

## Masses & Services this Week

<b>Saturday 13th October</b>	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Joseph Dodd RIP)
<b>Sunday 14th</b>	8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 11.00am Mass: (G & L's Intention) 3.00pm October Devotions
<b>Monday 15th</b> <i>St. Teresa of the Child Jesus</i>	<b>REMINDER: <i>Weekday Masses are in the Hall unless otherwise stated</i></b> 9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Martin Dowse RIP)
<b>Tuesday 16th</b> <i>St. Margaret Mary Alacoque</i>	<b>Mass today in the Parish Meeting Room</b> 8.00am Mass: (Fr. Thomas Burke RIP)
<b>Wednesday 17th</b> <i>St. Ignatius of Antioch</i>	6.00pm Mass: (Ken Battley RIP)
<b>Thursday 18th</b> <i>St. Luke</i>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Donor's Intention) Rosary (For our sick and housebound parishioners)
<b>Friday 19th</b>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Linda Kelman RIP)
<b>Saturday 20th</b> <i>Mass in honour of BVM</i>	9.00am Mass (People of the Parish) Confessions 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Vigil Mass: (Margaret Ormond RIP)
<b>Sunday 21st</b> <i>29th Sunday of the Year (B)</i> <b>Mission Sunday</b>	8.00am Mass: (Jem Grimwood RIP) 11.00am Children's Mass: (In Thanksgiving from K) 2.00pm Post Mission meeting (with the Sion Community)

may have to alter slightly, as Fr. Jim has other engagements at that time, he will finalise dates this coming week. We need a party of at least 20 people to make this trip viable. There will be a short meeting on Tuesday, 23rd October at 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room next to the Grotto for those interested.

*We wish you every blessing throughout the coming week*

*Fr. Jim & Deacon Dennis*

## PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

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**14th October 2018    28th Sunday of the Year (B)    Psalter 4**

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**Confirmation 2019:** Today (Sunday) is the last day for accepting applications for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Fr. Jim will be in touch with the applicants very soon.

**Monday:** Work continues in church this week. Weekday Masses will be continued to be celebrated in the Hall, unless otherwise announced. A reminder that no one should enter the church whilst work is in progress - thank you for your co-operation.

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

*A Reflection:* A rich man was dying, and when an angel appeared to tell him it was time to go, he pleaded with the angel to let him take one piece of luggage. The angel agreed, so the man got out his biggest suitcase and filled it with gold bullion. When he got to the Pearly Gates, another angel checked his bag and burst out laughing. "You brought paving blocks?" the angel said.

The rich man could have gone to heaven even while he was on earth if he had known that earthly wealth alone does not bring joy. Jesus offered him the chance to "lighten up," but he was too attached to his possessions to see that this would have set him free.

We pray for our world, where so many are enslaved by the pursuit of possessions and money.

We pray for wisdom, to find what really matters, and to give our energies to the things that bring true happiness.

We pray for people who are wealthy; may all of us be true to Christ, what ever the circumstances of our lives.

*Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners: Please note, under the new GDPR rules we cannot publish any names without the person's written permission to do so.*

*Please also remember:* Kay Harastowicz, Margaret Hillen, William Massey, Nicholas Brennan, Canon Brendan O'Sullivan, Linda Baigent,

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)*

## **SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING NEWS**

**Thank you to The Ukulele Orchestra of Spalding** for a wonderful concert on the 5th October, and to those who organised and supported it; it was great to see so many present. As announced last weekend, the concert raised a magnificent **£460.00** for our parish projects, and a further £100.00, the proceeds of our raffle, was presented to the orchestra for their chosen charity.

**Meat Raffle**—Will be drawn this weekend. The prize is vouchers to the value of £30 for Simpson's Butchers in the Market Place. Ticket sales were not so good this time around, so perhaps its time to give the meat raffle a rest for a while.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** This is our main fund-raising event of the year, but it will only work if we have the support of all parishioners. Many thanks to all those who have contributed so generously already. Donations of any kind can be brought in at any time, but please remember that we will not be having a bric-a-brac stall or second-hand books. **Next weekend**, please bring donations of wrapped sweets (Quality Street, Haribos, etc.) You will also be asked to take and sell as many raffle tickets as you can. If each parishioner sold only 2 books (£10 in total), we would realise a substantial amount even before the day of the Fayre! Thank you all in anticipation. (The Christmas Fayre team).

**IRELAND 2019:** We have received more enquiries about the sight-seeing trip to the Emerald Isle in May 2019. We will be visiting: Dublin, Knock (Co. Mayo), Galway, travelling to Kilkenny along the beautiful west coast of Co. Clare, and a visit to Co. Tipperary. Dates

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 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

Stefan Dribniak, Bernedette Scorr, Margaret Brady, Pat Ward 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. 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](mailto:fr.jim@stnorbets.org.uk).

**November Masses for the Dead:** Envelopes are now available for your deceased family and friends lists, although any envelope can be used provided it is clearly marked 'November Masses'. These lists will remain on the altar throughout the month. Any offerings for these Masses can also be placed inside your envelope.

**Rotas:** As announced in last week's newsletter, there was so confusion over the rotas recently distributed for our readers, welcomers and Eucharistic Ministers. These have been corrected, and the new rotas have been emailed to those for whom we keep an email address, and there are copies of the replacement rotas in the narthex.

**Counters Rota:** This week's counters are: Norma & Rosetta; next week, Teresa & Martin.

**Flower Arrangers:** This weekend we bid farewell to Pat & Mary King who are relocating to Hampshire. We thank them for the support they have given to the parish over many years, and wish them every blessing and happiness in their new home. Mary co-ordinated our small group of flower arrangers, and now that she and Pat are moving on to pastures new, we have a need for more volunteers to join the flower rota. If you would be willing to become involved, please place your name and contact details on the list provided in the narthex – thank you.

**GDPR:** As mentioned last week, changes were made with regard to Data Protection laws in the UK in May this year. The diocese are hoping that all parishes will be compliant with these new regulations by Christmas. These new regulations affect us all. Fr. Jim is grateful to Anthony Grunwell who has accepted the responsibility to ensure that we comply with the new rules, and he will be presenting two parish meetings on Tuesday, 6th November; the first will be at 11.00am and the same presentation will be repeated at 7.30pm. We think it is important that all parishioners should try to be present at one of these meetings. We are also asking parishioners to register with us, so that we receive the required permissions to keep your details securely on our data base and to ensure we have your permission to keep in touch, by phone, email or post. Please make a note of the date (6th November) and the times of the presentations (11.00am & 7.30pm). It would also be very useful if you could place your name on the list provided in the narthex to confirm your attendance. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Parish Finance:** Last week you gave: £746.05. CAFOD Family Fast collection realised £453.68; thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

### **Second Collections During October:**

**Next week:** The World Missions  
27th/28th Parish Maintenance Fund

**The Parish Pastoral Council** – Every group, organisation and ministry in the parish should have received an invitation to join the PPC – only one email ‘bounced back’ of all those that were sent; for those who we have no email address, your letter will be handed to you next week. In some cases, one email has been sent to an individual in that group, organisation or ministry and they have been asked to discuss or share that letter with you. A reminder that there will be extraordinary PPC meeting on Monday, 29th October at 7.00pm. It would be helpful if all ‘groups’ could inform us who has accepted to represent them – you can contact Katherine in the Parish Office (01775 722056; admin@stnorberts.org.uk) or Fr. Jim (fr.jim@stnorberts.org.uk).

**If 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.**

### **Parish Mission: *Moving Forward* – ‘The Next Stage’**

**The Sion Community** are returning next Sunday (21st October) for their post mission meeting. They would like to hold this meeting at 2.00pm in our Hall. Fr. Jim is hoping that the Mission Team will re-assemble for the meeting, but it is open to all. So that materials can be prepared, it would help if you signed the list in the narthex if you can attend – thank you.

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

**Final Call! 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. **Closing date for applications is today, 14th October.**

**Baptism:** Recently five families booked a place on the pre-Baptism Programme, only two families attended the programme. Deacon Dennis will lead the next programme before Advent – those who are hoping to have their child baptised in the parish should obtain an application from the sacristy or the parish office. We will publish the dates of the programme in next week’s newsletter.

**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