

## Masses & Services this Week

<b>Saturday 15th September</b>	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Peter & Pauline McEvoy)
<b>Sunday 16th</b>	8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 11.00am Mass: (In Thanksgiving) 4.00pm Pre-Baptism Programme (Part One)
<b>Monday 17th</b>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Mary Brilly RIP) 7.00pm Meeting for the parents of the children starting their first Holy Communion Programme in church.
<b>Tuesday 18th</b>	8.00am Mass: (Fr. Jim's Family) 5.15pm Children's First Holy Communion Programme
<b>Wednesday 19th</b>	6.00pm Mass: (Gerard Jackson RIP) 7.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Thursday 20th</b> <i>Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon &amp; Paul Chong Ha-sang</i>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Catherine Dunn RIP) Rosary (For the Intentions of the Parish)
<b>Friday 21st</b> <i>St. Matthew</i>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Donor's Intention)
<b>Saturday 22nd</b>	9.00am Mass: (Doris Kerry RIP) (Confessions) 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Vigil Mass: (Bruno Bertolaso RIP)
<b>Sunday 23rd</b> <i>24th Sunday of the Year (B)</i>	8.00am Mass: (Jem Grimwood RIP) 02 (Meeting for Counters after Mass) 11.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 4.00pm Pre-Baptism Programme (Part Two)

**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 next Saturday (22nd September) at 11.00am. Altar servers, please let Fr. Jim know if you will be attending this Mass, thank you.

**Church Content Sale** at the Methodist Church ('next door') on Friday, 21st September from 10.00am–2.00pm. You are invited to go along and see what is on offer. Reasonable offers will be accepted for all items available. Refreshments will be served.

## PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

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**16th September 2018    24th Sunday of the Year (B)    Psalter 4**

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Education Sunday

**TODAY** is both Home Mission Sunday & Education Sunday within the Diocese of Nottingham. Because of the Eucharistic Congress taking place last weekend in Liverpool, Bishop Patrick transferred Education Sunday to this weekend as he wants to tell us about the major changes that have taken place as to how our schools across the Diocese are governed and managed. Given the importance of the pastoral letter, it can be downloaded from our parish website: [www.stnorberts.org.uk](http://www.stnorberts.org.uk) . You will also find in this newsletter an appeal going out across the Diocese for Foundation Governors—I urge you to give this matter some serious consideration.

Home Mission Sunday is where we highlight the mission of the Catholic Church in England & Wales; it ties in very well with Education Sunday, because the children are the future of the Church, and what are we going to be handing on to them??? The second collection is to support the work of the Catholic Church in England & Wales.

*Also today...*Pre-Baptism programme for parents who wish to have their child baptised in this church. The meeting will take place in the Walsingham Chapel at 4.00pm and will finish no later than 5.30pm. Part Two will be at the same place and time next Sunday; parents are expected to attend both sessions.

**Meat Raffle**—this has been postponed until next weekend. Tickets will be on sale at all Masses this weekend.

**First Holy Communion Programme 2018/19:** Parents meeting tomorrow night (Monday) with Fr. Jim in church at 7.00pm. The children's programme begins on Tuesday at 5.15pm.

**Weekly Rosary:** This week Anne Judd will be leading our Rosary for our sick and housebound parishioners after Mass on Thursday morning.

*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

schools and is recruiting potential Foundation Governors. Our Diocesan Education Service is asking parish priests to help identify practising Catholics who would be willing to come forward and offer their services to serve on the governing bodies of our local Catholic schools. Potential governors do not have to have a background in schools or education, but we do need governors who are supportive of Catholic education and are available to visit the school on a regular basis and, of course, be available to attend meetings of the local governing body. The following notice has been issued by our DES:

Foundation Governors are an integral part of the leadership and management of our Catholic schools and make a substantial contribution to their success. Most people find being a governor to be highly rewarding. Across the Diocese of Nottingham, we have a number of vacancies that we need to fill. Bishop Patrick is inviting people to come forward who are willing to become Foundation Governors in our Catholic schools. If you have the commitment and desire to become a governor now or in the near future, we would be delighted to hear from you.

More information about being a governor is available from the Diocesan Education Service Governor Support Team, (01332 293833) or from the Diocesan Education Service website <http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/education> where you find a 'Self-Nomination' form which we would encourage you to complete and return to us.

## **DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE CONTACTS**

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**MISSIO RED BOX APPEAL:** A message to all Red Box holders—It's time to hand your Red Boxes in for counting. You can hand them in to one of the clergy, the sacristy or parish office and they will be returned to the narthex for your collection. For more information, or if you are interested in taking a box to support the foreign missions, please contact Sharon on 01775 760793.

new volunteers and we do not have any male volunteers. We need your help to make this fair a success—it is the major fundraising event of the year to boost our parish funds. The next meeting will take place on Friday, 28th September at 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room—please come along and give us your support.

**A Date for Your Diary:** This year's Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 1pm - 4pm. That is only 9 weeks away! Over the coming weeks we will be asking for donations towards the various stalls - cakes, bottles, crafts, tombola, toys, children's games, sweets etc. Please start thinking about how you can help to make this Fayre the best ever, in order to raise much-needed funds for the maintenance of the fabric of our church. We will also need some strong volunteers to help set up tables and prepare the hall on the evening of the 16<sup>th</sup> November. If you can help in any way, please contact Anne Darragh on 01775 761973. Thank you.

*(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.

**Data Protection:** As you are aware, new rules regarding Data Protection came into being in May this year. Parishes have been given a little time to ensure that all our records are brought up to date—but it is hoped that most of these changes will be implemented by Christmas. We are awaiting documents from the Diocese about these changes, and we will call a meeting of all groups once we have received the information we require. However, we will start implementing some of these changes starting from next week.

**An Appeal from the Diocesan Education Service:** In today's Pastoral Letter from Bishop Patrick we were introduced to some of the many ways in which our diocesan schools are managed and run. There is a renewed focus on the Catholic Life of the school and its relationship with the local parish. The diocese is planning for the future of our

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.

**Mary Bernadette Blades RIP:** The funeral service for Mrs. Bernie Blades will take place here on Friday, 28th September at 10.45am. *May she rest in peace.*

**Please also remember:** Arthur Taylor, Helena Goemans, Helen Boulton, Peter Eustace, Alice King, Maureen Taylor, Doris Kerry and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

**Confirmation 2019:** Bishop Patrick will be with us to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, 21st June 2019. We are now inviting our young people to submit their applications. Those presenting themselves must be in Year 7 or higher. They are expected to attend Mass regularly. Application forms are available from the sacristy or the parish office.

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

**PARISH MISSION 2018:** There will be a social gathering for all those who planned or participated in the Mission in any way—this will take place on Wednesday, 26th September at 7.00pm. To help with catering, we would like you to place your name on the list at the back of the church if you are able to attend.

**PARISH FINANCE:** 1st/2nd September—£710.42  
8th/9th September—£776.42  
School collection—£147.33—Thank you.

## Second Collections During September:

**This weekend:** The Home Mission  
29th/30th: Parish Maintenance Fund

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

**Meeting for Counters**—We need to have a meeting with our counters; Fr. Jim would like to meet with you after the 8.00am Mass next Sunday, 23rd September.

**Maintenance Update:** Keith Saunders presented an update to our finance committee there were a number of items:

**1. Church Heating:** We have been trying to sort out the problems with our heating system for over eight years! The Diocese authorised us to employ the service of a heating engineer to manage the problems for us. It is preferred that we try to get the installed system up and running. A specification was prepared and five contractors were invited to tender—we received two tenders, the Diocesan Building & Sites Commission have appointed Futureheat of Fengate, Peterborough to carry out this work which will cost in the region of £50,000 inclusive of VAT and including the installation of a new gas meter by British Gas.

**2. Church ceiling:** The ceiling was damaged due to heavy rainfalls and requires attention; this work will be covered by our insurers.

**3. Stained Glass Panels:** Many of the panels have become damaged over the years due to people leaning against them. It has been recommended that we protect the glass by placing 35mm glass panels either side.

4. Treat front doors of the church.

5. Replace the door that leads on to Henrietta Street; upon inspection new emergency doors required for the Community Hall.

**6. Church Re-decoration:** The church needs a complete redecoration. We have some volunteers to carry out the internal works, but we will need to employ a contractor for the external works.

**7. Window Seals:** The seals around the windows of the church and the Priest's House/Parish Office require urgent attention. The cost of this work, excluding the high level windows in the church, which are also very likely needing to be replaced is £1,000.

**8. Priest's House:** Repairs to the entrance ceiling due to water damage caused by a leak from the shower.

Redecoration of the kitchen needed.

**9. External brickwork** requires attention as mortar is crumbling. Also brick wall requires urgent attention to the back of the priest's house.

This is work that is high on our priority list, and there are other little jobs that we would like to do, such as create more storage in church for the crib statues and other items. We must carry out some major fundraising events so we can meet these financial demands. In the past year we have not held any fundraising events for the parish; therefore, Fr. Jim will be calling a meeting and he needs your help to organise some much needed fundraising. That meeting will be Tuesday, 25th September at 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room (next to the Grotto).

## Parish Social & Fundraising Events

**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.

**Christmas Fair** - Our thanks to those who turned up for the first meeting on the 7th September—but, very sadly, we did not have any