

Masses & Services this Week

Saturday 2nd September	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Deacon Dennis' Intention) Followed by The Rosary with the Rosary with the Polish community for the success of our Mission
Sunday 3rd	8.00am Mass: (Geoff Whitwell RIP) 11.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) <i>Fr. Colin Patey</i>
Monday 4th	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Deacon Dennis' Intentions) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass
Tuesday 5th	8.00am Mass: (Margaret Trivett's Intention)
Wednesday 6th	6.00pm Mass: (Helen Beggs RIP) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <i>The CSJP Sisters, Oadby</i>
Thursday 7th	9.00am Mass: (Edna Scott RIP) <i>Deacon Bernard Croft</i>
Friday 8th <i>The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (In Thanksgiving for the 50th Anniversary of St. Mary's Loughborough UCM) 7.00pm Prayer for the success of our Mission— followed by a meeting for those interested in forming a Prayer Group to pray for our parish and our Mission
Saturday 9th	9.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) Confessions available after Mass 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Bill Barclay RIP) <i>Deacon Joseph Sebastian</i>
Sunday 10th <i>23rd Sunday of the Year (A)</i>	8.00am Mass: (Thelma Hare RIP) 11.00am Mass: (Thierry Christian—GananaKumar RIP) <i>Deacon Stephen Durkin</i>

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

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

3rd September 2017 22nd Sunday of the Year (A) Psalter 2

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Congratulations Deacon Dennis! This weekend (Saturday) Deacon Dennis celebrates the fifth anniversary of ordination to the permanent diaconate—the 4.30pm Mass this weekend will be offered in thanksgiving—please keep Deacon Dennis in your prayers.

MISSION 2018 (1): Today (Saturday) we are invited to pray the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament with the Polish community after our 4.30pm Mass for the success of our parish mission—*if you can spare the time, please do come and join us.*

Eucharistic Ministers: This weekend our Eucharistic ministers will renew their commitment to their ministry during all our Masses—please, do keep our Eucharistic Ministers in your prayers.

Weekday Mass Times: From this week we will revert back to the usual Mass times: Monday, Thursday & Friday at 9.30am, Tuesday, 8.00am, Wednesday, 6.00pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Saturday at 9.00am.

But we do have another change this week! The Clergy Deanery meeting takes place in Skegness this week, so we have moved the time of Thursday's Mass forward to **9.00am**.

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.

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 Deacon Dennis 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, 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.

23rd The Golden Wedding Anniversary of George & Catherine Aley

24th *Harvest Sunday*

25th 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in the Walsingham Chapel

26th 7.30pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting.

27th 7.30pm Full Mission Team Meeting

30th Re-decorating the Community Hall – volunteers needed!

Parish Office: We will be shortlisting for our vacancy in the parish office this week – and we hope to make an appointment very soon. In the meantime our thanks to Anita who has kept the office ticking over for the last few weeks, and to Katherine who has taken on the accounts and admin side of things until we make an appointment, and is doing a great job for us.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Our Maintenance Team are seeking help to redecorate our Community Hall. This work will be carried out over two weekends: Saturday/Sunday 30th September/1st October and the 7th/8th October – please place your contact details on the lists provided if you are able to give us a hand—thanking you in anticipation.

Deacon Paul left us on Friday. Thank you for your generous collection, Fr. Jim presented Paul with a cheque for £400 on your behalf. Please keep Paul and all our students in your prayers. Fr. Jim would like to express his gratitude to Deacon Dennis who worked closely with Paul during his stay with us. **What next?** Fr. Jim and Deacon Dennis must now prepare a report which they will send to the Beda College, Rome and to the Diocese.

SEPTEMBER DIARY DATES

- 3rd Our Eucharistic Ministers will renew their commitment during Mass today.
- 4th 7.00pm Parish Social & Fundraising committee will meet in the Parish Meeting Room (near the Grotto) this evening.
- 5th ***Back to school today!***
- 7th MISSION 2018: 9.30am Planning Meeting for the 'Art & Display Team' in St. Norbert's School, Tollgate, Spalding. For more information please contact the Acting Headteacher, Mrs. Withers at school (01775 722889).
Deanery Clergy Meeting in Skegness.
- 8th MISSION 2018: Prayer Meeting in church for the needs of our parish and the success of our Parish Mission (7.00pm for 7.15pm Start).
- 10th **Education Sunday**
We welcome Mr. Sam Morton, a class teacher at St. Norbert's and newly elected Staff Governor, to our 11.00am Mass this weekend.
- 11th *Interviews for the vacancy in the Parish Office will take place this week.*
7.00pm Fr. Jim will meet with the parents of this year's First Holy Communion children in church.
- 12th 5.00pm The First Holy Communion programme for the children this evening.
- 13th 9.30am First school Mass of the new academic year.
- 18th MISSION 2018: 7.00pm meeting for those who have volunteered to become involved in the 'Publicity, Printing & Photocopying Team

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.

Please also remember: Gabriel Mambwe, Tony Woolham, Bernadette Snowden, Eileen Burns, Lina Giullari, Ellen Prosser, Ray Judd, Edna Scott, Baby Millie Bissonnet, Thomas Igoe, Martin Hughes, Mr. Stewart, Pat Barker, John McGilloway, Mary Hawkins and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

ST. NORBERT'S SCHOOL: We welcome back the staff and pupils back for another academic year—and a very special welcome to the children and the new families joining our school. We are currently advertising for a new Headteacher, until that happens, we are delighted that Mrs. Withers will continue in her role as 'Acting Headteacher'. Do keep the school community in your prayers.

We wish all our young people moving on to new schools, colleges and universities all the very best in your new environments, and we assure you of our prayers.

MISSION 2018 (2) The Visual Display & Artwork Team' The first meeting will take place in St. Norbert's School **this 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.

Next Sunday is 'Education Sunday' - Bishop Patrick is preparing a pastoral letter to be read at all Masses—in addition to this, Mr. Sam Morton will speak during the 11.00am Mass.

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 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.

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. Sessions last no longer than an hour.

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

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)

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 Monday to Thursday this week between 8.45am & 10.30am; or this coming 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 serving tea and coffee.

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

MISSION 2018 (3): We would like to thank Paul Smith who has presented us with a cheque that was bequeathed to the parish on behalf of his father, the late Robert Baden Smith (RIP). Paul presented us with the sum of £2,000.00—which he would like to put towards the cost of the Parish Mission in memory of his father.

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

Fr. Jim would also like to meet with those who are interested in forming the 'Publicity, Printing & Photocopying Team' - if you expressed an interest in helping in this group/Team expect an email in your 'Inbox' from Fr. Jim inviting you to a meeting on Monday, 18th September at 7.00pm. If you haven't volunteered to be part of this group, but *really* wished you had volunteered to join this group, *please come along!!*