

## Masses & Services this Week

<b>Saturday 20th October</b>	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Margaret Ormond RIP)
<b>Sunday 21st</b>	8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 11.00am Children's Mass (Thanksgiving—Kezzia)
<b>Monday 22nd</b> <i>St. John Paul II</i>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Holy Souls—especially FOSS) <small>AM</small>
<b>Tuesday 23rd</b>	8.00am Mass: (Moreen Parkins RIP)
<b>Wednesday 24th</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Morning Prayer <b>9.30am</b> Mass: (EW)
<b>Thursday 25th</b>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (AD) Rosary (For the intentions of our sick & housebound parishioners)
<b>Friday 26th</b>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Dec'd spouses of the over 60's members)
<b>Saturday 27th</b>	9.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) Confessions 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Vigil Mass: (Eugene Campbell RIP)
<b>Sunday 28th</b> <i>30th Sunday of the Year (B)</i>	8.00am Mass: (Ken Battley RIP) 11.00am Mass: (FOSS) 3.00pm October Devotions: Rosary & Benediction

be the first non-Italian pope since 1523! During his long papacy he visited 129 countries, including Britain in 1982. He has written many documents; improved our Church's relations with other world faiths, and inaugurated 'World Youth Day'. He survived an attempt on his life, visited the man who shot him in prison, and forgave him. The last words he was heard to speak before he died were in his native Polish language, they have been translated into English: *'Let me go to the house of my Father'*. St. John Paul II, pray for us!

## PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

**21st October 2018    29th Sunday of the Year (B)    Psalter 1**

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**MISSION SUNDAY:** October is the traditional month of universal Mission Sunday; a collection takes place around the world in October each year.

Mission Sunday is about supporting Young Churches and missionaries in meeting the needs of their communities. Mission Sunday is one day of the year which is set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice and a financial gift.

Today's Mission Sunday 2nd collection goes to 'MISSIO' and is used to support the young churches throughout the world in the establishment of parishes, dioceses, training of catechists, etc.

Over 1,100 dioceses in mission territories are heavily dependent on the Mission Sunday collection. The money raised by the Universal Church on Mission Sunday is especially channelled to the poorest and neediest missions. The Mission collection will be sent in its entirety to a mission territory. There is no administrative cost taken from the collection. Missio organise the Mission Sunday collection in the UK on behalf of the Pope.

That missionaries may be strengthened by our prayers and sacrifice.  
That many may generously respond to the call to be missionaries.  
That the people in our midst from other countries may experience true Christian kindness.

**Today we Welcome this year's First Holy Communion Group and their families to the 11.00am Mass.**

*A Reflection:* Today we are called upon to play our role in assisting the missionary activity of the Church. We are given the opportunity to share in the experience of our brothers and sisters who carry on the missionary task today as they reach out often in difficult and dangerous circumstances.

Our spiritual and material offerings are *crucial* for the continued work of missionaries throughout the world. The total raised in today's collection will be sent in its entirety to support mission projects

- 3rd 5.30pm Polish Cemetery Service in the Spalding cemetery.
- 4th 2.00pm Graveyard Sunday; service and Rosary with the blessing of graves
- 5th **9.00am** Mass today  
1.00pm Annual Mass for deceased clergy, St. Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham (Principal Celebrant: Bishop Patrick)
- 6th **GDPR Parish Meeting**—*this is an important meeting for all parishioners to hear how we are implementing the new legislation relating to Data Protection.* Meetings will take place today at 11.00am & 7.30pm—please do everything possible to attend.
- 9th 1.30pm Remembrance Service in school
- 11th **Remembrance Sunday**  
11.00am Mass for those who died in war  
4.00pm Pre-Baptism Programme (Part One)
- 14th 9.30am Year 6 Class Mass  
**7.00pm** Annual Mass for our living & deceased benefactors
- 15th Mass today at 9.00am  
Deanery Clergy Meeting in Holbeach
- 17th **CHRISTMAS FAIR 2018**—*Our major fundraising event of the Year—Please see the newsletter for more details!*
- 18th *World Day of Prayer for the Poor*  
4.00pm Pre-Baptism Programme (Part Two)
- 21st Deanery Clergy Meeting in Boston
- 24th 12.00pm Mass & Baptism
- 25th **34th & Last Sunday of the liturgical Year**  
**Solemnity of Christ the King**  
National Youth Sunday
- 28th *Red Wednesday* (See notice in newsletter, nearer the date)  
**7.00pm** Annual Mass for those who have died during the past year.

**St. John Paul II:** Some of our Polish children who are preparing for their first Holy Communion did a lovely little project, with their parents, on St. John Paul II, whose feast day is tomorrow, 22nd October. Pope St. John Paul II was born Karol Jozef Wojtyla in 1920; in Poland. He was ordained a priest in 1946, and eventually went on to become the Cardinal Archbishop of Krakow. In 1978 he was elected to

Fr. Jim would like to thank all those who have volunteered so far.

**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 FINANCE:** Last week you gave: £733.86

**Second Collections During October:**

**This week:** The World Missions (Missio)

**Next week:** Parish Maintenance Fund

### **Parish Social & Fundraising Events**

**Meat Raffle**—Our latest draw took place last Sunday. The winning ticket was 828— and the winner has claimed their prize. Thanks to all who supported the draw which has raised £42.00.

With the Christmas Fayre fast approaching we will give the Meat Raffle a rest for a while...perhaps we could have a Christmas Special in December??? Thanks to all those who support these bi-weekly raffles.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** Raffle tickets are now available. Please take and sell as many tickets as you can. **Next weekend**, please bring children's items - toys, colouring books, games, puzzles etc. We will also be offering empty envelopes to be returned with coins or notes for the popular "Money Tree" - again, please be as generous as you can. With many thanks, The Christmas Fayre Team.

**Coming Soon! CURRY NIGHT!** These are always very well organised and very popular—our thanks to our Indian parishioners who are hosting us. All proceeds from this event will go towards the cost of the heating works.

### **November Diary Dates**

**1st All Saints Day—A HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION—** Masses: Vigil Mass, 31st October, at 7.30pm. 9.45am & 7.30pm.

**2nd All Souls Day—**Masses: 9.30am, 12.00 noon & 7.30pm

worldwide. There can be no slacking or stagnation in the essential mission of the Church to evangelise all people. Today there are countless people thirsting for hope and love who are still waiting for the proclamation of the Gospel.

The missionary command of today's Gospel to reach out involves all the baptised. Our faith is strengthened when it is shared with others. There are different callings in the Church but all Christians are called to give personal witness. Words and witness go together.

Missionaries need the primary support of **prayer**. Many missionaries will tell you of special strength received from an unknown source in times of civil war, illness or natural calamity. People can support missionaries by offering their suffering of mind or body. St Therese of Lisieux offered every painful step to assist some missionary in difficulty.

The Mission Sunday gift is also used for pastoral centres and the formation of lay leaders; the building of simple mission churches and health clinics for children. People are hungry for God not just bread and freedom. As the Pope notes "when we bring people only knowledge, technical competency and tools, we bring them too little."

On Mission Sunday, please help missionaries to reach out and make disciples of all nations. May their efforts bring people freely to conversion and faith.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Due to absences, we have postponed today's scheduled meeting with the Sion Community. We will try and reschedule another date, but this will probably happen in the new year.

### **THIS WEEK**

**Heating Works:** We are now entering the third week of works—so far, all seems to be OK. British Gas turned up last week to upgrade our meter, but forgot the pre-ordered kiosk, so that is a minor

setback. The electricians are due on site this week, we hope when they have completed their work, we will be able to test the heat in church. We thank you for your patience whilst work is ongoing. The completion date we have been given is the 5th November – but we will keep you updated.

**Tuesday:** 7.00pm a short meeting for those interested in the sightseeing trip to Ireland in May 2019. The meeting will take place in the Hall.

**Wednesday:** Mass will be celebrated today at the earlier time of 9.30am.

## NOTICES

**Pre-Baptism Programme:** Deacon Dennis will lead our next pre-Baptism programme which will take place over two Sundays, 11th & 18th November) at 4.00pm. Parents are expected to attend both sessions. Application forms are available from the sacristy or from the parish office.

**Confirmation 2019:** Fr. Jim will meet with the course leaders to discuss the programme we will be offering. We will be contacting the applicants shortly after this meeting—there are quite a few arrangements to be made and course books to be ordered. **Please note that applications are now closed for this programme.**

**FIRST AID:** We really need to have identified people who can administer First Aid in case of emergencies. If you are qualified to administer first aid and would be prepared to be part of a rota, please let Fr. Jim know as soon as possible. If you would be willing to attend a First Aid course and join any rota, please also see Fr. Jim as soon as possible.

**The Parish Book of Remembrance:** We have almost completed 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; the names we have are: Bridget Chattell, Maureen van der Voet, Madge

Rankin, Pat Brooks, Eric Ormond, Margaret Inglis, Antonio Pacheco, Pat McGilloway, Sagitas Raizys, Ken Battley, Jem Grimwood, Bernie Blades & Michal Orłowski. If you would like the details of a deceased relative or friend added, please send us those details this week. 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](mailto:fr.jim@stnorberts.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:** We hope that everyone has got a copy of the revised rotas—the first rotas issued have had to be amended. If in doubt, please contact Katherine in the parish office, or Fr. Jim

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

**Flower Arrangers:** We 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.

**The Parish Pastoral Council** (*Repeated from last week*) 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](mailto:admin@stnorberts.org.uk)) or Fr. Jim ([fr.jim@stnorberts.org.uk](mailto:fr.jim@stnorberts.org.uk)).