

Masses & Services this Week

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| Saturday 4th November | 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (People of the Parish) <i>Followed by the Rosary with the Polish community</i> |
| Sunday 5th | 8.00am Mass: (Tony Faulkner RIP) 11.00am Mass: (Valeria Bulan Manat & Deceased members of Tristan & Maria's Families RIP) 2.00pm Graveyard Service—meet at the chapel in the Spalding cemetery. |
| Monday 6th | 9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (November Dead List) 7.00pm MISSION PLANNING MEETING <i>Haris Roberts (Seminararian)</i> |
| Tuesday 7th | 8.00am Mass: (Doris Kerry RIP) 7.30pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting |
| Wednesday 8th | 6.00pm Mass: (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament) 7.00pm Annual Mass for those who have died this year RIP 7.30pm Eucharistic Ministers Meeting <i>Fr. Clement O'rango</i> |
| Thursday 9th <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> | 9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Holy Souls in Purgatory) <i>Fr. Joseph Keogh</i> |
| Friday 10th <i>St. Leo the Great</i> | 9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Philip Scott RIP) 6.00pm Lectio Divina <i>Fr. John Trenchard</i> |
| Saturday 11th <i>St. Martin of Tours</i> | <u>NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS THIS MORNING</u> 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Thierry Christian-Gnanakumar RIP) <i>Deacon David Witherick</i> |
| Sunday 12th Remembrance Sunday | 8.00am Mass: (Thelma Hare RIP) 11.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) |

With our prayers and good wishes

Fr. Jim & Deacon Dennis

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

5th November 2017 31st Sunday of the Year (A) Psalter 3

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Jesus says:

*"Call no man your father
on earth, for you have one
Father, who is in heaven."*

This Weekend: You are welcome to join us after the 4.30pm Mass to pray the Rosary for the success of our Parish Mission with the Polish congregation.

Graveyard Sunday: We will hold our annual service this afternoon at 2.00pm; meeting at the chapel within the Spalding cemetery for our Rosary and the blessing of graves.

This Wednesday, 8th November, Annual Mass for those who have died during the past twelve months. This Mass will be at the later time of 7.00pm and will be followed immediately by a meeting for our Eucharistic Ministers.

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners: Pat Brooks, Maureen van der Voet, Eric Ormond, Allison Law, Pat Saville & family, Margaret Trivett, Audrey Cook, Marcello Viglianti, Maria Dowling, Rosetta Le Compte, Elvira Choma, Ros Mullholland-Gullick, Jean Fairbanks, Rosemarie & Peter Anderton, Norma Yaxley, Tony Ball, Jesus Moniente, Linda Lawless, Susan Bertolaso, Mollie Coaten, Mary Naughton, Norman Coleman, Sylvia Hayden, Katherine McLoughlin, Patrick King, The Taylor Family, Mons. Jonathan Moore, 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, Alison Merryman-Marx, Fr. Eamonn O'Hara, Fr. Dominic O'Connor, Canon Michael Bell, Fr. Tom Breslin & Maddie Scott.

FR. OLIVER MARTIN O.Praem: We have received news from Ireland that Fr. Oliver, former parish priest, is seriously ill at this time – please, let us commend him to the Lord in our prayers.

Please also remember: John van Spyk, Antoinette Vassallo, Dr. Charles Lennon, Leonard Dowding, Bartholomew Pender, Bob Patterson, Annie Daley, Seamus Kilkenny, Vivian Charlton, Kathleen Sapsford, Paul Baldwin and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

PARISH FINANCE: Last weekend you gave: £645.73 The Parish

this sacred space the pardon which they have always desired. You comforted Mary and Martha on the death of their brother Lazarus. Console those who mourn the passing of these, our brothers and sisters.

O Holy Spirit, who by your power raised Jesus to life again, bring us to that day of our resurrection when we will be united once again with those whom we love in the unending happiness of the kingdom of God. Amen.

A Reflection: Once in a small town in Poland a young boy stood watching a gypsy as he drank from a well in the centre of the town square. After drinking, the man stood there gazing down the well, as though looking at someone. He was a giant of a man, but he had a friendly face. So the boy approached him and asked: "Who lives down there?" "God does" replied the gypsy. "Can I see him?" "Sure you can" replied the gypsy. The he took the boy into his arms, lifting him up so that he could see into the well. All the boy could see, however, was his own reflection in the water. "But that's only me," he cried in disappointment. "All I see is me!" "Ah," replied the gypsy, "now you know where God lives. He lives in you".

A Prayer for Each Day of the Week:

Sunday: I pray that I love so I will be loved.

Monday: I pray that I may try to strengthen my faith a little more day by day.

Tuesday: I pray that I may have a listening ear so that God may speak to me.

Wednesday: I pray that the power of God will help strengthen my human weakness.

Thursday: I pray that I may have trust and patience.

Friday: I pray that I may put all my difficulties into God's hands and leave them there

Saturday: I pray that I may fully trust Him to take care of them.

in the Academy are: **Primary** English Martyrs, Oakham; Our Lady of Good Counsel, Sleaford; Our Lady of Lincoln, Lincoln; St. Augustine, Stamford; St. Augustine Webster, Scunthorpe; St. Bernadette, Scunthorpe; St. Hugh, Lincoln; St. Joseph, Cleethorpes; St. Mary's, Brigg; St. Mary's, Boston; St. Mary's, Grantham; St. Mary's, Grimsby; St. Norbert's, Crowle; & St. Norbert's, Spalding. **Secondary**: St. Bede's, Scunthorpe & St. Peter & Paul's, Lincoln.

If any parishioners has any questions with regard to these changes, please submit your enquiries to: academies@nottingham-des.org.uk . Meanwhile, Peter Giorgio closes his letter to the clergy thus: 'This is an exciting time for all our schools as we take these next important steps to secure the future of Catholic education in the Diocese of Nottingham for future generations. We ask for your support and prayers for all those involved'.

Quiz Night: Fr. Jim would like to thank all those who supported the Quiz Night which realised £215.00 towards the Mission expenses.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: Thank you for the donations received so far.

This week we are **asking** for gifts for the Tombola Stall, bottles, including beer, wine and spirits; Christmas Gifts and Crafts.

Next week please bring any donations towards the Sweet and Preserve stalls, as well as any items you have pledged for the Grand Draw. Thank you! *The Christmas Fayre Committee*

PRAYING FOR THE DEAD: Whether or not one should pray for the dead is one of the great arguments which divide Christians. Appalled by the abuse of indulgences in the Church of his day, Martin Luther rejected the concept of purgatory. Yet prayer for a loved one is, for the believer, a way of erasing any distance even death. In prayer we stand in God's presence in the company of someone we love, even if that person has gone before us into death.

PRAYER - WHEN VISITING A CEMETERY: O God our creator and redeemer, grant to all the souls of your departed servants buried in

Maintenance Fund realised £305.75 - Thank you.

We have also received from Norma: £250.00 from the sale of Teas & Coffee after the 11.00am Mass

£85 from the sale of books—all proceeds from both the Teas & Coffee and the sale of books will go into parish funds—thank you to everyone who helps and/or supports Norma's fundraising events for the parish.

Thank you: Fr. Jim wishes to acknowledge the receipt the donation of £100 to our Maintenance Fund—this added to the donation received last weekend (also £100) take the total received last month for our various projects to £505.75—thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

Forthcoming collections in November:

25th/26th: Parish Maintenance Fund

Counters & Bankers: We have received a new directive from Lloyds Bank via the Diocesan Finance Department—Katherine will notify you of these changes shortly.

Counter's Rota: This weekend, Norma & Margaret—next weekend: Teresa & Martin.

Meetings This Week:

MONDAY: 7.00pm MISSION PLANNING MEETING in the Walsingham Chapel

TUESDAY: 7.30pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY: 7.30pm Meeting with our Eucharistic Ministers in the Walsingham Chapel.

MISSION 2018: Time is marching on! We are now calling **all** our volunteers to come forward as we start getting down to the 'nitty-gritty' preparation for our Parish Mission. We are delighted that we

have noticed some new faces within our congregations—and, we would be delighted to welcome you to become involved in the preparations for the Mission—what better way to meet your fellow parishioners? Our Mission co-ordinator, Mary Hurst, has put together the following agenda for our meeting tomorrow (Monday) evening at 7.00pm in the Walsingham Chapel:

1. Opening Prayer
 2. Apologies
 3. Update on Coordinators' contact details
 4. Leaders of sub-teams where necessary
 5. Task groups: to organise own meetings
 6. Noticeboard
 7. Prayer leaflet
 8. Christmas Newsletter
 9. Finalise Week 1 and Week 2 Mission Programmes
 10. Reports from any groups not covered in the above
- Closing prayer

LYRICS (still) REQUIRED! Brian Stout, our Music Co-ordinator needs 'words', 'sentences' that will inspire him to compose a song for our mission. Ideas warmly received. Thanks to those who have already responded—contact Brian direct on 01775 768249, or you can hand in your ideas and contributions to the parish office—thank you.

Website: Fr. Jim would love to hear from anyone who would be willing to help keep the parish website up-to-date and 'current' especially with news relating to the mission—if you would be able to help, please contact Fr. Jim directly either in person or by email: fr.jim@stnorberts.org.uk—thank you.

Dates for your Diaries:

5th **Graveyard Sunday:** Assemble at 2.00pm in the Spalding ceme-

tery (near the chapel) for the Rosary and the blessing of individual graves. All those who have died during the year will be mentioned by name—everyone welcome to attend.

6th 7.00pm Full Mission Team Meeting in the Walsingham Chapel— please see the notice in this week's newsletter.

7th UCM Monthly meeting here in Spalding at 2.00pm— all ladies welcome to attend. Please see the notice in this week's newsletter.

7.30pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting

8th 6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7.00pm Annual Mass for those who have died during the past 12 months.

7.30pm Fr. Jim will meet with our Eucharistic Ministers

11th **No morning Mass or Confessions this morning**

4.30pm Fr. Stan will be celebrating this Mass today.

12th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

11.00am Mass today for all those who have died in war or through acts of violence and terrorism.

15th NO MASS IN CHURCH TODAY

9.30am Parishioners are welcome to join Year 6 for their Class Mass in St. Norbert's School today.

16th Mass today will be at the earlier time of 9.00am today

Clergy Deanery Meeting taking place in Sleaford today.

22nd 6.00pm Mass for all our Benefactors, Living & Deceased

25th CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2017— Doors open at 12.00pm

26th The Solemnity of Christ the King— the last Sunday of the liturgical year and National Youth Sunday

ST. NORBERT'S SCHOOL: No doubt you will remember Bishop Patrick wrote a pastoral letter to all parishes throughout the Diocese on Education Sunday announcing significant changes to how our Catholic schools will be governed in the future. Mr. Peter Giorgio has written to the diocesan clergy providing an update to the progress being made. The Diocese has formed four new Multi Academy Trusts; St. Norbert's comes under the '**St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Multi-Academy Trust**'. St. Norbert's is in the process of converting to Multi-Academy status, and will function as part of the Academy from the 1st September 2018. The other schools