

## Masses & Services this Week

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| <b>Saturday 26th August</b>                                       | 4.00pm Confessions<br>4.30pm Mass: (Maria Leonor Bela RIP)   |
| <b>Sunday 27th</b>  | 8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish)<br>11.00am Mass: (Olga Drobenko RIP)<br><i>Fr. John McCay</i>  |
| <b>Monday 28th</b><br><i>St. Augustine</i>                        | 9.10am Morning Prayer<br>9.30am Mass: (Antonio, Guiseppina, Mario, Lina & deceased members of the family)  |
| <b>Tuesday 29th</b><br><i>The Passion of St. John the Baptist</i> | 9.10am Morning Prayer<br>9.30am Mass: (Hannah & John's Intention)<br><i>Fr. Colm Kelly</i>   |
| <b>Wednesday 30th</b><br><i>The Dedication of our Cathedral</i>   | 9.10am Morning Prayer<br>9.30am Mass: (Margaret Burke RIP)<br>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament<br>12.00pm The Angelus & Benediction<br><i>The Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, Rearsby</i>  |
| <b>Thursday 31st</b>  | 9.10am Morning Prayer<br>9.30am Mass: (Deacon Paul's Intentions)   |
| <b>Friday 1st September</b>                                       | 9.10am Morning Prayer<br><b>8.30am</b> Mass: (Deacon Dennis' Intention)<br>7.00pm Adoration & Confessions<br>7.30pm Mass: (Mandy Beecham RIP)<br><i>Fr. Stanislaw Kowalski</i>   |
| <b>Saturday 2nd</b>   | 9.00am Mass: (Allison Law's Intention)<br>Confessions available after Mass<br>4.00pm Confessions<br>4.30pm Mass: (Deacon Dennis' Intention)<br><b>Joint Rosary after Mass to pray for the Parish</b><br><i>The Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, Hyson Green</i> |
| <b>Sunday 3rd</b><br><i>20th Sunday of the Year 'A'</i>           | 8.00am Mass: (Geoff Whitwell RIP)<br>11.00am Mass: (People of the Parish)<br><i>Fr. Colin Patey</i>  |

more information you can contact Clara Sands on 01406 426914 or Josie Brown on 01406 490748.

*With our prayers and good wishes  
Fr. Jim, Deacon Dennis & Deacon Paul*

## PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

**27th August 2017    21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)    Week 1**

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Head Teacher: Mr. Joseph Burns

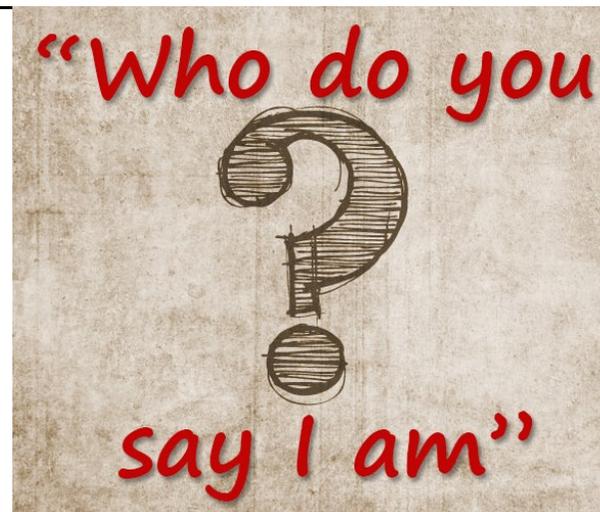
Nearest Catholic Comprehensive: Saint John Fisher Catholic High School, Park Lane, Peterborough, PE1 5JN

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Parish Centre: **Contact the Parish Office: 01775 722056**

Safeguarding Parish Co-ordinator: Ruth Nester: 01775 762672



**This is Deacon Paul's final weekend with us.** Deacon Paul will leave us after the 9.30am Mass this Friday. We hope he has enjoyed his stay with us, and we promise to keep him in our prayers as he prepares to return to Rome to complete his studies and prepare for his ordination to the priesthood on the 30th June 2018. We look forward to him returning next year to celebrate Mass for us!

**Second collection this weekend for our parish maintenance fund.** I will soon ask Keith Saunders to give us a summary of the work recently completed and outstanding items. Thank you all for your support with these matters. (Fr. Jim)

**Friday, 1st September:** Fr. Jim & Deacon Dennis will be attending the Requiem Mass for Lesley Weldon in Sleaford; therefore the morning Mass on Friday will be at the earlier time of 8.30am (Thank you).

**Weekday Mass Times:** We will continue to celebrate Mass at 9.30am on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. We will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, on Wednesday, concluding with Benediction at 12.00pm. **From week commencing the 4th September, we will revert to our normal schedule** (Tuesday, 8.00am Mass; Wednesday, 6.00pm Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament).

**Vacancy:** We are currently advertising for a new administrator/ clerical assistant in the parish office:

Administrator required for a small office based close to Spalding town centre. The successful applicant needs to be friendly, flexible and approachable whilst also being efficient and have the ability to manage their own workload. Experience in Word, Excel and Outlook are essential, basic book keeping is also desired. The job involves dealing with callers to the office, recording accounts, ordering supplies, and basic secretarial duties. 15 hours a week, salary discussed at interview. Closing date for applications is Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> September. Interviews Week commencing the 11<sup>th</sup> September.

If you are interested in this part-time post, please speak with Fr. Jim.

**The Parish Office:** To book Masses or to make an appointment to see

Publicity and the Printing and Photocopying teams very soon.

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

We have reprinted a prayer that you 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.

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.

**A Message from Ann & Martin:** We wish to express our thanks to everyone for their support and prayers for Martin's sister, Mandy, and for themselves at this sad and difficult time. They assure us of their prayers for us all.

**Parish Office:** Our thanks to Anita who is ensuring the office is being kept open daily and to Katherine who is now in the office and will also be happy to deal with your enquiries. Thanks too to Joe for his offer of help until we make an appointment.

**Holy Trinity, Holbeach** are holding a B.B.Q. on Sunday, 10th September starting at 1 p.m. Price of the tickets are Adults £8.00 Children 2 for 1. There will be a raffle. Tickets are on sale now for

refreshments on the day.

Thank you in anticipation of your support. (The Christmas Fayre Team).

**PARISH SOCIAL NIGHT featuring local entertainer TOM KENNEDY:** Friday, 22nd September. Admission £7.50 including a buffet. *Tickets are now on sale!*

**MISSION 2018:** Some members of the Prayer Team met during the past week and continue to work on formulating a parish prayer for the Mission – they will be meeting again this Tuesday at 6.00pm to try and move things on...

**ROSARY:** Fr. Stan is encouraging the Polish congregation to recite the Rosary on Saturday evenings for our parish and the success of the Mission. **From the 2nd September we are introducing a joint Rosary after the 4.30pm Mass (and before the 6.30pm Mass) on the first Saturday of the month** – please do try and join us if you can. We hope that the monthly Rosary will be streamed live on our webcam each month.

Deacon Dennis will lead adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the morning Mass on Monday's to pray for the parish as we prepare for the Mission **starting from the 4th September.**

**'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.

Fr. Jim will lead prayers for the success of our Mission on Friday, 8th September at 7.00pm. There will be a short meeting after the this service to hopefully establish interest in a weekly (or at least monthly) prayer group.

Fr. Jim will be contacting those who volunteered to be part of the

one of the clergy, ring Fr. Jim's direct line: 01775 722056 (**option '2'**) or email: [fr.jim@stnorberts.org.uk](mailto:fr.jim@stnorberts.org.uk) – alternatively, speak to any of the clergy – 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, 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** Despite initial interest, there has not been a significant interest to run a programme this year.

**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](mailto: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 Thele-

katt, Helen Henry, Philip Chandler, Maria Sharples, Fr. Oliver Martin O.Praem, Madge Rankin, Brian Stout, Alison Merryman-Marx and Fr. Eamonn O'Hara.

*Please also remember:* Les Foxen, Rose Gedney, Frederick France, Vittoria Zuchetti, Paulina Risteskia, Josephine Christian, Margaret Burke, Mary Tyner, Robert Tighe, Audrey Newton, Mikki McGraw and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

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

#### **Forthcoming collections in September:**

9th\10th Education Sunday—Collection for the Catholic Education Service  
16th\17th Second Collection for the Home Mission  
23rd\24th Monthly collection for the parish maintenance fund

**Counters Rota:** This rota has now been updated—our thanks to those who generously give of their time to count and bank the weekly offerings.

**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.

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS:** We are now recruiting new altar servers. If you have made your first Holy Communion and you are a boy or a girl, a man or a woman, you are eligible to serve Mass. If you are interested, please see Eric Cummings or Deacon Dennis—many thanks.

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

**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.

**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)

**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.

**ST. NORBERT'S SCHOOL:** Bishop Patrick has appointed Mrs. Mary Hurst as a Foundation Governor of our school. Our thanks to Mary for accepting this post, along with so many other responsibilities! Please do keep the school in your prayers.

**JUMBLE SALE:** The aim of our Jumble Sale is to raise funds for the Christmas Fayre. We need items to sell at the Sale which will be held on Saturday, 9th September, from 10.00am to 12.00pm. You may bring any donations of clothes, household items, toys etc any morning of the week beginning the 4th September and between 8.45am & 10.30am; or on Friday, 8th September from 9.00am & 12.30pm and from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Donating goods is only part of the enterprise, though: please let your friends and neighbours know and help us by taking a few small flyers to post through letterboxes—hopefully that will encourage people to come and buy!

We would welcome any offers of help to come and sort out items and to set the hall up on Friday evening (8th September) between 6.00 & 8.00pm. We also need help to serve behind the tables or with