, on Tuesday 5th September at 2.00 pm when we will be joined by Monica Mitchell, Nottingham Diocesan President. Hope to see as many members as possible. (Betty McDonald)

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

PARISH SOCIAL NIGHT featuring local entertainer TOM KENNEDY: Friday, 22nd September. Admission £7 including a buffet. *Tickets are now on sale!*

Christmas Fayre: The Christmas Fayre Team are planning *an old fashioned JUMBLE SALE* on Saturday, 9th September in our Hall. It is hoped that this event will raise sufficient funds towards the 1st prize in the **Christmas Draw**. Please look through your possessions and see if there are any items you could part with. We will let you know nearer the day when and where to bring your contributions. We also need help (on a stall or serving tea and biscuits) please have a word with Anne Darragh or Joanna Shardlow. Thank you!

100 CLUB August Draw: 1st (£25) No 76, Teresa Cummings, 2nd (£15) No 70, Deepa Delon, 3rd (£10) No 82, Cecilia Loughry & 4th (£5) No 18, Maggie Groombridge – congratulations to all our prize winners.

MISSION 2018: A reminder that our parish mission will commence in St. Norbert's School on Monday, 11th June and will conclude with Mass with Bishop Patrick on Sunday, 1st July 2018.

The Prayer Team will meet with Fr. Stan this Tuesday evening (22nd August) at 6.00pm to continue working on composing or selecting a Mission Prayer and to start a spiritual programme in preparation for the Mission. We understand the difficulty for some volunteers of trying to attend morning and early evening meetings and will try to address this.