

Masses & Services this Week

Saturday 22nd September	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Bruno Bertolaso RIP)
Sunday 23rd	8.00am Mass: (Jem Grimwood RIP) Short Meeting for Counters 11.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 4.00pm Pre-Baptism Programme (Part Two)
Monday 24th <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Special Intention) <small>CM</small> 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday 25th	8.00am Mass: (Holy Souls) 7.00pm Social & Fundraising Meeting
Wednesday 26th	6.00pm Mass: (MH) 7.00pm Social Gathering in the Hall for those who helped/supported the Parish Mission in any way.
Thursday 27th St. Vincent de Paul	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Holy Souls) Rosary (For Vocations)
Friday 28th	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Deceased Spouses of Over 60's Club) 10.45am Funeral Service for Mary Bernadette Blades 7.00pm Prayer Group in the Walsingham Chapel
Saturday 29th <i>Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>	9.00am Mass: (EW) (Confessions) 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Vigil Mass: (Romould Sylvester RIP)
Sunday 30th <i>26th Sunday of the Year (B)</i>	8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 11.00am Mass: (Tom Darragh RIP) The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered after this Mass

Preparations for our Christmas Fayre are under way. Each week we will be asking for donations of various items. **Next weekend**, please bring with you bottles (unopened) of any kind – drinks, condiments, washing-up liquid etc. **The Bottle Stall** (this is usually well patronised) so a good variety of bottles, including beer, wine & spirits will appeal to as many customers as possible. Thank you in anticipation of your whole-hearted support. *Don't forget, you are welcome to join us at our next planning meeting – this Friday (28th) at 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.*

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

23rd September 2018 25th Sunday of the Year (B) Psalter 1

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*'Whoever
welcomes a
little child
in my name
welcomes
me'*

Today: The Meat Raffle will be drawn after the 11.00am Mass. The Prize: A £30 meat voucher to be redeemed at Hargraves Butchers, Pinchbeck.

Pre-Baptism Programme for parents who wish to have their child baptised in this church, concludes this afternoon in the Walsingham Chapel at 4.00pm.

Monday: Parish Pastoral Council—this meeting will take place this evening at 7.00pm.

Tuesday: 37 children have begun preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation & Eucharist. The programme continues today (Tuesday) at 5.15pm.

Social & Fundraising Committee Meeting this evening at 7.00pm. We need new members to join this committee, please come along with your ideas to the meeting room next to the Grotto.

Wednesday: Social gathering for all those who helped/participated in our parish mission. If you haven't already done so, please place your names on the list provided in the narthex to help with catering arrangements, thank you.

Thursday: The Rosary will be recited after the 9.30am Mass today for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially within the Diocese of Nottingham.

Friday: PRAYER GROUP—Following our Parish Mission a group of parishioners would like to form a prayer group. As One Family in Christ, everyone is most welcome, we hope to deepen our prayer life whilst praying for our parish and explore further the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We will meet weekly on a Friday evening, the first meeting being Friday 28th September 7pm in The Walsingham Chapel.

Christmas Fayre—Planning meeting at 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room. All welcome.

A Reflection: Today's Gospel reading tells us that those who would be first must place themselves last and be the servants of all.

8th Heating Contractors commence work in the church today. Weekday Mass will be in the Hall. (*Works are expected to take up to four weeks*).

9th Fr. Jim attending the Diocesan Pro-Life Meeting taking place in St. Paul's Parish Centre, Lenton, Nottingham

10th 9.30am Year 4 Class Mass in school

11th **9.00am** Mass today.

11.00am Clergy deanery meeting in Sleaford

14th **3.00pm** Film in the Hall: 'Karol' the story of Pope St. John Paul II

19th 1.30pm Harvest Service in school

21st Mission Sunday

11.00am Children's Mass

Meeting with the Sion Community in our Community Hall

22nd Half term—school closed

27th *The end of British Summer time! Clocks go **back** one hour tonight.*

28th Second collection this weekend for the parish maintenance fund

29th Back to school

31st 9.30am Mass

6.15pm October Devotions

7.30pm Vigil Mass of All Saints

Only two weeks to go! 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 **and are now available after all Masses, from the Repository Stall in the narthex or the parish office.**

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 date provisionally booked for the trip is 25th May to 1st June 2019; staying in Dublin, Knock, Galway & Kilkenny. For those interested in this trip, there will be a brief meeting on Tuesday, 2nd October at 7.00pm.

least the parish—school partnership and visa-versa and this should continue. Mary (Hurst) will soon be leaving the parish, so we need to appoint someone to act as Chair of any 'Mission Team' - there will be an open meeting to discuss this on Wednesday, 3rd October at 7.00pm—everyone is invited.

Members of the Sion Community will be returning to the parish on Sunday, 21st October for a post mission meeting, to which all are invited, more details will be given in the coming weeks.

A reminder: A Diocesan Day for people involved with dementia and its care is taking place on Saturday, October 6th at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre, Mickelover, Derby from 11.00am to 3.00pm. Fr. Jim will be attending this event, and would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in working with people living with dementia and supporting their families in our parish; please contact him as soon as possible. (01775 722056—option '2', or email: fr.jim@stnorberts.org.uk).

OCTOBER DIARY DATES

- 1st 2.00pm UCM meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Foxes Lowe Road, Holbeach—during which they will be holding a Quiz—all ladies welcome.
- 2nd 7.00pm A meeting for those interested in joining the parish trip to Ireland in May 2019.
- 3rd 7.00pm Mission Meeting in the Walsingham Chapel
- 5th *Harvest Family Fast Day for CAFOD*
Masses today at 9.30am & 7.30pm
Parish Social: The Spalding Ukulele Orchestra will be performing in our Community Hall. Admission: £7.00
- 6th 11.00am Bishop Patrick will celebrate the annual Mass for permanent deacons in the Diocese at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Arnold, Nottingham.
10.30am A Diocesan Day for those working with people with Dementia, Our Lady of Lourdes, Mickelover, Derby.
- 7th *Second Collection taken this weekend at all Masses for CAFOD Harvest Family Fast*

Dogs seem to have mastered that idea better than any of God's creatures. The novelist D.H.Lawrence once observed: "Nothing but love has made the dog lose his wild freedom, to become the servant of man."

The French artist Alfred Barbou said: "The dog has been esteemed and loved by all the people on earth, and he has deserved this affection for he renders services that have made him man's best friend."

Perhaps in crafting our own lifestyle, we can use the example of the lowly yet exalted dog.

As we follow Jesus to the cross, may we choose peace instead of power, humility instead of status, gentleness instead of force.

May Jesus' teaching inspire us to think of others often in life and to put the needs of others before our own.

We pray that our children will feel loved and wanted. May we have a special care for all who are innocent or vulnerable.

We pray for those who experience disharmony in their relationships, or within themselves. May God's Spirit sustain them.

Data Protection: In May this year laws relating to data protection changed. Fr. Jim and Deacon Dennis along with Katherine and Anthony attended a diocesan training session on these new rules and guidelines. We didn't really know what to expect, but it turned out to be a very impressive presentation. It is going to take a while to implement all the changes, but we will start straight away. The diocese have promised to send us packs to help implement these changes, and when they become available we will be calling a meeting of all parish groups and organisations to make you aware of these changes, as they affect us all in one way or another.

With regard to the newsletter: Katherine contacted all those who normally receive the newsletter by email and all but one have asked us to continue sending an electronic copy of the newsletter. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please send an email to Katherine and she will add your details to the mailing list.

The Prayer List: We cannot include any names for our sick and/or housebound parishioners without *their* expressed permission. So, you can no longer ask for a person's name to be added to the prayer list, we must have their permission.

Mass Intentions may be published in the parish newsletter, but intentions for those still living cannot be published on our website or our parish noticeboards without the person's consent. There are no restrictions to publishing the details of those who have deceased; so we can still publish Mass intentions for those who have died, and we can still publish the details of funerals taking place in the parish, unless the deceased person's family specifically request us not to – which is also within their rights.

You need to be aware that CCTV is in operation on this site. This can only be viewed by those designated to use it, we are not allowed to share any recordings with any third parties, except the Police. You also should be aware that we stream our Masses and other services over the Internet, if this is an issue for you, please come and discuss your concern, in complete confidence, with Fr. Jim. **At the request of the school, we do not stream school Masses or services taking place in church.**

These are the points that affect what we publish in the newsletter, as we have already mentioned, when we receive all the details from the Diocese we will call a meeting for all. Finally, whilst we will do our best to get things right, if you spot a mistake or if you want to raise an issue or concern, please contact Katherine or Fr. Jim. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners: Maurice Cranney, Helen Henry, Fr. Eamonn O'Hara, Canon Michael Bell, Fr. Stephan Foster, & Pat O'Neill.

Please also remember: Bruno Bertolaso, Katie Clack, Mary Lamb, Valeria Bulan Manat, Roderick Fredrickson, Elizabeth Bakker, Arturas Lukosius and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Bernie Blades, Brian Cowan (the brother of Rod) & Michal Orłowski. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered after the 11.00am Mass next Sunday.

First Holy Communion 2019: The programme continues on Tuesday, at 5.00pm. The children's enrolment Mass will take place during the 11.00am Mass on Sunday, 30th September. **It is important that all children who are to be enrolled attend this Mass with their families. Please note: This Programme is now closed.**

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.

PARISH FINANCE: Last week you gave: £604.70. The second collection for the Home Mission realised: £132.58 – Thank you.

Second Collections During September:

Next weekend: Parish Maintenance Fund

Counter's Rota – This week's counters: Anita & Betty; **next week:** Joe & Karen.

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.

PARISH MISSION 2018: *Moving forward* it was suggested that we need a mission team to work on moving the parish forward. It was pointed out that there were many positive comments received; not