

Masses & Services this Week

Saturday 1st September	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Burnell Bettinson RIP)
Sunday 2nd	8.00am Mass: (Deacon Dennis' Intention) 11.00am Mass: (Darryn & Hannah Lloyd's Intentions)
Monday 3rd <i>St. Gregory</i>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Deacon Dennis' Intention) 7.30pm <i>Adoremus</i> Quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with prayer.
Tuesday 4th <i>St. Cuthbert</i>	8.00am Mass: (Ida van der Aar RIP)
Wednesday 5th	6.00pm Mass: (Holy Souls) 7.00pm Post Parish Mission Meeting
Thursday 6th	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Aldonna RIP) Rosary (For the Intentions of the Parish)
Friday 7th	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Mike & Sue Bertolaso's Intentions) 7.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Confessions) 7.30pm Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Boliver Alfonso Vega Duche RIP)
Saturday 8th <i>The Birthday of the BVM</i>	9.00am Mass: (Louise Yarnell's Intention) (Confessions) 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Vigil Mass: (Stewart Winter RIP)
Sunday 9th <i>23rd Sunday of the Year (B)</i>	8.00am Mass: (Ray Cook RIP) 11.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 4.00pm Evening Prayer followed by Benediction

now on." The parishioner is astounded and amazed at the transformation that has come over the parrot. Then the parrot says, "By the way, what did the *chicken* do?"

A man was just coming out of anaesthesia after a series of tests in the hospital, and his wife was sitting at his bedside. His eyes fluttered open, and he murmured, "You're beautiful." Flattered, the wife continued her vigil while he drifted back to sleep. Later, her husband woke up and said, "You're cute." Startled, she asked him, "What happened to beautiful?" "The drugs are wearing off," he replied.

Why couldn't the pony talk? He was a little horse.

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

2nd September 2018 22nd Sunday of the Year (B) Psalter 2

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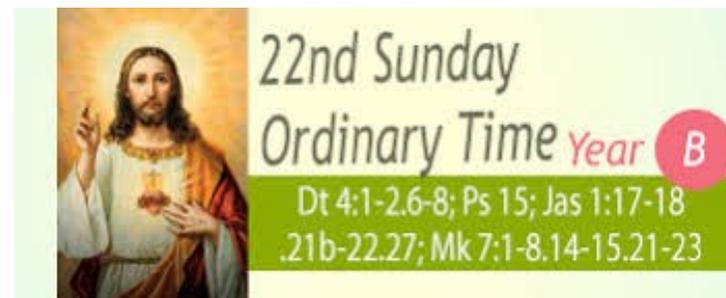
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Welcome Home! To all those returning home from holiday—we hope that you have returned home refreshed and ready to start work once again! We also welcome the return of the children and staff of St. Norbert's School; we extend a warm welcome to those who are new, we are sure you will soon settle into the life of the school. We also wish those who are moving on to new schools and colleges every blessing for the new academic year; and, of course we remember those returning or starting university later this month, and assure them also of our prayers.

Congratulations to Deacon Dennis who is celebrating the 6th anniversary of his ordination today (Sunday). *Congratulations also to Mike & Susan Bertolaso* who will be celebrating the Golden anniversary of their wedding this Friday - *Ad multos annos!* ('Many more years!') to Deacon Dennis & Mike & Sue!

The Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes today 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.

Today is your last opportunity to register your interest in a 'Journey of Faith' programme for those who are interested in learning more about our Catholic faith—we have had two enquiries about this programme, but we would need more to make a group viable. If we do not have a Journey of Faith programme this year, we will be running other programmes throughout the year that may be of interest to you.

Adoremus: The National Eucharistic Congress is taking place in Liverpool this coming weekend (Friday, 7th to Sunday, 9th September). There has been a suggestion that we try to have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day next Sunday—it is late notice, but if all 'slots' can be covered, it is a good idea. Please sign up today if you can spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament—the closing liturgy will be at 4.00pm.

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

him as soon as possible. (01775 722056—option '2', or email: fr.jim@stnorberts.org.uk).

Parish Trip to Ireland 2019: Fr. Jim is celebrating his Silver Jubilee in 2019. After spending two years at Campion House, Osterley, (London) he completed his preparations for the priesthood in St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny, Ireland. To mark his jubilee year, for those interested, he is willing to organise a sightseeing trip to Ireland. The trip will include visits to Knock shrine in Co. Mayo; there will be a visit to St. Kieran's, and we will spend some time in Dublin. Although Mass will be celebrated every day, this trip will not be a pilgrimage in the strictest sense! You are asked to express your interest in this trip, before any bookings are arranged, and we are not asking you to commit to anything at this time. Please place your name on the list provided at the back of the church if you are interested.

*A little story...*A parishioner has a parrot who swears like an old trouter. The bird can swear for five minutes straight without repeating herself. The parishioner is worried, he is expecting a visit from his priest, and naturally he wants to create a good impression. This day the bird's foul mouth is driving him nuts, it just gets to be too much. The parishioner grabs the bird by the throat and shakes her really hard and yells at Maxine, "Cut that out now! Fr. Jim will be here in ten minutes!" But this just makes the bird ('Max') mad, and she swears more than ever! The parishioner gets angry and says, "I'm sorry, Max, I can't do with this today!" and locks the bird in a kitchen cabinet! This really aggravates Maxine, who claws and scratches. When the parishioner finally lets her out, the bird cuts loose with a stream of vulgarities that would make a sailor blush! The parishioner is beside himself, what is he to do? The priest will be on his way!

Time is ticking on, the parishioner is so angry, he throws the bird into the freezer! For the first few seconds, there is a terrible din. Maxine kicks and claws and thrashes. Then it suddenly gets very quiet. The parishioner just waits, but then he starts to worry that poor Max may be hurt. After a couple of minutes of silence, he's so worried that he opens up the freezer door. Poor Maxine meekly climbs onto the parishioner's outstretched arm and says, "I'm Awfully sorry about the trouble I gave you. I'll do my best to improve my vocabulary from

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 **next weekend** (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. Tickets at the usual price—50p each or 5 tickets for £2.

The Ukulele Orchestra of Spalding (featuring many familiar faces!) are returning to our Community Hall on Friday, 5th October. As always, a great night of music, song and fun is guaranteed. Refreshments will be served, a Raffle (of course!) and Licensed Bar. Tickets are priced at just £7.00—available soon.

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, 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 . A book entitled: “Still the Same people” has recently been published and is available at £4, also available from Fr. Frank.

Fr. Jim will be attending this event, and would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in working with people with dementia and supporting their families in our parish; please contact

Post Mission Meeting: We would like to invite you all to the post-mission meeting. To discuss our experiences of the mission and how we are going to move on from here. The meeting will take place in our Community Hall this Wednesday at 7.00pm.

Weekly Rosary: From this Thursday, we will pray the Rosary after the 9.30am Mass. Whenever possible, Fr. Jim will be present (obviously, there will be times when this will not be possible). Would you like to suggest an intention for our weekly Rosary? See the notice at the back of our church—also there are slots for people to volunteer to lead the Rosary. It is recommended that we pray the ‘Illuminous’ Mysteries, but you can choose whichever mysteries you think is most suitable for the intention being offered. Those of you at home, or those unable to join us in person, will be able to join us over the Internet.

Clergy Deanery Meeting: We welcome our deanery clergy to our parish this Thursday—do keep the local clergy in your prayers.

This Friday is the first Friday of the Month, there are two Masses celebrated today at 9.30am & 7.30pm—the evening Mass is in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Christmas Fair Planning Meeting takes place this coming Friday evening in the Parish Room (next to the Grotto) at 7.00pm—we need more volunteers, especially male volunteers!

A Reflection: The Pharisees were right about one thing. Jesus and the disciples should have washed their hands before eating. Several years ago many cruise ships were alarmed to find that hundreds of their passengers were suffering gastrointestinal illness. In some ships more than 10 percent of the crew and passengers were sick. Doctors urged frequent hand washing to prevent further outbreaks. Today most ships have sanitizers at the entrances to their restaurants.

Jesus was right in pointing out that it is what comes out of us that really makes us unclean. No amount of hand washing can cleanse an evil heart.

We pray for integrity of heart; may we speak the truth and act with justice; may we keep our word and do wrong to nobody.

We pray for people whose hearts are heavy; we pray for people whose hearts are broken. For those who have been turned away from religion and the Church through no fault of their own; may we offer them a faith that is heartfelt and not merely lip-service.

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: Audrey Newton, Mikki McGraw, Gabriel Mambwe, Tony Woolham, Bernadette Snowden, Eileen Burns, Lina Giullari, Ellen Prosser, Ray Judd, Edna Scott, Baby Millie Bissonnet, Mr. Stewart, (Mrs.) Pat Barker, John McGilloway, Mary Hawkins and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

PARISH FINANCE: Last week you gave: £708.13. The second collection for our Maintenance Fund realised £242.81 - Thank you.

THANK YOU: Fr. Jim wishes to acknowledge the generous donation of £100 for our Maintenance Fund.

Second Collections During September:

Next weekend: Education Sunday, 2nd collection to resource our Reception Class, St. Norbert's School.

15th/16th: The Home Mission

29th/30th: Parish Maintenance Fund

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

First Holy Communion 2019: Still, very few application forms have been returned! **A reminder that the final day for submitting your application is next 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 her calls to arrange a visit—if you have received a 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.

Parish Social & Fundraising Events: 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, please!!

(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.