

Masses & Services this Week

Saturday 14th October	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Tony Woolham RIP)
Sunday 15th	8.00am Mass: (Tony Faulkner RIP) 11.00am Mass: (Reg Brooks RIP) 6.00pm Prayer Service to launch our week of prayer for those affected by abortion. <i>Fr. Jonathan Rose</i>
Monday 16th <i>St. Margaret</i> <i>Mary Alacoque</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Spreckley & van der Weyden Families) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass 7.00pm Pro-Life Rosary
Tuesday 17th <i>St. Ignatius of Antioch</i>	8.00am Mass: (Terence Bonnar RIP) <i>Fr. Stephan Foster</i>
Wednesday 18th <i>St. Luke</i>	6.00pm Mass: Silent Prayer for the unborn 6.30pm Mass: (For the Unborn) <i>Deacon Richard Walsh</i>
Thursday 19th	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Verity Elliott's Intention) 7.00pm Pro-Life Rosary
Friday 20th	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Mary O'Toole RIP) 7.00pm Respect for Life Mass <i>followed by Pro-Life Rosary</i>
Saturday 21st	9.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) Confessions available after Mass 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Bruno Bertolaso RIP) <i>Canon Ka Fai Lee</i>
Sunday 22nd <i>Mission Sunday</i>	8.00am Mass: (Holy Souls especially FOSS) (AM) 11.00am Mass: (In Thanksgiving) C&A <i>Followed by Pro-Life Rosary</i> 4.00pm Pre-Baptism Programme (Part One)

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!

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

15th October 2017

28th Sunday of the Year (A)

Psalter 4

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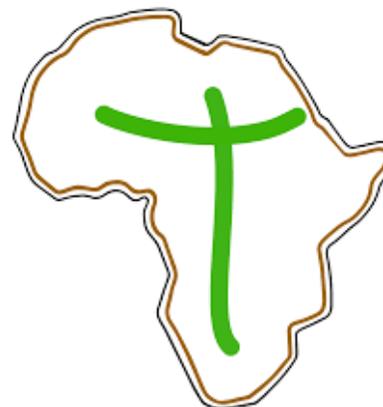
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Mission Appeal This Weekend

Welcome Fr. Aloysius Beebwa M.Africa who is visiting us this weekend to make an appeal on behalf of The White Fathers – please be as generous as possible to the second collection.

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners: 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 Anderson, 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 & Maddie Scott.

Please also remember: Kay Harastowicz, Margaret Hillen, William Massey, Nicholas Brennan, Canon Brendan O'Sullivan, Linda Baigent, Stefan Dribniak, Bernadette Scorr, Margaret Brady, Pat Ward and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

NOVEMBER – *The month of the Holy Souls*

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 – **but we need the details** (name and date of death) **by today** (Sunday) Please. The names we have already are: Antoinette Vassallo, Charles Lennon, Norah Vandervoet, Mary Burns, Peter Hurst, Agatha Tabone, Peter Gibbons, Susan Bacon, Nancy Hodge, Margaret Banks, Mary Brend, Thelma Hare, Helen Beggs, Woldodmyr Mysak, Mary Clarke, George Porter, Daniel Loughry, Reg Brooks, Sylvia McIntosh, Robert Baden Smith, Tony Faulkner, Bob Goemans, Colin Crunkhorn (Jnr), Lyder O'Neill Mandy Beecham & Joseph McKeown. *May they rest in peace!*

to get quotes to replace the flooring with either equal or to look at alternatives that are easier to maintain.

Apologies to all who read this but we have a church that if we intend to keep the doors open in the future the above costs are part of what we need to do to achieve this. Signed: Keith Saunders

Fr. Jim writes: I am very grateful to Keith and his team of volunteers for their expertise and the time they take in maintaining our church complex – you can see from the extensive list, the importance of their work. What I have not included in this report is the extensive list of work that we have completed. We were able to carry out this work due to the monthly collections that we have, some fundraising, generous private donations and the fact that some of our parishioners have been very generous with their time and their talents, which they have given freely; keeping our costs to a minimum. Since this report was prepared, the complete redecoration of the Hall, and the corridor has been completed. A small but willing group of volunteers have made this possible – thank you to you all. The brick wall and pillar on Henrietta Street has been repaired, again, this work was carried out voluntarily by a parishioner – thank you. I want to resist naming names, in case anyone is forgotten, but I want to publically thank and acknowledge you all.

I wish to thank those of you who support the monthly collection, and to all our benefactors who give so generously. The Finance Committee too, and our Parish Pastoral Council and not forgetting all our other many volunteers 'doing your bit' – what a wonderful parish we have! God bless you all. (Fr. Jim)

SECOND HAND CLOTHES: Thank you to all of you who have brought in your bags. Don't worry if you have forgotten, as you can still bring it in after morning Mass this week. All bags must be at church by 9am this coming Friday, 20th October. Thank you for your continued support. The Christmas Fayre Committee.

OUR NEXT PARISH SOCIAL EVENT – QUIZ NIGHT, Friday, 26th October...Fr. Jim will be posing the questions. We welcome

stained glass from further damage.

We are looking at other ways to protect these panes and the costs for all alternatives.

G. Repainting the Car Parking Lines

While this is not a priority it will be a job that will need to be done in the future.

H. The Hedging and Bushes

These are the areas around the church. We need to consider how to reduce the use of these areas by others who dump their waste for us to clear up. I am looking at a number of alternatives at the moment.

I. The brick wall and pillar in Henrietta Street

This wall and pillar is in poor condition and requires urgent attention. The coping is loose as are some of the bricks. This will require a bricklayer to remove all loose material and replace to a good standard. Additionally, the wall both inside and out will require a treatment to repel water and seal it before painting. This work will be carried out by the end of September.

J. Roof and Guttering

Its that time again, I will be raising an instruction to ensure all roof areas are in good order and gutters and drains clear and run free. We appear to still have an issue with water dripping on the tabernacle from time to time. This is still being investigated.

K. CCTV system

We are currently looking to extend the CCTV system by adding 2 more cameras. This has become necessary due to a couple of instances where belongings have been removed.

L. Toilet Flooring

The current flooring in the toilets is now at the point where it is difficult to keep clean and especially in the gen's toilet. It is proposed

Masses for the dead during November: Envelopes are now available to receive your list of deceased family and friends whom you would like to be remembered in our November Masses. You may place any offerings in the envelopes along with your lists.

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.**

BAPTISM: Our next pre-Baptism programme for parents will commence next Sunday, 22nd October, at 4.00pm and conclude the following Sunday, 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.

PARISH FINANCE: Last weekend you gave: £750.10 – the second collection for CAFOD Family Fast realised: £302.79. Thank you.

Forthcoming collections in October:

This Weekend: Mission Appeal on behalf of the White Fathers

21st/22nd October: World Missions

29th/30th October: Parish Maintenance Fund

Counters Rota: This weekend our counters are: Joe & Anna. Next weekend it will be: Teresa & Martin

New Rotas: These are now ready for collection from the window sill in the narthex. Thank you.

Parish Maintenance: *As promised last week, here is a summary of the report prepared for the recent finance committee meeting by the Chair of our Maintenance Committee, Keith Saunders.*

Introduction: *I was asked by Fr Jim to prepare a report for the finance committee; unfortunately it does not improve each time I prepare a report, but it is a problem that continues to grow.*

A. The External and Internal painting of the Church

External: This work will include the external part of the church, hall and priests house. As the work will include high level access it is not something that can be carried out by volunteers. The work will include, a complete power wash and clean down of all metal work that has been powder coated to remove the grime and dirt gathered over the years. This will be followed by applying a protective coating to the external timbers at high-level and to ensure the all the seals around the openings and windows are sound. The external walls need to be made good where required and painted to match the existing colours as far as possible. Additionally, power wash the stone work and remove all algae, growth etc. To clean down all facia's, soffits, guttering and down pipes.

Internal: This work will include the internal part of the church. The work will include high level access it is not something that can be carried out by volunteers. The work will include, a complete clean down of all areas to remove the grime and dirt gathered over the years. This will be followed by making good where required, painting the walls, this will include the canopy over the altar. To ensure the all the seals around the openings and windows are sound. The underside of the roof will require work to remove the water stains. All doors including external to be treated and revive them to their previous finish. This will require a wood polisher or someone able to treat wood and will form part of the overall cost.

B. Grotto Area

We have now had the woodwork treated and it looks good. It is proposed to renew the walk area of the Grotto which would include removing the gravel and replacing it with a paved area. The effect of this would be to make it more accessible to those who would not otherwise be able to enjoy the area. We would also restore the brickwork and make it more waterproof to reduce the algae.

C. Central Heating system

A new central heating system will be required for the church and hall, this will need to be researched on the type we have and will not be cheap whichever system we decide on. Currently we have a heating system which is shared by the church and the hall. Since before I came on-board and since we have had problems with maintaining a working system. There are currently 3 boilers which are linked together to supply our needs. There have been some tests carried out over the years to establish the problem, some say there is a leak in the church, but to establish this we would have to carry out a full survey with a heat type camera and then to dig up areas to prove it and repair it. This would be very expensive for no guarantee of success I say this because when we had the fire it was found that the parts needed were not standard and required special tools and parts. Add to this that the boilers have all had major work on them over the last 3 years and will need replacing in the near future.

D. Church and Hall entrance Facia and Soffit

The Facia and soffit are made of plywood. This plywood is now delaminating and require replacement. It is intended to replace the existing with a UPVC material with colour to match as close as possible to the rest of the area. I have currently been out for quotes and these are now being assessed.

E. Priest's Front Door and Back Door.

These doors are of wood construction with single glaze windows and currently in poor condition. Since the intruder system was fitted to the front door it has shown how weak this is. It is therefore proposed to replace these doors with similar construction to the office and hall doors. I have currently been out for quotes and these are now being assessed.

F. To Install Protection of the Antique Stained Glass Areas

Supply and install solid brass poles fixed to Oak framework in church corridor and the inside (three per section) to protect antique