

PARISH OF  
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION &  
SAINT NORBERT

29th January 2017

4th Sunday of the Year (A)

Psalter 4

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**NEW PARISH WEBSITE! [www.stnorberts.org.uk](http://www.stnorberts.org.uk)**

***We stream our services live via our website—this service is intended for our sick and housebound parishioners and those who care for them—simply go to our website and click on 'live from the church' and click on the blue banner at the top of the page.***

This parish is part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Nottingham  
Registered at Willson House, Derby Road, Nottingham NG1 5AW  
Charity Number: 1134449

**Today's Mass:**

4th Sunday of the Year — 'A'

Eucharistic Prayer 4 (with its own Preface)

Memorial Acclamation 1 (*May differ at the 11.00am Mass*)

**Second Collection this weekend for our Building & Maintenance Fund.**

**REPOSITORY SALE!** The Repository Stall has many items: greetings cards, statues, missals, Rosary beads, to name but a few...we are offering **50% off everything in the stall** which will enable us to renew some of our stock — grab a bargain! If you see something you like today, but can't purchase it today, just tell Norma or Fr. Jim and we will hold that item back for one week.

*A Reflection on Today's Gospel*

Today we consider one of the hardest lessons of our faith – the Gospel we know as 'The Beatitudes'. This lesson illustrates that God's ways are not our ways. Its truth is challenging.

The Beatitudes tell us that we are blessed. Sometimes it seems nothing could be further from the truth. When Nick Vujicic was born in Melbourne, Australia, in 1982, he entered his life with both arms missing at shoulder level, and he had one small foot with two toes protruding from his left thigh. His parents, and later Nick himself, were desperate and angry with God for having allowed this to happen. But God had plans for Nick. He went to public school, high school and on to college to earn his degree. Today Nick is an inspiration to millions as a motivational speaker and the director for 'Life Without Limbs', an organization for the physically less-abled. "My name is Nick Vujicic," he says, "and I give to God the glory for how he has used my testimony to touch thousands of hearts around the world!"

This man was one of the sorrowing, one who was made lowly, yet now he looks with assurance to his inheritance in the Kingdom of God.

*Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners: Pat Brooks,*

Allison Law, Margaret Trivett, Audrey Cook, Marcello Viglianti, Maria Dowling, Rosetta Le Compte, Elvira Choma, Ros Mullholland-Gullick, Jean Fairbanks, Tony Faulkner, Rosemarie & Peter Anderton, Norma Yaxley, Tony Ball, George Porter, Robert Baden Smith, Jesus Moniente, Linda Lawless, Susan Bertolaso, Mollie Coaten, Mary Naughton, Norman Coleman, Fr. John Abbott, Anne Clarke, Julian Paleson, Sylvia Hayden, Katherine McLoughlin, Patrick King, The Taylor Family, Frankie Joe Smith, Mons. Jonathan Moore, Bob Goemans, Pat Baxter, Rita Gensiorskyj, Manfred Haacker, Mary Clarke, June Burrell, Maurice Cranney, Kuriakose Antony Thelekatt, Helen Henry, Philip Chandler, Maria Sharples, Fr. Oliver Martin O.Praem, Madge Rankin, Brian Stout, Fr. Jim O'Hanlon & Allison Merryman-Marx.

*For those who have recently died:* Thelma Hare, Helen Beggs Leoncio Pacit (the father of Dyna Lagtapon) & Fr. Dennis Higgins.

*Please also remember:* Peter Tohill, Phyllis Ashby, Kate Kent, David Field, Alan Mangan, Mario Martino, Audrey Eustace, Gordon Strickland and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

**PARISH FINANCE:** No information given

**Forthcoming second collections:** Saturday, 25th/Sunday, 26th February for our parish Building & Maintenance Fund.

**CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS:** This year's offerings amounted to £156.72—it has been decided to donate these offerings to Julia's Fund. There was a big demand for the fund last year, thanks to your generosity, we were able to offer help to those in need—over £2,300.00 was distributed during 2016—this has obviously had a huge impact on our finances, so we have added the crib offerings and there will be the usual voluntary collections taken during Lent and a second collection on Palm Sunday—a big thank you to you all on behalf of all those who have been helped by this fund.

**ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? HAVE YOU RECENTLY MOVED HOME?** Please help us to keep our parish records up to

date and let us have your details...please let us have your name, address and contact details, you can send them to us by email [office@stnorberts.org.uk](mailto:office@stnorberts.org.uk); hand your details into Lynn in the parish office or to Fr. Jim or Deacon Dennis—thank you.

**ARE YOU CELEBRATING A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY OR BIRTHDAY IN 2017?** Please don't forget to let Fr. Jim or Deacon Dennis know, so we can celebrate it with you in church!

**IF YOU ARE THINKING OF GETTING MARRIED IN CHURCH DURING 2017—** now is the time to contact us. Please contact Fr. Jim, Deacon Dennis or you can contact Lynn in the parish office who will gladly arrange an appointment for you.

**BAPTISM:** If you are planning to have your child baptised in church, please contact Fr. Jim or Deacon Dennis.

#### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS/DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Wednesday, 1st February,** Holy Hour led by Deacon Dennis for vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Nottingham—immediately after the 6.00pm Mass (approximately 6.30pm) - everyone welcome.

**Thursday, 2nd February, The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple.** Day of Prayer for those in Religious Life. Today's Mass is also known as 'Candlemas' as we traditionally bless candles today. Parish Mass today at 9.30am, there will be a Polish Mass in the evening at 7.30pm.

**Friday, 3rd February,** Fr. Jim & Deacon Dennis will be attending a clergy meeting in Mackworth, Derby today; therefore, no Mass Friday morning—just one Mass at 7.30pm during which the traditional blessing of throats will take place.

**Wednesday, 8th February,** A Day of Prayer for the victims of Human Trafficking—Holy Hour today after the 6.00pm Mass.

**Saturday, 11th February, The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes,** Day of

Prayer for the Sick.

**Sunday, 12th February, The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered after the 11.00am Mass today.**

Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass for all married couples this afternoon at 3.00pm in St. Barnabas Cathedral, Derby Road, Nottingham NG1 5AE during which couples will be invited to renew their wedding vows – a special welcome is extended to those celebrating jubilees this year.

Following the success of our Mass last year during the Year of Mercy, when we invited couples to renew their wedding vows during a parish Mass, we have decided to repeat this again this year – and we are inviting all married couples to renew their vows during the 11.00am Mass on Sunday, 19th February – we will include prayers for those who have been widowed, separated and/or divorced.

**CHURCH STATUES:** Some of our statues are in urgent need of attention, especially those of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette that are situated within the Grotto. We received quotes from a company that specialises in this work in Cambridgeshire, and we discovered it was far less expensive to return them to our original suppliers in Liverpool – this will happen in the coming days.

There are some chips on some of our crib figures, and it makes sense to use this opportunity to have these touched up or re-painted at the same time. We will compile a list of the statues that need attention and we may organise a special collection, or parishioners may like to sponsor the re-decoration of a statue of their choice. More details next week.

**PARISH MISSION 2018:** Just a reminder that there will be another open meeting in the Hall after the 11.00am Mass on Sunday, 19th February. At this meeting we will be discussing what sort/type of mission is needed at this time in our parish; we will also be discussing who we may approach to lead us – please join us.

**LENT 2017:** (*Repeated from last week*) Once again, we will be organising our early morning Masses on Wednesday mornings at 6.30am throughout the Lenten season. Fr. Jim will be happy to celebrate Lenten House Masses on the following dates:

Thursday, 9th March

Thursday, 16th March

Tuesday, 21st March

Tuesday, 28th March

Thursday, 6th April

If you would like to host a Mass in your home, please place your contact details on the list provided – preference will be given to those who have not held a house Mass previously or in recent years.

**EMAIL/WEBCAM/CCTV:** We have been experiencing some problems with all of the above, the problem is thought to be because of upgrades that have been made by TalkTalk...we hope that these have been resolved.

**Webcam** – Soni has made some adjustments and these seem to have been successful, but we are still waiting the services of electrician. Please bear with us.

**A notice to our housebound parishioners and carers** – you can watch a live stream of our Masses and other services by visiting our parish website: [www.stnorberts.org.uk](http://www.stnorberts.org.uk) – simply go to ‘live from the church’ and click the blue banner line on the top of the page and you should be connected automatically.

**Newsletter:** In recent weeks we have not had the opportunity to send electronic copies of the newsletter – our apologies for this. We will begin sending re-sending the newsletter – hopefully with this issue! - but remember, you can also see the newsletter from our website.

## *Masses & Services this Week*

Thank you for your patience – Fr. Jim & Lynn.

**THE SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE** have a number of events in the pipeline – the first being **The Race night**, that should have originally taken place in November....**a new date has been set – FRIDAY, 24th FEBRUARY!**

*Those people who purchased tickets for November – your tickets are still valid. If you have paid and lost or destroyed your tickets, please let us know and we will issue you with replacement tickets.* For those wishing to purchase tickets, the cost is £5.00 and includes supper. Doors open at 6.30pm/ first race is at 7.00pm – the bar will be available.

### **COMING IN MARCH...**

We welcome the return of top entertainer, **PETER MYLETT**...It has been three years since Peter's last visit, and many will know that we will be in for another great night of Country, Irish and Middle of the Road hits to dance the night away. Peter, who hails from the West of Ireland, but now lives near Manchester, has won many awards – and we are delighted he has been able to fit us in to his busy schedule – *tickets will be available from next weekend.*

*A message from Revd. Steve Weatherley-Barton:* Steve's wife rang during the week on behalf of Steve who was too unwell to preach at the 4.30pm Mass last weekend. Steve sent his apologies, and assures us of his prayers. We hope that Steve has fully recovered and send him our best wishes.

Fr. Jim preached during Evensong at the Parish Church last Sunday evening – he received a warm welcome and found the service very prayerful and was impressed by the male choir that sang so beautifully – he is hoping that we may have a joint Evensong during Lent.

Fr. Jim apologises that he was unable to celebrate the evening Mass last Wednesday (he had celebrated two Masses earlier that day) at the

<b>Saturday 28th January</b>	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Allison Law's Intention)
<b>Sunday 29th</b>	8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 11.00am Mass: (Mario & Lina Martino RIP)
<b>Monday 30th</b>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (The Reid Family)
<b>Tuesday 31st St. John Bosco</b>	8.00am Mass: (Holy Souls) 4.00pm The Reception of Mrs. Thelma Marie Hare RIP
<b>Wednesday 1st February</b>	11.00am Requiem Mass for Thelma Marie Hare RIP 6.00pm Mass: (Antonias Jasmontas RIP) Followed by Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood
<b>Thursday 2nd The Presentation of the Lord</b>	<i>Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life</i> 9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Gordon Strickland RIP) 7.30pm Polish Mass
<b>Friday 3rd St. Blaise</b>	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b> 7.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions 7.30pm Mass: (Holy Souls) <i>(The traditional blessing of throats takes place during this Mass)</i>
<b>Saturday 4th St. Gilbert of Sempringham</b>	9.00am Mass: (Priest's Intention) Followed by Confessions 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (David Field RIP)
<b>Sunday 5th 5th Sunday of the Year</b>	8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 11.00am Mass: (BWJ Families)

moment, the hospital can offer only one appointment per week, he really needs two at this time. Please keep him in our prayers.

*May the Lord continue to bless us all throughout the coming week.*