

Masses & Services this Week

Saturday 30th September	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Colin Crunkhorn Snr & Jnr RIP)
Sunday 1st October	8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 11.00am Children's Enrolment Mass: (Special Intention) PB <i>The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered after Mass.</i>
Monday 2nd <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Anita Kerry's Intentions) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass
Tuesday 3rd	8.00am Mass: (Ambrose Kearney RIP) <i>Fr. Daniel Glocko</i>
Wednesday 4th <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>	6.00pm Mass: (Valaria RIP) Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <i>Joseph McCay (Seminararian)</i>
Thursday 5th	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Mary Anne & Pat Burke RIP)
Friday 6th	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Eugene Campbell RIP) 7.00pm Adoration & Confessions 7.30pm Mass: (David Edwards' Intentions) <i>Fr. Robert Thacker</i>
Saturday 7th <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	9.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) Confessions available after Mass 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (The Fairclough Family) Rosary with the Polish Community <i>Fr. Simon Giles IC</i>
Sunday 8th <i>27th Sunday of the Year (A)</i>	8.00am Mass: (Thelma Hare RIP) 11.00am Mass: (Thierry Christian-Gnanakumar RIP) 3.00pm Rosary & Healing Service

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)

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

1st October 2017

26th Sunday of the Year (A)

Psalter 2

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Welcome 1: This year's First Holy Communion group will be enrolled on to the programme. Most of the children have got off to a good start—it is encouraging to see so many of them attending Mass. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers.

Welcome 2: Last weekend, after the 11.00am Mass, Fr. Jim met two new families and a lady, originally from Poland, who have moved into our parish—it was great to meet you! We also welcome Nick Murphy, who has also recently moved into the parish. There may be others who have recently joined us, please introduce yourselves to Fr. Jim and Deacon Dennis, so that we can welcome you too!

The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered after the 11.00am Mass today. The Sacrament is no longer reserved for extreme circumstances. (The Sacrament for the dying is Eucharist—*Viaticum* i.e. 'food for the journey'). However, only those who are baptised Catholics may receive this Sacrament of the Church.

Redecoration of our Community Hall: No teas and coffees will be served after the 11.00am Mass **for the next two weekends** as volunteers are giving the Hall a fresh lick of paint. Our thanks to all those who have volunteered—and it is not too late to lend a hand. Just turn up!

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners: Jo Baguley, Eric Ormond, Allison Law, Pat Saville & family, 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, Fr. Dominic O'Connor & Canon Michael Bell.

Please also remember: Violet Sutton, Kenneth Harbridge, Peter Kohut,

have their children baptised and brought up in the Catholic faith. The non-Catholic partner will be informed of this promise, but will not be asked to make any such a promise.

All couples preparing for marriage need and are entitled to receive the support of the Church so that they will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit as they prepare for, celebrate and live out the commitment which they will make at their wedding. The Church thanks all those married people who show great constancy and faithfulness in their vocation, and prays that their example may inspire all who are preparing to marry. *(This Statement is appointed to be read or printed by every parish during February and October, at the request of The Right Reverend Bishop Patrick McKinney, Bishop of Nottingham)*

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.

Theatre Visits: Thursford Christmas Spectacular—Last call! We have a few tickets left for this year's annual show that is taking place on the 19th November. Cost: £50. Details from Mike van der Weyden (01775) 722379.

London Visit to the Savoy Theatre—on the 22nd November for a performance of 'Dream Girl'. Details of this trip are available from Mrs. Joan Buckley on (01775) 760638. Cost: £55.

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

STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE: God the Father has created marriage as a mutual and exclusive covenant between one man and one woman, by which they establish between themselves a loving and intimate partnership of their whole life, which of its own nature is ordered both to the well-being of the spouses themselves and to the procreation and education of children. It is a true vocation entered into for life, for what God has joined together no one can put asunder. Our Lord Jesus Christ has raised marriage between two baptised people to the dignity of a sacrament.

The Church welcomes with joy those who wish to marry in accordance with her teaching. At the same time, the Church is aware of the many pressures of modern life which can endanger their commitment, their relationship and their family life. She is constantly concerned to help those who wish to marry to be prepared as fully as they can be to make this loving and lifelong commitment. For this reason:

A couple who wish to marry should speak to their parish priest at least six months before their proposed wedding date and should not make any other arrangements concerning their wedding until they have spoken to him.

The parish priest is responsible for preparing couples for marriage. He will often be assisted in this important work by a deacon, a group of parishioners or members of other organisations.

Any marriage involving a Catholic should be celebrated in their parish church. With the permission of their parish priest, the marriage may be celebrated in another parish. A marriage between a Catholic and non-Catholic may only be celebrated in a non-Catholic Church with a dispensation, which will only be granted for a serious reason.

If a Catholic wishes to marry a non-Catholic, the Catholic will be reminded of their obligation to preserve their faith, and will be invited to make a sincere promise to do all in their power to

Sofia Rumsey, Mary Anne Burke, Marie Allen, Rose Rogan, Andrew Judd, Baby Austeja Svarlyte, Margaret Ormond and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

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 **Sunday, 15th October.**

BAPTISM: As announced last weekend, 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.

Annulments: We receive quite a number of enquiries about annulments; and whilst it is a sad fact that not all marriages are successful, it is a privilege to try and help couples who wish to have their marriages recognised in the Church. In the very first instance, you are invited to make an appointment with Fr. Jim in private to discuss your situation. Fr. Jim will do his best to ensure that there are grounds for any former marriage to be investigated, and then he will refer you to the Nottingham Diocesan Marriage Tribunal; it is their responsibility to explore the possibilities, if any, open to a divorced Catholic to marry in the Church or for a Catholic to marry a divorced non-Catholic. Those working in the tribunal are very

sensitive and understanding and will do their very best to support you through the process. For more information, please make an appointment to meet Fr. Jim—you do not have to tell anyone what you wish to discuss, just simply book an appointment during the day or evening.

PARISH FINANCE: Last weekend you gave: £676.02—the second collection for the parish maintenance fund realised: £316.42 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

Counters Rota: This weekend our counters are: Betty & Anita. Next weekend it will be: Fr. Jim & Maggie.

New Rotas: We ask all our volunteers to bear with us....as you know, Katherine is new to her role in our parish office, and I was informed last weekend that our rotas need to be updated...new rotas will be available very shortly!

We invite **new volunteers to join our rotas**...you may wish to join any of the following: **Readers Rota** please state which rota you are willing to join: i.e., Saturday, 4.30pm or Sunday, 8.00am & 11.00am; **Welcomers Rota** (times as above), **Flower Arrangers, Church Cleaners, Brass Cleaners. The Maintenance Committee always welcomes new members—and we are still seeking volunteers to become involved in our Parish Mission.**

ALTAR SERVERS: There will be a meeting for all altar servers next Saturday, 7th October, at 10.30am. A special welcome to all those who have recently begun serving—and for those who wish to join, please do come along or let Eric or Deacon Dennis know if you can't attend—thank you.

Parish Maintenance: Keith Saunders made a presentation to both the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee last week.

We intend to publish his report in next week's newsletter, so you can get an idea of the work that has been done, the work currently being undertaken, and other works and projects that we must consider. We would like to acknowledge and thank you for your generosity towards our monthly collection for our Maintenance Fund.

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

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day this Friday, 6th October—We are encouraged to fast this Friday and to donate what we have saved through our fasting to CAFOD— We will take a second collection for this purpose at all Masses next weekend.

Next 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. It is coincidental that Maggie's visit is happening on this Sunday.

Rosary & Healing Service: This Sunday Fr. Jim will administer the Sacrament of the Sick after the 11.00am Mass. As we have already stated, a sacrament can only be administered to a baptised full member of our Church. Next weekend, we will hold a healing service that is **not** the Sacrament of the Sick, and is open to all. The service will take place at 3.00pm.

SECOND HAND CLOTHES: Following on from the magnificent sum raised at the Jumble Sale, the Christmas Fayre Committee have arranged for the left over second hand clothes to be collected and weighed. The Parish will be paid by weight for the clothes that can be re-used. If you have any more clothing that you no longer use, please put it aside. Next week we will be handing out bags for you to fill. Any clothing in good condition (except uniform) is accepted. Unfortunately towels, curtains and house hold linen such as bedding is not accepted. The more clothes we get, the more money we raise! Thank you in advance for your support.