

## Masses & Services this Week

<b>Saturday 25th August</b>	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (People of the Parish)
<b>Sunday 26th</b>	8.00am Mass: (Michael Joseph Neary RIP) 11.00am Mass: (Reg & Pat Brooks RIP)
<b>Monday 27th</b> <i>St. Monica</i>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b> <b>10.00am Mass:</b> (Mandy Beecham RIP)
<b>Tuesday 28th</b> <i>St. Augustine</i>	8.00am Mass with Morning Prayer (Antonio & Guiseppina Martino & Deceased Family)
<b>Wednesday 29th</b> <i>The Death of St. John the Baptist</i>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Margaret O'Neill RIP)
<b>Thursday 30th</b> <i>The Dedication of our Cathedral</i>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (John Westlake RIP)
<b>Friday 31st</b>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Holy Souls)
<b>Saturday 1st September</b>	9.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) (Confessions) 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Vigil Mass: (Burnell Bettinson RIP)
<b>Sunday 2nd</b> <i>22nd Sunday of the Year (B)</i>	8.00am Mass: (Deacon Dennis' Intention) 11.00am Mass: (Darryn & Hannah Lloyd's Intention)

Mickleover, Derby, DE3 9GE, on Saturday October 6 from 11.00am – 3.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided. Please contact Fr. Frank Daly if you would like to attend: email [hinckleypriory@gmail.com](mailto:hinckleypriory@gmail.com). A book entitled: "Still the Same people" has recently been published and is available at £4, also available from Fr. Frank.

**Fr. Jim is hoping to attend this event in Mickleover, and would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in working with people with dementia and supporting their families, please contact him as soon as possible.**

## PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

**26th August 2018**

**21st Sunday of the Year (B)**

**Psalter 1**

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The 3 C's of life:  
**CHOICES, CHANCES, CHANGES.**

You must make a  
choice to take a chance  
or your life will never change.

**Welcome** to all those who are visiting our parish this weekend – we hope you enjoy visit and your stay in South Lincolnshire.

**The Parish Office will be closed this week.** Katherine is taking a week off this week. If you need to book a Mass or make an appointment, please see Fr. Jim. The office will re-open on Monday, 3rd September.

*Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners:* Anne Miners, Mary Bull, John Baguley, Marie Tooke, Allison Law, Pat Saville, 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, Mike & 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, Helen Henry, Philip Chandler, Maria Sharples, Fr. Oliver Martin O.Praem, Brian Stout, Mike van der Weyden, Alison Merryman-Marx, Fr. Eamonn O'Hara, Canon Michael Bell, Fr. Stephan Foster, Maddie Scott & Pat O'Neill.

*Please also remember:* Edith Bray, Lucy Woolley, Kate Lynch, Les Foxen, Marguerite Gedney, Frederick France, Vittoria Zuchetti, Paulina Risteskia, Josephine Christian, Margaret Burke, Mary Tyner, Dr. Robert Tighe, 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 week you gave: £623.74. The second collection for the Parish Maintenance Fund realised: £282.84 - Thank you.

### **Second Collections During September:**

8th/9th: Education Sunday: Second Collection for resources for our Reception Class, St. Norbert's School.

15th/16th: The Home Mission

guaranteed. Refreshments will be served, a Raffle (of course!) and Licensed Bar. Tickets are priced at just £7.00 – available soon.

**The Meat Raffle:** The last draw took place at the end of the 8.00am Mass on the 10th June. Now it is coming back. Tickets will be on sale over the weekend of the 8th & 9th September. The draw will take place after the 11.00am Mass on Sunday, 16th September. The Prize: A £30 meat voucher to be redeemed at Hargraves Butchers, Pinchbeck.

**Christmas Fair:** Our first planning meeting will take place at 7.00pm on Friday, 7th September. We would like some more volunteers – especially some male volunteers!!

*(A message from Teresa Smith)* Ladies if you have any unwanted beads, necklaces, bracelets, ribbons, scraps of material or baskets of any size or shape, I would be very grateful to receive these as I am busy making items for the Christmas Fair. I will leave a box in the narthex to receive your contributions. Thanking you in advance for your generosity, Teresa.

### **Diocesan News & Events**

**Annual Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers:** Bishop Patrick invites altar servers from across our diocese to join him for Mass in our cathedral in Nottingham on Saturday, 22nd September at 11.00am. Altar servers, please let Fr. Jim know if you will be attending this Mass, thank you.

**“Still the Same People”** - A Diocesan Day for people involved with dementia and its care - **Saturday, October 6th** - At the request of Bishop Patrick, 'SPANNED' (which is the Diocesan Commission working with people with special needs within our Diocese) is seeking to set up a strategy in the diocese to support people living with dementia and those who care for them.

There will be a special Diocesan Day for anyone who would like to be involved in this work or has any reason to think they might benefit from it, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre, Uttoxeter Road,

11.00am Kezia Deegbe will receive Holy Communion for the first time during the 11.00am Mass this weekend.

4.00pm Holy Hour to mark the end of the National Eucharistic Conference in Liverpool

*Final day for submitting your applications for our First Holy Communion Programme*

10<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm School Mass to mark the beginning of the new school Year

14<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Mass  
Followed by Rosary Procession and veneration of the statue of Our Lady of Spalding

16<sup>th</sup> Home Mission Sunday  
Second collection this weekend in support of the Home Mission

17<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Meeting for parents of the children to be enrolled on this year's First Holy Communion Programme. (in church)

18<sup>th</sup> 5.15pm Children's First Holy Communion Programme

22<sup>nd</sup> 11.00am Annual Mass with Bishop Patrick for Altar Servers throughout the Diocese in St. Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham.

23<sup>rd</sup> Harvest Sunday

24<sup>th</sup> *Our Lady of Walsingham*  
7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

30<sup>th</sup> The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered after the 11.00am Mass today.

**Kerela:** We have received a number of calls and texts enquiring if we can do something to support the families of parishioners affected by the monsoon that has caused so much havoc and damage. Fr. Jim has been speaking with some of our parishioners they informed him that there is no need to send any financial help at this time. No one really knows what help will be needed in the future. We will monitor the situation and act accordingly; meanwhile, our Indian families are very grateful of your concern and prayers.

**Parish Social Events:** The Ukulele Orchestra of Spalding (featuring many familiar faces!) are returning to our Community Hall on Friday, 12th October. As always, a great night of music, song and fun is

29th/30th: Parish Maintenance Fund

**Counter's Rota**—This week's counters: Anita & Betty; **next week:** Joe & Karen.

**Safeguarding:** Many of you will know that Mary Hurst is leaving the parish and relocating to Yorkshire. We will be really sorry to see her go. Not only did Mary head our Parish Mission Team, she was also a Foundation Governor of St. Norbert's School and our Parish Safeguarding Representative. Mary will be with us at least until October, so we will have an opportunity to say 'Goodbye' before she leaves us.

Fr. Jim is very grateful to **Deborah Slay** who has very kindly agreed to take over the responsibility as our Parish Safeguarding Representative from September.

**Journey of Faith:** To date only two parishioners have shown any interest in this programme—the closing date for applications is next Sunday.

**First Holy Communion 2019:** All of the applications forms have been taken from the church, but very few (4) have been returned! A reminder that the final day for submitting your application is Sunday, 9th September. Meeting for parents will be on Monday, 17th September starting at 7.00pm, and the first session for the children will take place the following evening (Tuesday, 18th September) starting at 5.15pm.

*Home visits:* All families have agreed to receive a home visit from Ruth, but no one has returned our calls to arrange a visit—if you have received our call, please get in touch with Ruth directly or the parish office—thank you.

**Baptism:** If you are planning to have your child baptised in the parish, please obtain an application form from the sacristy or from the Parish Office. **The next pre-baptism programme will take place on the 16th & 23rd September at 4.00pm in the Walsingham Chapel.** Parents are expected to attend both meetings.

**If you are planning to get married,** please note that we need at least six months notice.

**The Children's Liturgy of the Word:** will resume next Sunday, 2nd September, during the 11.00am Mass. If there are any adults, or older teenagers who would be willing to join the team, please contact Anne on 01775 761973.

**Our Weekly Schedule:** Now that the summer holidays are over, we will be returning to our regular schedule: Weekday Mass times: Monday, Thursday & Friday: Masses will normally be at 9.30am. Tuesday, 8.00am. Wednesday, 6.00pm.

**Weekly Rosary:** Fr. Jim would like to introduce a weekly Rosary after the morning Mass on Thursdays. Whenever possible, he will be there, but, inevitably, there will be times when that will be impossible. We would welcome intentions that you would like us to pray about—if you have an intention, please let Fr. Jim know. It is hoped that this will begin on Thursday, 6th September.

**The Parish Finance Committee:** We welcome Kamila Nalewaj who is joining our finance committee—the other members are: Pat Grimwood, Jackie Horspole, Claire Chamberlain, Joe Masters, Fr. Jim & Katherine Saunders (secretary).

**The Parish Pastoral Council:** The date for the September meeting has been transferred from the 10th to the 24th September.

**U.C.M. -** Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th September at St. Norbert's, Spalding at 2 o'clock when we will be having a talk by Stephanie Hewitt-Jaboor on "Queen Victoria's Children"

**Church Heating:** Brian Evans, our heating engineer, has advised us that the current gas supply and the gas meter that we have is inadequate for our church complex. British Gas is investigating the matter. It is highly likely that this will involve major works. In addition to this, work will also be carried out to our current system. This work

has gone out to tender to five local plumbing and heating contractors; their tenders are to be returned to us by Monday, 3rd September. We will keep you updated.

Unfortunately, it does not end there—we have other works that need urgent attention. We must take steps to protect the stained glass windows in the entrance of the church. Many of the windows have cracked due to people leaning against them. We have been advised that the windows are not repairable because of their age, so we must protect them, we are currently obtaining quotes for this work as well.

In addition to this we must replace some doors to the Hall and replace the gate on to Henrietta Street. The front doors to the church also need some TLC.

We will keep you updated on all these projects.

### September Diary Dates

- 2<sup>nd</sup>     *6th Anniversary of ordination of Deacon Dennis*  
          *Final day for registering your interest in the Journey of Faith programme.*
- 3<sup>rd</sup>     7.00pm Holy Hour
- 4<sup>th</sup>     *Back to school today!*  
          2.00pm UCM Meeting – *see the notice on the opposite page*  
          7.30pm Parish Finance Committee
- 5<sup>th</sup>     7.00pm Post Mission Meeting
- 6<sup>th</sup>     Weekly Rosary after morning Mass starting today.  
          11.30am Clergy Deanery Meeting (here)
- 7<sup>th</sup>     Over 60's Club reconvenes after the morning Mass today  
          8.00pm Christmas Fair Planning Meeting (Parish Meeting Room)
- 9<sup>th</sup>     Second Collection taken this weekend to raise funds for the Reception Class, St. Norbert's School