

## Masses & Services this Week

<b>Saturday 29th April</b>	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (People of the Parish)
<b>Sunday 30th</b>	8.00am Mass: (Bishop Patrick's Intention) 11.00am Mass: (In Thanksgiving)
<b>Monday 1st May</b> <i>St. Joseph</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Mass: (David Luker – 70th Birthday)
<b>Tuesday 2nd</b> <i>St. Athanasius</i>	8.00am Mass: (Caterina Caliguri RIP) 7.00pm Social & Fundraising Committee Meeting – new members welcome
<b>Wednesday 3rd</b> <i>Ss. Philip &amp; James</i>	6.00pm Mass: (Private Intention 'A') 7.00pm Mission 2018 Planning Meeting
<b>Thursday 4th</b> <i>The English Martyrs</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (George Porter RIP)
<b>Friday 5th</b>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Fr. Patrick O'Sullivan SCJ RIP) 7.00pm Adoration & Confessions 7.30pm Mass: (Reg Brooks RIP) SJA
<b>Saturday 6th</b>	9.00am Mass: (Lucia & Gennaro Fappiano RIP) Followed by Confessions 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Rosemarie & Peter Anderton)
<b>Sunday 7th</b> <i>4th Sunday of Easter – A</i>	8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 11.00am Mass: (Anthony Simmons RIP) 4.00pm Rosary & Benediction

next weekend in our Community Hall – anything not claimed will be disposed of.

**CAR PARKING:** It is a breach of our Health and Safety policy when cars park in the centre of our car park as this could cause an obstruction if we have to call out the emergency services – as we have had to do in the past; please refrain from parking in the centre of the car park and in front of Fr. Jim's car port – thank you.

## THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

**30th April 2017**

**3rd Sunday of Easter (A)**

**Psalter 3**

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**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:** 3rd Sunday of Easter – 'A'

Preface: Easter 3

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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

Second collection this weekend is for our Building & Maintenance Fund.

**THANK YOU 1:** Fr. Jim wishes to thank you for your cards, good wishes and gifts over Easter – and for your generous Easter offerings.

**MONDAY:** May Bank Holiday. Mass today will be at 10.00am. The office will be closed.

### Meetings & Events This Week

**Tuesday:** 7.00pm Social & Fundraising Committee Meeting in the Parish Meeting Room, next to the Grotto. We hope that those who indicated their willingness to become involved in this committee will be able to attend. The purpose of this meeting is to have a catch up and to discuss future events – *new members are always welcome.*

**Wednesday:** 7.00pm **MISSION 2018 planning meeting.** This is an important meeting as we will be discussing the theme for our Mission and the forthcoming launch of our preparatory year in June. Again, we hope that those who have volunteered to join this team will be present for this meeting.

*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, Robert Baden Smith, Jesus Moniente, Linda Lawless, Susan Bertolaso, Mollie Coaten, Mary Naughton, Norman Coleman, Sylvia Hayden, Katherine McLoughlin, Patrick King, The Taylor Family, Mons. Jonathan Moore, Bob Goemans, 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,

Fr. John Kyne, currently Parish Priest of St. Hugh's, Lincoln has been appointed Parish Priest of St. Philip Neri, Mansfield & St. Joseph's, Shirebrook.

Fr. John Martin, currently Assistant Priest at the Cathedral to be Chaplain to the Sick & Retired clergy of the Diocese and Parish Priest of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell, Nottingham.

Fr. Gerry Murphy, currently Parish Priest of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell has been appointed Parish Priest of St. Anne's, Buxton.

Fr. Paul Newman, currently Parish Priest of St. Alban's, Chaddesden has been appointed Diocesan Vocations Director & Parish Priest of St. Edward's, Nottingham.

These appointments will take effect from 22nd May 2017. Please do keep all those involved in these moves in your prayers.

### *Social & Fundraising Events:*

*The Ukulele Orchestra of Spalding are coming back!* Since their performance at Anne van der Weyden's Memorial Concert, the orchestra, which includes some familiar faces, have found a space in their busy schedule to come along and entertain us and raise funds for our parish. **The concert will take place on Friday, 12th May at 7.30pm.** Tickets are now on sale, £5.00 each for adults and young people over 14, which includes refreshments, and are on sale after all Masses or available from Norma in the Repository Stall. Licensed Bar & Raffle...an evening of fun and entertainment *Guaranteed!* Please join us.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE COMMITTEE:** We had a terrific response from the census for this Committee. This is our major fundraising event of the year, and Fr. Jim would like to call the first planning meeting on Wednesday, 10th May, in the Walsingham Chapel (near the entrance to the church) at 7.30pm.

**LOST PROPERTY:** A number of unclaimed items will be on display

- 14<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm Rosary in town centre for our town and for the success of our Parish Mission  
*Please see the newsletter for more details*
- 16<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Requiem Mass for Reginald Brooks RIP
- 17<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Rosary & Benediction
- 19<sup>th</sup> Fr. Stanislaw Kowalski – 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination – *ad multos annos!*
- 21<sup>st</sup> Rosary & Benediction after the 11.00am Mass today
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
- 24<sup>th</sup> Rosary & Benediction after the 6.00pm Mass
- 25<sup>th</sup> Mass today is at 9.00am  
Clergy Deanery Meeting in Skegness
- 26<sup>th</sup> Parish Office is closed  
**7.30pm Annual Mass for deceased children**
- 28<sup>th</sup> **The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**  
4.00pm Rosary & Benediction
- 29<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday

**Diocesan Appointments:** Bishop Patrick has announced the retirement of Fr. Frank Carvill, currently the parish priest of Hucknall. The Bishop thanked Fr. Carvill for serving the Diocese for almost 46 years.

Fr. David Cain has been appointed Parish Priest of St. Alban's, Chaddesden, Derby.

Fr. Paul Chipchase, currently Parish Priest of St. Philip Neri, Mansfield, has been appointed the Episcopal Vicar for Finance & Administration & Parish Priest of Holy Cross, Hucknall, Nottingham.

Canon Jonathan Cotton, currently Parish Priest of St. Joseph's, Shirebrook, has been appointed Assistant Vocations Director; Chaplain to The Briars, Matlock & Assistant Priest at St. Edward's, Nottingham.

Fr. Raphael Imoni to be Assistant Priest at St. Philip Neri, Mansfield.

Fr. Matthew Jakes, currently Parish Priest of St. Edward's, Nottingham & Vocations Director has been appointed Parish Priest of St. Hugh's, Lincoln.

Mandy Beecham, Alison Merryman-Marx and Fr. Eamonn O'Hara.

**REG BROOKS RIP:** It is with sorrow we announce the death of Reg Brooks. We extend our sincere sympathies to Pat and their daughters Anne & Lynn and their extended families. Reg's funeral will take place on Tuesday, 16th May at 10.30am.

**Please also pray Fr. John Abbott,** who (as announced last weekend) has died after a long illness. Some parishioners might remember Fr. John who was secretary to the late Bishop McGuinness for a number of years – May they rest in peace.

*Please also remember:* Steven Healey, Ronald Miners, Baby Luke Zomparelli, Liz Boz, Tom Bedford and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

**A Reflection:** In our computerised world, we don't encounter many shepherds, but perhaps one modern equivalent is an airline pilot, who leads his little flock of passengers aloft and out across a distance to the next stop. Imagine what might happen in the future, when everything is so digitised that we no longer even have these human shepherds to guide us. After the safety instructions play on a screen, we'll hear an announcement from the flight deck say: "Welcome aboard this flight 110. There is no human pilot aboard this flight today. I am a computer programmed to fly you to your destination."

Jesus is the way, the gate, and the real shepherd. He can never be phased out by newer more efficient models. We can be assured that he'll stay by our side – personally – to lead us to our final destination.

We pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life; and for labourers for the vineyard.

For Bishop Patrick who celebrates his Birthday today, and for Fr. Jim who is celebrating his 23rd anniversary of ordination.

**PENTECOST:** As announced last week, Mark Pinnick will be received into full communion with the Church during the 11.00am

International Mass on Pentecost Sunday, 4th June. In past years we have organised all night vigils in church to mark Pentecost. This Year we are offering another CAFÉ video course over two weekends to celebrate the birthday of the Church and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

**PARISH FINANCE:** Last weekend you gave £626.70. The Good Friday collection for Holy Places in Palestine realised £177.10 – Thank you.

Second collection this weekend is for our Building & Maintenance Fund.

**Forthcoming collections in May:** 6th/7th Diocesan Clergy Formation Fund, 20th/21st Building & Maintenance Fund 27th/28th May: Catholic Communications Network.

**MARY'S MEALS:** Sharon Amess thanks all those who stayed behind for Tea and toast after the 6.30am Wednesday Masses during Lent – your contributions raised £100 for Mary's Meals.

**EASTER EGG TOMBOLA & CAKE STALL** realised £110.70 for parish funds – thanks to those who organised and to those who supported this event.

### *Other News...*

**Bishop George Rajendran:** Many of you will remember the visit of Bishop George from the Diocese of Thuckalay, India. Fr. Jim recently received a generous cheque for Bishop George's work in his diocese. If anyone would like to support Bishop George, there will be a **voluntary collection taken next week**, and any donations will be forwarded to the Bishop.

**100th Anniversary of the Apparitions in Fatima:** Fr. Stan would like to mark this anniversary with a procession within our church grounds on the 13th May, and extends an invitation to us all to join the celebrations. More details next weekend.



**THE BRIARS:** Many parishioners know of the excellent facilities and the great work that goes on at The Briars, our diocesan youth retreat centre. From the 29th June to the 2nd July 2017, Bishop Patrick will be taking to

the hills in order to raise some much needed funds for our youth centre...among those taking part is Sam Morton, our Year 3 class teacher, in St. Norbert's School. Each participant is tasked with raising £1,000 to take part in the 'Three Day – Three Peak Challenge', The walkers will set out from The Briars and will climb our three national peaks: Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike & Snowdon before returning to The Briars. Sam will be visiting us in the coming weeks and will be appealing for sponsors – more details soon...in the meantime, if you would like to donate to Sam's challenge, you can hand in any donations to Fr. Jim or the parish office – thank you, and Good Luck, Sam!

## MAY DIARY DATES

- 1<sup>st</sup> BANK HOLIDAY
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.00pm Social & Fundraising Committee Meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.00pm Parish Mission 2018: Planning Meeting
- 4<sup>th</sup> (Local elections)
- 5<sup>th</sup> First Friday of the Month: Masses at 9.30am & 7.30pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> 4.00pm Rosary & Benediction for Vocations
- 9<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Christmas Fayre Planning Meeting
- 10<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Holy Hour in Praise & Thanksgiving
- 12<sup>th</sup> **Parish Social Event featuring The Ukulele Orchestra of Spalding**  
7.30pm in the Community Hall – Tickets £5
- 13<sup>th</sup> **100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparitions in Fatima**  
(Celebration to take place within our church grounds led by Fr. Stan, more details to follow.)