

Masses & Services this Week

Saturday 27th October	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Eugene Campbell RIP)
Sunday 28th	8.00am Mass: (Ken Battley RIP) 11.00am Mass: (FOSS) 3.00pm October Devotions
Monday 29th	<u>REMINDER: Weekday Masses are in the Hall unless otherwise stated</u> 9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (J M Intention) 7.00pm Extraordinary Meeting of the PPC in the Walsingham Chapel
Tuesday 30th	8.00am Mass: (Priest's Intentions)
Wednesday 31st	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Holy Souls, especially FOSS) <small>BM</small> 7.30pm Vigil Mass of All Saints: (People of the Parish)
Thursday 1st November All Saints Day	<u>Holyday of Obligation</u> <u>9.30am Mass in school:</u> (Michael Joseph Neary RIP) 7.30pm Mass: (Deceased Family & Friends)
Friday 2nd All Souls Day	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (G. Whitwell; Whitwell & Gatt Families RIP) 12.00pm Mass: (For All the Faithful Departed) 7.30pm Mass: (For the Intentions of Pope Francis)
Saturday 3rd St. Martin de Porres	9.00am Mass (Holy Souls) Confessions 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Vigil Mass: (Norah van der Voet RIP)
Sunday 4th 31st Sunday of the Year (B)	8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 11.00am Mass: (Thierry Christian Gnanakumar RIP) 2.00pm Graveyard Service , meet at the chapel in the Spalding cemetery. Service, Rosary & blessing of graves.

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

28th October 2018 30th Sunday of the Year (B) Psalter 2

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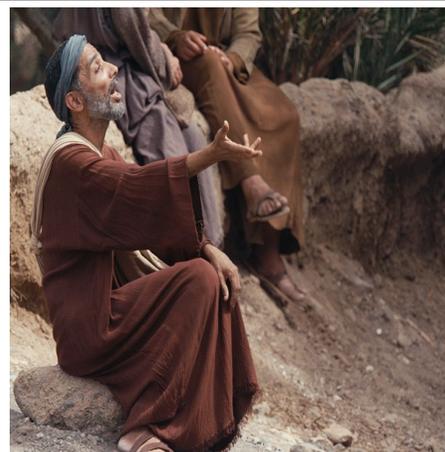
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BARTIMAEUS

Today: The Rosary will be recited after the 11.00am Mass, not at 3.00pm as published in last week's newsletter.

Monday: Work continues repairing and upgrading our heating system. Futureheat completed the first part of their work on the 17th October. We have a specialist company working on the control system. British Gas are proving more difficult to 'pin down' and it seems that we will be without Gas for a few days, which could make things more difficult for everyone. We will keep you informed.

Parish Pastoral Council—We have an extraordinary meeting this Monday evening at 7.00pm. Sincere thanks to all those who have agreed to join the PPC, we look forward to welcoming you to the meeting.

Special Birthday Greetings to Judith Martin today! Our prayerful good wishes to Judith; congratulations! *Ad multos annos! Vivat!*

Wednesday: Masses today are at 9.30am & 7.30pm. The morning Mass is of the day, whilst the 7.30pm Mass is the vigil Mass of All Saints.

Thursday is All Saints Day and is a 'Holyday of Obligation' which means all practising Catholics should attend Mass today. You can fulfil your obligation by attending the vigil Mass on Wednesday evening. Masses today are at 9.30am in St. Norbert's School (all welcome) and at 7.30pm in church.

Friday is All Souls Day—Priests are invited to celebrate three Masses today, our Masses will take place at 9.30am in church; 12.00 noon in school (all welcome) and at 7.30pm in church. Those wishing to attend all three Masses, or two, may receive Holy Communion at all Masses. A Eucharistic fast only applies to the first Mass you attend on this day.

A plenary indulgence may be granted may be gained from noon on the 1st November (All Saints Day) up until midnight on the 2nd November (All Souls Day) may be gained, applicable to the Holy Souls only. Conditions: during this time you must visit a church and recite one 'Our Father' and one of the Creeds, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation ('Confession') and receive Holy Communion. Finally,

10 November 2018 at St Hugh's Church, Lincoln. The day will begin with Mass at which Bishop Patrick will preside, followed by formation, networking and inspiration on the Church's response to the modern world's environmental crisis. Speakers include Graham Gordon, Head of Policy at CAFOD. Do we have any parishioners who would be interested in attending the AGM and report back to us from the meeting? Please see Fr. Jim.

Train to Teach: Nottingham Catholic Teaching School Alliance are holding a Train to Teach Open Event for those thinking of getting into teaching, whether they be new graduates or career changers. Please help yourself to a leaflet in the narthex if you are interested.

Real Advent Calendar 2018: The Meaningful Chocolate Company have created a new Advent Calendar. Behind each of the 25 windows there is a line of the Christmas story, and the calendar comes with a free Christmas Story/Advent activity book which has a page for every day in Advent. Not only does it reinforce the Christmas story with narrative, quizzes and challenges, it also gives a sense of the Advent journey. Please visit www.meaningfulchocolate.co.uk to find out more.

'Paws' for Thought... Speaking of the future: A man with a terminal disease is in the examining room with his doctor. He says, "Doctor, I'm afraid to die. What do you think lies on the other side?" The doctor says, "I don't know."

The man says, "We go to the same church. You've dealt with death a lot more than someone like me. Surely you have some idea?" At that point there came a scratching on the examining room door. The doctor opened it and in bounded his dog. The doctor says, "This is my dog. He's never been in this room before. He had no idea what was inside. He just knew that his master was in here, and when I opened the door, he came in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I believe one thing — my Master is there, and that's enough!"

GDPR: *This is an important meeting to explain the new GDPR legislation. If we do not have your written consent, we are not allowed to retain your details on any registers, and we are not permitted to contact you by phone, post or email. All will be explained at the meetings taking place on Tuesday, 6th November at 11.00am & 7.30pm. Please, do your best to attend one of these meetings.* Thank you for your co-operation. (Fr. Jim)

Notices

Reclaiming Halloween: We would like to draw your attention to an international initiative to reclaim Halloween for Christ and the Church which is called the '**Night of Light**'. The 'Night of Light' offers a way to celebrate Halloween on the **31st October** in a positive joyful and spiritual way that is great fun for children and brings out the beauty of the feast for all. This is nothing new to us here in Spalding, we have held 'Night of Light' parties in our parish for over ten years; however, in recent years numbers have fallen, so now I am asking you to consider celebrating the 'Night of Light' with your children at home! This is a wonderful way in which Catholic families can enjoy Halloween as the wonderful Christian feast it is. For more information and resources please visit their website: www.nightoflight.org – and, if you do something special, why not drop us an email with a little report that we can share in the newsletter and on our website?!

Right to Life: Very recently Bishop Patrick requested all clergy working in the Diocese of Nottingham to attend a meeting to discuss how We as a Diocese might offer support to those who are perhaps suffering as a result of abortion; how we as a Diocese can help those who find themselves contemplating abortion – what are the alternatives? The meeting was very informative. We are currently working on a pro-life project for this parish, which we hope to launch during Advent and to highlight the Church's mission to proclaim the Gospel of Life. If you feel this is something you would be interested in helping to promote, please have a word with Fr. Jim as soon as possible, he will be pleased to hear from you.

Justice and Peace Assembly - The Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission's Annual Assembly and AGM takes place on **Saturday**

you must pray for the Pope (one 'Our Father' and one 'Hail Mary'). The indulgence may only be given once a day.

A *partial indulgence* may be gained between the 1st and 8th November, applicable to the Holy Souls only by visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, receive Holy Communion and praying for the Pope's intention.

A Reflection: Can you name the five senses? Sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch. When the American comic Charley Weaver was asked, "Which of your senses tends to diminish when you get older?" he answered, "My sense of decency."

To lose any of our senses would be terrible. Losing our sight would be devastating. Blind Bartimaeus had been plunged into a night of eternal darkness with no hope of ever seeing dawn. Yet from his darkness he could see the light of Jesus that day as the teacher approached him on the Jericho Road.

Jesus asks the same question in today's Gospel that we heard last week: "What do you want me to do for you?" James and John failed the test. They asked to be set above their fellow disciples. In today's gospel, blind Bartimaeus answers the question well. What do you want Jesus to do for you?

We pray for people who are blind or whose vision is impaired. May others be enriched by their gifts and their humanity.

Like Bartimaeus, may we receive new sight and new understanding, and follow Jesus with new enthusiasm.

We ask God to bless those who work with blind people, and who help give them courage for living.

Let us remember those who are sick and have asked for our prayers: for those living with chronic pain and infirmity and for their caregivers and loved ones who witness their suffering.

The Parish Book of Remembrance has been updated; those people whose funerals took place in this parish during the past twelve months (i.e., November 2017 to October 2018) have been automatically entered. The Book will be presented at the offertory during the morning Mass on All Souls Day, and will be placed on the altar during all the Masses over next weekend (3rd & 4th November).

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.

Graveyard Sunday: This takes place next Sunday (4th November) at the Spalding cemetery starting at 2.00pm. We will hold a short service, followed by the Rosary followed by the blessing of individual graves – all welcome.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of: Bunty Foster, Filippo Fusari, Dominic Bombardini, Jim Neave, Evelyn Goldsmith, George Plowman, Tym Whyte, Maureen Dumbleton, Anthony Ponting, Anna Woznicki, Mollie Nester, Edward Lewry, Colin Crunkhorn, Eugene Campbell, Luise Haacker, Rex Ashby, Michael Kelliher, Molly Porter, Gretta Willows and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

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: This programme is now closed. We will be publishing the dates of the course shortly.

FIRST AID: Our thanks to those who have volunteered to act as 'First Aiders' at each of our weekend Masses. We will arrange a course for those who need it – we will be in touch to finalise things.

Parish Finance: Last week you gave: Not Known

Second Collections During November:
24th/25th Parish Maintenance Fund

Counters Rota: This week's counters are: Joe & Karen; next week, Betty & Anita.

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING NEWS

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: *Only three weeks to go!* Thank you for your generous contributions so far. **This week**, please take an envelope or two and put some change in for the 'Money Tree' (always popular), and keep up the good work with the raffle tickets. There are more available if you have run out! Completed counterfoils and money can be brought in at any time before the 17th November.

Next week, please bring items suitable for the Tombola.

We have some posters available for anyone who can display one either at home, at work or in a local shop. Many thanks. The Christmas Fayre Team.

CURRY NIGHT: Our Indian community are hosting another Curry Night. If other similar evenings are anything to go by, this event will be very popular! Details coming soon – but, **'Save the Date' Friday, 30th November**. All proceeds from this event will go towards meeting the cost of the new heating system in church.

MEETINGS

U.C.M. - Our next meeting will be on 6th November at St. Norbert's, Spalding starting at 2.00p.m. We will be having a demonstration of hand signing for the hard of hearing. We are always looking for new members so if you would like to join, please do come along.