

Masses & Services this Week

Saturday 29th September	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Romould Sylvester RIP)
Sunday 30th	8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 11.00am Mass: Children's First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass (Tom Darragh RIP) <i>Followed by the Sacrament of the Sick</i>
Monday 1st October St. Therese	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 2nd The Holy Guardian Angels	8.00am Mass: (Holy Souls)
Wednesday 3rd	6.00pm Mass: (Pearse Fagan RIP) 7.00pm Post Mission Meeting
Thursday 4th St. Francis of Assisi	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Special Intention) Rosary (For World Peace)
Friday 5th CAFOD Family Fast Day	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Eugene Campbell RIP) 7.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions 7.30pm Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Pat & Mary Anne Burke RIP) 7.30pm Parish Social featuring The Spalding Ukulele Orchestra
Saturday 6th	<u>No Morning Mass or Confessions</u> 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Vigil Mass: (Malcolm Dodd RIP)
Sunday 7th 27th Sunday of the Year (B)	8.00am Mass: (Stella & John Bonaventure D'Souza RIP) 11.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 3.00pm October Devotions: Rosary & Benediction

the Renewal. The Programme will begin with Confessions from 11 am -11.45 am; 12 noon Angelus and Pilgrim Mass in the chapel of Reconciliation; Lunch at 1.30 pm followed by Stations of the Cross (Outdoors); Eucharistic Adoration, 2.45 pm – 3.15 pm; Holy Mile with Rosary 3.25 pm to the Priory. Departure from Walsingham 5 pm. For more information please visit www.prolifepilgrimage.org.

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

30th September 2018 26th Sunday of the Year (B) Psalter 2

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We Welcome this year's First Holy Communion Group and their families to the 11.00am Mass this weekend. Over 30 children will be officially enrolled onto this year's First Holy Communion Programme, please keep them and their families in your prayers.

The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered after the 11.00am Mass today. This sacrament is available to all baptised Catholics who feel the need to receive it.

Second Collection this weekend for our Parish Maintenance Fund.

Monday's Mass will be at 7.00pm as Fr. Jim will be concelebrating the first joint Mass of the Multi Academy Schools in Lincoln.

Tuesday: 7.00pm A meeting for those interested in a parish trip to Ireland in May 2019. **THIS MEETING IS CANCELLED**

Wednesday: 7.00pm 'Parish Mission: The next stage' - this is a planning meeting to help us move forward, building on the parish mission experience, everyone welcome. We will meet in the Walsingham Chapel.

Thursday Weekly Rosary after the morning Mass for the sick and housebound members of the Parish.

Friday: Masses today at 9.30am & 7.30pm.

Parish Social Night with The Ukulele Orchestra of Spalding *see the notice in this newsletter.*

Saturday: No morning Mass today.

Please remember Deacon Dennis as he will be attending the annual Mass for permanent deacons with Bishop Patrick in The Good Shepherd Church in Arnold, Nottingham; during which he will renew his commitment to the diaconate. Fr. Jim has invited Deacon Dennis to repeat that commitment during the 11.00am Mass next Sunday.

Fr. Jim will be attending the presentation on working with people with

other lands during October 2019. Pope Francis has intimated four dimensions to this month: 1) a personal encounter with Jesus Christ alive in his church; 2) the witness of the saints especially Missionary Martyrs and Confessors of the Faith; 3) spiritual and theological formation regarding the *Missio ad Gentes*; 4) missionary charity as a material support for the immense work of evangelisation. We remember especially all those many men and women who, over the years, have gone abroad to spread the Gospel.

The Canonisation of Archbishop Romero: At the end of a solemn Mass held at Westminster Cathedral after Romero's assassination and funeral in 1980, Cardinal Basil Hume, with great foresight, declared: "*It would be wrong of me to anticipate the mind of the Church; but I personally believe that one day Oscar Romero will be recognised as a Saint of the Church.*" His words will come true on **Sunday 14th October** when Pope Francis canonises Oscar Romero, alongside Pope Paul VI and five others, at a ceremony in St Peter's Square.

BBC Radio 4 Broadcast: On that Sunday, BBC Radio 4 will broadcast a Mass of Thanksgiving from St Anne's Cathedral in Leeds with the Bishop of Leeds as Principal Celebrant. Reflecting the deep-rooted devotion to Archbishop Romero that exists in Britain these liturgical celebrations have been organised.

A Diocesan Day of Charismatic Renewal - Saturday 6th October 2018, 10 am - 5.30 pm at St. Mary's Primary Academy, Wellington Street, Grimsby, DN32 7JX. Guest speakers are Monsignor John Armitage, the Rector of the National Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham, and Father Paul Keene, Vice-Rector of Oscott College. The day will include workshops & seminars, Holy Mass, Praise and Worship and a time for quiet prayer. There will be activities for children of all ages. Entry is free and there will be a collection during the day to cover the costs of the day. Booking is essential please telephone the parish office on 01472 342301 or email: holytrinitygci@gmail.com.

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life - Walsingham - Sunday 7th October - led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald, assisted by Fr. Jeremy Davies and the Franciscan Friars of

you are not involved in any group or organisation, but will be willing to join the PPC, please see Fr. Jim as soon as possible.

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 Social & Fundraising Events

Meat Raffle—Our latest draw took place at the end of the 11.00am Mass last Sunday. The winning ticket was 653 – 'Pat'...the winner has claimed his prize. Thanks to all who supported the draw which has raised £73.00 for the Sick & Retired Priests Fund.

Tickets for the next draw are available now. The prize is vouchers up to the value of £30 to be redeemed from Simpson's Butchers in the town centre. As always the tickets are 50p each or five for £2.00. The draw will take place after the 8.00am Mass on Sunday, 7th October.

THIS WEEK! The Ukulele Orchestra of Spalding (featuring many familiar faces!) are returning to our Community Hall this coming Friday, (5th October). 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 – *have you got yours yet?*

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: Preparations under way. Each week we will be asking for donations of various items. **This weekend**, we are collecting 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.

October: Extraordinary Missionary Month

The Holy Father has invited the Church to be aware of the missions in

dementia in our parishes, which will be taking place in Mickelover, Derby. Fr. Stan will celebrate the 4.30pm Mass.

A Reflection: Today's Gospel warns us of the dangers of losing our faith. Jesus uses the example of plucking out our offending eye if it prevents us from entering the kingdom.

This reminds me of the story about two seniors citizens who married in their 80s. On their wedding night, the man sat watching his new wife prepare for bed. She first removed her glass eye and put it in a box. She took her teeth out, and they went in the box as well. She next unscrewed her prosthetic leg; finally her wig came off and it all went into the box. The man cried, "I don't know whether to get into bed or into the box!"

For us there is always excess baggage that we need to get rid of. We need to throw our sinful habits and vices into the box in order to prepare ourselves to enter heaven.

We ask God for to bless our families, to keep us faithful to each other and to increase our feeling of belonging.

We thank God for the love we have found; we pray for the people who feel alone, or are looking for somebody to share their life.

We pray for those whose relationships have failed. In disappointment or guilt, betrayal or failure, may God's undying love help them to begin again.

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 note, under the new GDPR rules we cannot publish any names without the person's written permission to do so.*

Michal Orlowski RIP: The funeral service for Mr. Michal Janusz Orlowski will take place this Wednesday at the Surfleet Crematorium. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, Maria, and their family at this time. *May he rest in peace.*

Please also remember: Eileen Cornell, Adela Dolata, Violet Sutton, Kenneth Harbridge, Peter Kohut, Sofia Rumsey, Mary Anne Burke and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

The Parish Book of Remembrance: During October we will be updating our Book of Remembrance. Those people whose funerals took place in this parish during the past twelve months (i.e., November 2017 to October 2018) will be automatically entered. If you would like the details of a deceased relative or friend added, please send us those details as soon as possible, please. We require the name and the anniversary of their death—thank you. You can send details directly to Fr. Jim, fr.jim@stnorbets.org.uk.

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. **Closing date for applications is the 14th October.**

PARISH FINANCE: Last week you gave: **Not Known**

Second Collections During October:

Next week: CAFOD FAMILY FAST
20th/21st The World Missions
27th/28th Parish Maintenance Fund

Counter's Rota—Grateful thanks to Teresa Smith who will now co-ordinate our counter's rota.

Maintenance News: Work is due to commence on the installation of two new boilers, work on the underfloor heating and the installation of a new gas meter. The contractors (Futureheat) are due to commence work on Monday, 8th October; and the work is expected to take up to four weeks. **Weekday Mass (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday) will take place in the Hall.**

No one should enter the church when the contractors are working on site.

Maintenance List: Some weeks ago we published an extensive list of outstanding works that need attention—some of these works have been on our radar for a long time. We will not be able to carry out all these works at once, and in consultation with our own parish finance committee, the maintenance committee and the diocesan building and sites commission, we will have to prioritise these works. We are seeking quotes for various works, but Fr. Jim wishes to reassure you that some of the less urgent works will have to wait until we have enough funds in place to carry out these works. We will update you in the weeks and months ahead. Thank you.

GDPR: We have now received documentation from the Diocese. We are currently working on a presentation for all the parish, when this is ready we will advise you when this meeting will take place.

The Parish Pastoral Council: In accordance with Canon Law and the wishes of the Bishop, every parish must have a 'PPC'. The PPC is an advisory body to the parish priest in all pastoral matters. The ex-officio members are the parish clergy, the parish safeguarding representative, and a member of the parish finance committee. Usually, the head teacher of the school, or a senior member of staff, would also be a member.

The PPC normally meets four times a year, unless circumstances dictate otherwise.

Over the years our PPC has struggled to meet a quorum, and we must review its membership. At our last meeting on the 24th September, it was decided that we should invite one representative from every committee, ministry and organisation to serve on the PPC. Judy Flynn, our present Chair, Deacon Dennis and Fr. Jim will be making contact with all the above over the coming weeks to invite you all to nominate someone willing to serve on the PPC for the next twelve months. One person cannot represent more than one group, committee or ministry. We will be inviting those nominated to an extra-ordinary meeting on Monday, 29th October at 7.00pm. **If**