

Masses & Services this Week

Saturday 7th October	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (The Fairclough Family) Followed by The Rosary with the Polish Community)
Sunday 8th	8.00am Mass: (Thelma Hare RIP) 11.00am Mass: (Thierry Christian-Gnanakumar RIP) 3.00pm The Rosary & Healing Service
Monday 9th <i>Blessed John Henry Newman</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Mary Porter RIP) 7.00pm PPC Extraordinary Meeting <i>Canon Eddy Jarosz</i>
Tuesday 10th <i>St. Paulinus & the Anglo-Saxon Saints of our Diocese</i>	8.00am Mass: (Helen Beggs RIP) <i>Deacon Barry Dickinson</i>
Wednesday 11th <i>St. John XXIII</i>	6.00pm Mass: (Holy Souls) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm Mission Planning Meeting with Clare Scully
Thursday 12th	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Chris McGarry RIP) <i>Fr. Paul Chipchase</i>
Friday 13th <i>St. Edward the Confessor</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Molly & George Porter & Family RIP) 6.00pm Lectio Divina <i>Canon Krzysztof Kawczynski</i>
Saturday 14th	9.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) Confessions available after Mass 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Tony Woolham RIP)
Sunday 15th <i>Mission Appeal on behalf of the White Fathers</i>	8.00am Mass: (Tony Faulkner RIP) 11.00am Mass: (Reg Brooks RIP) 12.30pm Baptism 6.00pm Prayer Service to mark the beginning of our Week of Prayer for those affected by abortion. <i>Fr. Jonathan Rose</i>

*Wishing you, and all you hold dear, every blessing throughout
the coming week*

Fr. Jim & Deacon Dennis

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

8th October 2017

27th Sunday of the Year (A)

Psalter 3

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This weekend we will welcome our diocesan promoter for CAFOD, Mrs. Maggie Mairura, who will speak about the charity set up by the Catholic Church in England & Wales at all Masses.

Second Collection: CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day— The annual Fast Day was last Friday. We are encouraged to donate what we have saved through our fasting to CAFOD.

ROSARY: We are invited to join with Fr. Stan and the Polish congregation after the 4.30pm Mass to pray the Rosary for the success of our parish mission. Please join us.

The Redecoration of the Hall: The work should be completed this weekend – any help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Rosary & Healing Service: This afternoon at 3.00pm This is **NOT** the Sacrament of the Sick – and is open to all.

ROTAS: Katherine has completed all the rotas and they are available for collection from the window in the narthex – thank you.

Counters Rota: This week: Fr. Jim & Maggie
Next week: Joe & Anna

Extraordinary Meeting of the PPC: Fr. Jim is asking the PPC to re-convene tomorrow, Monday, at 7.00pm in the Walsingham Chapel.

MISSION 2018: Clare Scully, our Pre-Mission Co-ordinator, is returning on Wednesday to meet with us for an update on our preparations. The meeting will take place at 7.00pm – please do come along.

Deanery Clergy Meeting: We will be welcoming our deanery clergy this Thursday, as we will be hosting the Deanery Meeting – please do keep our clergy in your prayers.

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners: Eric Ormond, Allison Law, Pat Saville & family, Margaret Trivett, Audrey Cook,

Help us, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
To open our minds and our hearts to your will,

So that we may become

Effective messengers of your Word,
Bringing the compassion of Christ to all,
Especially to those who feel abandoned,

Those who are lost,

Those who are searching

And to those who have walked away.

We ask for a spirit of humility

That will enable us to forgive past wrongs

To ask forgiveness for wrongs committed

And to live in unity as one family.

Through the same Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Mary Immaculate, Our Lady of Spalding: pray for us.

St. Norbert: pray for us.

Early Orders.... The ward sister had noticed that the new priest was taking an unusually long time on his visits and, as he passed her desk, she remarked on this fact. 'Well, Sister', the priest replied, 'the list on your desk says 24 R.C. & 4 P'. The sister, hardly able to hide her amusement replied: 'But, Father, that's my breakfast list for tomorrow, 24 Rice Crispies and 4 Porridge'.

Pregnant at 71! A woman went to the surgery where she was seen by a recently qualified GP. Four minutes into her consultation she left the room screaming down the corridor and she ran towards the door. A more experienced doctor managed to stop her and ask her about her problem. The patient told him her story. The experienced invited her to sit down and have a cup of tea in the room next to his office as he went to have a word with the young doctor. When the young was free, the experienced GP confronted him: 'What the hell is the matter with you? Mrs. Terry is 71 years old, she has four grown children and seven grandchildren, and you have just told she is pregnant!! The young doctor responded: 'Does she still have the hiccups?'

and Wales. Most of the events are ticket only and we only have a limited amount. What we know so far:

□ Friday 7th September. A Theological symposium and workshops for better forming catechists – especially for those leading First Holy Communion courses. This day would also be good for RE teachers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Cost £40.

□ Saturday 8th September. A six hour stage led program based in the 10,000 seat Echo Arena. This will include two keynote speakers (including Bishop Robert Barron – who did the Catholicism series), time of Adoration and various presentations regarding the Eucharist. Cost £40.

□ Sunday 9th September. Pilgrimage Masses – some in the Cathedral and others to take place around the City of Liverpool, followed by a Blessed Sacrament Procession through the streets of Liverpool. Free – open to all.

As a parish we have been allocated five places for the Saturday Event, and can request tickets for the Friday. If you would be interested in going please sign the sheets at the back of the Church. If we have more people than our allocation we can try and request more tickets from the Diocese. We have to notify the Bishops Conference of potential numbers as soon as possible so please sign up by next weekend (14th\15th September).

MISSION 2018: The ‘Prayer Team’ have composed a prayer that we shall use in preparation for our Mission. You are encouraged to recite this prayer every day – we are distributing laminated prayer cards this weekend. Here is the prayer:

Prayer for our Parish Mission

Lord God,
We seek your blessing
In this time of preparation for our
Parish Mission.

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, Fr. Dominic O’Connor, Canon Michael Bell & Fr. Tom Breslin.

Please also remember: Neil Keane, Linda Kelman, Joseph Dodd, James McCay, Joan Tanner and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

BAPTISM: Our next pre-Baptism programme for parents will take place at 4.00pm on the 22nd & 29th October in the Walsingham Chapel. Parents are expected to attend both sessions. If you are thinking of having your child baptised in this parish, please see either Fr. Jim or Deacon Dennis for an application form.

ANNUAL MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: Well done to everyone who organised and those who supported this event which raised the very impressive sum of £400.10 for this very worthy cause.

The Red Box Collection for MISSIO: Many sincere thanks to all Red Box holders for your contributions which amounted to **(£566.36)** . A reminder that new box holders would be very welcome. The boxes are collected from church and emptied once a year. It’s a good way of unloading all that loose change which wears out your pockets or weighs down your purse and it is remarkable how quickly the total adds up for this very worthy cause. Contact Sharon Amess (01775 760793) if you would like a Red Box.

PARISH FINANCE: Last weekend you gave: £705.40. - Thank you.

Forthcoming collections in October:

This Weekend: CAFOD Family Fast

14th/15th October: **Mission Appeal on behalf of the White Fathers**

21st/22nd October: World Missions

29th/30th October: Parish Maintenance Fund

RIGHT TO LIFE: The 21st October is the 50th anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act in the UK. To mark this event we will be praying every day for all those who have been affected by abortion.

NOVEMBER – *The month of the Holy Souls*

The Book of Remembrance: It is time for us to update our parish Book of Remembrance. All those funerals that took place in our parish from November 2016 will be added. If you would like to add the names of your loved ones please email the details (name, and date of death) directly to Fr. Jim (fr.jim@stnorberts.org.uk) or the details may be handed in to Katherine in the parish office for inclusion in this year's update. The closing date for new entries will be **Friday, 27th October**.

Parish November Dead List—Each year we produce a banner that is displayed in church during the month of November. We will happily include the names of your loved ones who died between November 2016 to October 2017 on our banner—please provide us with the details (name and date of death) by **Next Sunday, 15th October**.

Masses for the dead during November: Envelopes will be available from next weekend to receive your list of deceased family and friends whom you would like to be remembered in our November Masses. You may place any offerings in the envelopes along with your lists.

Social & Fundraising News: OUR NEXT PARISH SOCIAL EVENT – QUIZ NIGHT, Friday, 26th October...Fr. Jim will be posing the questions. We welcome teams of up to five adults—Entry is £5.00 per head. £100 to the winning team. All proceeds from this event will go towards our parish mission expenses. Doors open at 7.00pm. The quiz will get underway at 7.30pm. The Bar will be open, but you are invited to bring your own refreshments—tickets now on sale.

100 CLUB: The winners of the October Draw are: 1st (5) Doris Whitwell, £25; 2nd (58) David Luker, £15; 3rd (8) Clive Shardlow, £10; 4th (20) Tony Bray, £5—*Congratulations to all our prize winners and to everyone who supports this monthly draw for parish funds.*

SECOND HAND CLOTHES: Hopefully you will all have received a bag to fill with any clothes that you no longer use (if not, a normal recycling bag can also be used). As mentioned last week, the more clothes we collect the more money we raise, so if in doubt throw it out!

Please could we ask for any filled or part filled bags to be returned to church next weekend or after morning Mass the following week. **The bags must be at Church by 9am on Friday 20th October** ready for collection. Thank you again for your support. (The Christmas Fayre Committee)

Courageous - Youth 2000 Retreat for young people aged between 16-35 years of age - St. Benedict's Academy - 27th-29th October 2017: Bishop Patrick has invited Youth 2000 to lead a retreat for young people and families of the Diocese to be held at St Benedict's Academy, Derby; from 27th-29th October 2017. The weekend is a Diocesan initiative and will be run in partnership with the Diocese and the Briars Team. The retreat is called 'Courageous', as it is hoped that through talks, Mass, Fellowship, Adoration, Praise and Worship, Reconciliation and Healing, that all who attend will be built up in the courage of their faith to become better followers of Jesus Christ. For more information visit youth2000.org or contact: Joe Hopkins (jhopkins@christtheking.notts.sch.uk)

National Eucharistic Congress 2018: The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has called a National Eucharistic Congress to take place in Liverpool from 7th to 9th September 2018. This will be a unique opportunity for the Church to gather and reflect on the centrality of the Eucharist in our Catholic faith. Bishop Patrick hopes that there will be a number of related events in the parishes, schools and chaplaincies of our Diocese.

The congress will be a gathering of Catholics from all over England