

Masses & Services this Week

Saturday 23rd September	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (George & Catherine Aley— Golden Wedding Anniversary)
Sunday 24th	8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 11.00am Mass: (Special Intention—FOSS) Followed by the Rosary in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham
Monday 25th	12.30pm Requiem Mass for Joseph McKeown RIP 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in the Walsingham Chapel <i>Fr. Antonio Belsito IC</i>
Tuesday 26th <i>Ss. Cosmas & Damian</i>	8.00am Mass: (Holy Souls)
Wednesday 27th <i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>	6.00pm Mass: (In Thanksgiving) PB Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30pm Mission Planning Meeting <i>Fr. John Paul Leonard</i>
Thursday 28th St. <i>Lawrence Ruiz & Companions</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Maureen Parkins RIP) <i>Fr. Marcus Wakely</i>
Friday 29th <i>Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Francesco Italo Pola RIP) 6.00pm Lectio Divina 7.15pm Prayer
Saturday 30th <i>St. Jerome</i>	9.00am Mass: (Fr. Dennis Higgins RIP) Confessions available after Mass 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Colin Crunkhorn Snr. & Jnr RIP) <i>Fr. Dennis Higgins RIP</i>
Sunday 1st October <i>26th Sunday of the Year (A)</i>	8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 11.00am Enrolment Mass for our Holy Communion Children (Special Intention) PB <i>The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered after the 11.00am Mass today</i>

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

24th September 2017 25th Sunday of the Year (A) Psalter 1

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*This Friday in our
Community Hall
10.30am—12.00pm
Bring a friend or
two!!*

Congratulations to Catherine & George Aley who are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary today (Saturday). We wish you many more happy years – *Ad multos annos! Vivat!*

Second Collection this weekend is for our Parish Maintenance Fund.

Counters Rota: This week: Anita & Katherine
Next week: Betty & Anita

Please remember those students who are returning to university and college. We also remember those who are starting their studies in university and college for the first time. We will remember you in our prayers, and wish you well in your studies.

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: Mary Lamb, Valeria Bulan Manat, Roderick Fredrickson, Elizabeth Bakker, Arturas Lukosius, Eileen Cornell, Adela Dolata and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2017/18: The children will be formally enrolled on to their first Holy Communion Programme during the 11.00am Mass next Sunday – please keep them and their families in your prayers.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK will be administered immediately after the 11.00am Mass **next Sunday**. As this is a sacrament of the

21st *The 50th anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act*
12.00pm Mass for the sanctity of human life followed by the Rosary

22nd *Second collection today for World Missions*
4.00pm Pre- Baptism Programme Part One in the Walsingham Chapel

27th Parish Quiz Night in our Community Hall

28th *Clocks go back one hour tonight!*

29th 4.00pm Pre-Baptism Programme Part Two in the Walsingham Chapel

31st *Back to school today*

A Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament: Outside this church the noisy traffic flow past. People rushing hither and thither, but I have left the world behind and I am here before you. I close my mind and open my heart, so I am at peace. There are so many people in the world with whom one feels at peace. I feel at peace with you. Here I experience my true worth, which consists not in my possessions or achievements, but in know that I am loved by you. Here I grow like corn in a field. In this oasis, I encounter you, Lord. Here I am nourished with that mysterious food which alone can satisfy the Heavenly Father has put in my heart.

Amen

A Blessing: May the celebration of the Eucharist bind you together in a community of love.

May your love for Christ in the Eucharist express itself in a sincere and practical love for others.

May the food of the Eucharist sustain you on your journey to the promised land of eternal life.

- 6th *Harvest Family Fast Day*
Masses today at 9.30am & 7.30pm
2.00pm Fr. Jim will be visiting St. Norbert's School for a pastoral visit.
7.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
- 7th Presentation during Mass on behalf of CAFOD
Rosary with the Polish community after the 4.30pm Mass to pray for the success of our Parish Mission in 2018
- 8th Presentation at both Masses today on behalf of CAFOD
Second collection taken at all Masses this weekend – CAFOD
Harvest Family Fast Day
Week of Prayer for prisoners
3.00pm Rosary & Healing Service
- 11th 9.30am Class Mass/Service in school today
- 12th Clergy Deanery Meeting taking place here today
- 14th **MISSION APPEAL ON BEHALF OF THE WHITE FATHERS**
- 15th **MISSION APPEAL ON BEHALF OF THE WHITE FATHERS**
Baptism of Nikodem Bielcki after the 11.00am Mass today.
Week of prayer for the sanctity of human life
- 16th 7.00pm Week of Prayer for the sanctity of human life
- 17th 12.00pm Week of Prayer for the sanctity of human life
- 18th 6.00pm Mass
Followed by Prayer for the sanctity of human life
- 19th 7.00pm Week of Prayer for the Sanctity of human life
- 20th *Last day of term*
1.30pm Harvest Service in school
7.00pm Week of Prayer for the sanctity of human life

Church, only those who are baptised Catholics may present themselves for the anointing.

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.

RED BOX (MISSIO) APPEAL: *Last Call!* 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.

ANNUAL MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: We are having a coffee morning **this Friday, 29th September**, in our Community Hall from 10.30am until 12.00 noon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Please join us for this good cause. There will be a raffle, plenty of cakes, tea, coffee and chat.

PARISH FINANCE: Last weekend you gave: £701.95. The Home Mission Sunday collection realised £130.46 - Thank you.

Forthcoming collections in October:

7th/8th October: CAFOD Family Fast—second collection at all Masses this weekend.

21st/22nd October: World Missions

29th/30th October: Parish Maintenance Fund

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 contacts details on the

lists provided if you are able to give us a hand—thanking you in anticipation.

Union of Catholic Mothers: Next meeting will be on Monday 2nd October at 2pm at Holy Trinity, Holbeach. Betty and Diana will tell you about their Pilgrimage to Medjugorje.

Meetings this week:

We have a number of important meetings this week:

Monday: 7.00pm Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday: 7.30pm Meeting of the Parish Finance Committee

Wednesday: 7.30pm MISSION 2018 Planning Meeting

Thursday: 6.30pm School Governors Meeting

Parish Pastoral Council: Here is the proposed agenda for tomorrow night's meeting -

AGENDA

25th September 2017

1. Opening Prayer
2. Apologies
3. Matters arising from the previous minutes
4. Cluster Reports
5. Mission Update
6. Julia's Fund
7. Date of next meeting
8. Closing Prayer

A Reflection: Today's Gospel tells about how, in our greed, we can perceive other people's money as our own. The all-day workers could easily feel that they should get more than the latecomers. But the generous landowner saw it differently: It was his money to give.

It is not unlike the story of a robbery that took place in London. Late one night, a mugger wearing balaclava jumped out of the bushes in front of a well-dressed politician who was taking a walk in the Regent's Park. The mugger stuck his gun into the lawmaker's ribs and demanded, "Give me your money" Indignantly the M.P. protested,

""You can't do this to me. I'm a politician!" The mugger quickly retorted: "In that case, give me *my* money!"

For the Church. May it shine as a beacon of love in the world.

We pray for the grace to sow the seeds of justice in our community and that God's justice may reign in the world.

We pray for peace, in our homes, in our community and in the world.

For vocations. May young women and men find courage to say "yes" to God's call.

Social & Fundraising News: Our thanks to Mary, Josie & Clara for arranging our social evening with Tom Kennedy, and to all those who supported the evening—a nice time was had by all.

Our next event will be a **QUIZ NIGHT** on the 26th October. Fr. Jim will be compiling and asking the questions....there will be a special questions for the children to play along. More details next week.

MISSION 2018: Our pre-mission co-ordinator, Clare Scully, has been in touch and will be visiting us again next month for an update on progress being made. Our next planning meeting is taking place after Mass (7.00pm) this Wednesday—it is important that we have as many people present as possible.

OCTOBER: For various reasons it is not possible to give a full list of events planned during October, so please do keep a look out for events and news in forthcoming newsletters, but this is the diary so far....

1st. 11.00am First Holy Communion Programme—Children's Enrolment Mass
The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered after Mass

2nd 2.00pm UCM meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Holbeach.