

Masses & Services this Week

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| Saturday 6th October | 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Malcolm Dodd RIP) |
| Sunday 7th | 8.00am Mass: (Stella & John Bonaventure D'Souza RIP) 11.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 3.00pm October Devotions: Rosary & Benediction |
| Monday 8th | <i>Work begins in church this morning, weekday Mass will be celebrated in the Hall (unless otherwise advised) until further notice.</i> 9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Holy Souls) |
| Tuesday 9th <i>Blessed John Henry Newman</i> | 8.00am Mass: (Philomena Dowd's Intention) |
| Wednesday 10th | <i>(Mass will be celebrated in church)</i> 6.00pm Mass: (Donor's Intention) |
| Thursday 11th <i>St. John XXIII</i> | 9.00am Mass: (Thierry Christian Gnanakumar RIP) Rosary (For the Parish) |
| Friday 12th | 9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Holy Souls, especially FOSS) |
| Saturday 13th <i>St. Edward the Confessor</i> | <i>(Weekend Masses will be celebrated in church)</i> 9.00am Mass: (H & P Families) (Confessions) 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Vigil Mass: (Joseph Dodd RIP) |
| Sunday 14th <i>28th Sunday of the Year (B)</i> | Last day for applications for the Sacrament of Confirmation 8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 11.00am Mass: (G & L Thompson) 3.00pm October Devotions (Rosary & Benediction) |

With our prayers and good wishes,

Fr. Jim & Deacon Dennis

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

7th October 2018

27th Sunday of the Year (B)

Psalter 3

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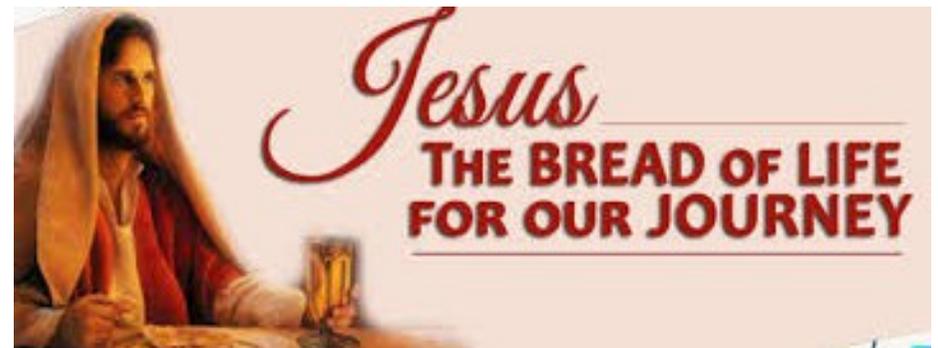
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Welcome Fr. Stan who will celebrate the 4.30pm Mass this weekend.

Today: Yesterday (Saturday) Deacon Dennis renewed his Diaconal Promises at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick with the permanent deacons in The Good Shepherd Parish, Nottingham; Deacon Dennis will repeat those promises during the 11.00am Mass – please do keep him and Fr. Jim in your prayers.

Second Collection this weekend for CAFOD, Harvest Family Fast.

October Devotions (Rosary & Benediction) this afternoon at 3.00pm.

Meat Raffle: Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. The Prize is meat vouchers to the value of £30 to be redeemed in Simpson's Butcher's Shop in the Market Place.

Monday: Work commences in church today. Morning Mass will be in the Hall, unless otherwise advised.

Tuesday: 5.00pm Children's First Holy Communion Programme.

Wednesday: 9.30am Year 4 Class Mass in school

Thursday: Mass today at the earlier time of 9.00am.

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: Marie Allen, Rose Rogan, Neil Keane, Linda Kelman, Joseph Dodd, James McCay, Joan Tanner, Andrew Judd, Baby Austeja Svarlyte 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

Parish Trip to Ireland 2019: 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. To make this trip viable, we need at least twenty people interested. Please sign the list in the narthex window if you are interested.

OCTOBER - EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH: The Holy Father has invited the Church to be aware of the missions in 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.

Sabeel Wave of Prayer: A very good way of enabling those who wish to pray for the people of Palestine is to take part in the 'Sabeel Wave of Prayer'. Their newsletter highlights injustices and is available at www.friendsofsabeel.org.

This Tuesday evening: Bishop Patrick has written to all the clergy and religious of the Diocese to encourage them to participate in a pro-life meeting in Nottingham. During the presentation the meeting will be exploring how we might support women across our diocese who find themselves in a crisis pregnancy, so they do not feel that an abortion is their only option. Fr. Jim will be attending this meeting along with and for those interested we will provide a report in the coming weeks.

A Prayer for the Gift of Life: We thank you Lord for the gift of life. Help us to appreciate the unique dignity of every human person and the individual contribution they make to the world, in fulfilment of the task you give them. Enable us by your grace to promote their well-being, serving you in one another in a spirit of generosity, through Christ Jesus Our Lord. Amen.

toiletries, candles, biscuits, puzzles etc. Any new items of whatever kind will be most welcome any weekend up to the Christmas Fayre - just put them in the red tubs in the narthex. Thank you.

St. Norbert's Catholic Academy

ENCOUNTER THROUGH SCRIPTURE AT ST. NORBERT'S ACADEMY... Some books are inspiring to read. The Bible is an opportunity to read with the Spirit. By hearing or reading the word of God, we meet him. We can get to know him and let his Spirit touch our minds and hearts. When you read the Bible at home with your children, give them information about what they read but guide them to encounter Christ in his word. (*Adapted from 'The Wednesday Word'*).

As part of our Mission to "Encounter Christ" can you help us to Encounter Christ with beautiful prayer and reflective spaces in school. To enhance the prayer tables in all of our classrooms we are looking for any of the following items that you may no longer require or are collecting dust. If you have any donations if they could be delivered to the main school office we would be most grateful, or to church where we can collect them. Beautiful, sensory and engaging prayer spaces can provide our children with the space they need for "Encountering Christ." We are looking for: Pebbles, glass stones or beads/liturgical coloured table cloths/Ornamental trees, vases, candle holders/figures of Saints. Any donations would be much appreciated.

Notices

Friday Prayer Group: The next prayer group meeting will be Friday 19th October at 7pm in the Walsingham Chapel. All most welcome.

URGENT REQUEST TO CAR DRIVERS with two spare seats, who attend the Sunday 11am Mass, to give two of our parishioner's a lift from Edinburg Drive, off Balmoral Road, to church on a monthly basis or just occasionally, when their usual driver, also a parishioner, is unable to provide a lift. Please contact for more information. Thank 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@stnorberts.org.uk.

November Masses for the Dead: Envelopes will be available from next weekend, although any envelope may be used provided it is clearly marked 'November Masses' or 'November Dead List' - don't forget to put your list inside the envelope, which will remain on the altar from the 2nd November until the end of the month. You can also place any offerings in the same envelope – thank you.

When booking Masses, please remember that we try to say Masses for our deceased relatives and friends whenever possible during November.

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 NEXT SUNDAY, 14th October.**

PARISH FINANCE: Collection taken over the weekend of 22nd/23rd September: £706.38

Last week you gave: £780.86. The second collection for our Parish Maintenance Fund realised: £309.15 – Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

Second Collections During October:

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

ROTAS: *There was some confusion over the rotas recently distributed to*

*our readers, welcomers and Eucharistic Ministers; these rotas have been revised, and **new** rotas have been prepared. These are now available from the narthex for collection – sorry for the confusion.*

Counter's Rota— Fr. Jim wishes to thank who is now co-ordinating the counting rota. A new rota has now been prepared, and distributed, thank you for your help. This week's counters: ; **next week:**

Flower Arrangers Rota—are relocating to Hampshire and our leaving the parish next weekend. We extend our thanks to them for their help and the support they have given to the parish over many years, and we wish them every blessing in their new home.

Recently took over co-ordinating the flower arrangers rota, and we have a small dedicated team who select and arrange flowers in church. We would like to appeal for more people to volunteer to help arrange flowers in church. Hopefully, we have enough volunteers to keep going up to Christmas (during the season of Advent we do not have flowers in church until Christmas), but it would be helpful to have some volunteers 'in the pipeline'. It doesn't matter if you do not have experience in flower arranging, help will be given. If you are willing to join the team, please add your name to the list in the narthex—thank you.

Last Call! 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

PARISH MISSION 2018: *Moving forward* A small, but an enthusiastic group of people attended our meeting last week. We noted that the weekly prayer group and the Thursday Rosary have been well received and supported. St. Norbert's School are leading the way, they have a number of activities going on, inspired by their school mission; and they are looking at ways in which they will bring our two school and parish communities together.

Members of the Sion Community will be returning to the parish on Sunday, 21st October for a post mission meeting, to which we are all invited. Our visitors are travelling long distances to be with us, so Fr. Jim is hoping that there will be a good representation of the parish at the meeting. We hope that at the end of this meeting we will arrange a further meeting for those interested on building on the legacy of the Mission.

The Parish Pastoral Council: Following on from the notice in last week's newsletter, we are attempting to contact every group, ministry and organisation in the parish—this is a big job! If your group or ministry and organisation has not received a letter from Fr. Jim about the PPC, please contact Katherine or Fr. Jim directly as soon as possible, please. If you do not belong to any of the groups mentioned above, but would be interested in joining the PPC, please contact Judy Flynn (our present Chair) or one of the clergy—thank you.

Please note we have called for a meeting on Monday, 29th October at 7.00pm in the Walsingham Chapel.

GDPR: Given the importance of the new rules relating to Data Protection, we would like to invite you to a meeting to share with you these new rules and how we in the parish are ensuring that we are complying with the new legislation. Aware that not everyone likes to travel out in the evenings, we are presenting two meetings on Tuesday, 6th November; the first will take place at 11.00am and we will repeat the same presentation at 7.30pm that same evening.

Parish Social & Fundraising Events: As this newsletter is being prepared we are looking forward to the concert performed by the Ukulele Orchestra of Spalding. Grateful thanks to the orchestra for returning to us and for supporting us; also our thanks to all who came along—a full appreciation will be given in next week's newsletter.

Christmas Fayre: Thank you for the donations already received. **Next weekend** please bring with you any new items such as