

Masses & Services this Week

Saturday 3rd November	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Norah van der Voet RIP)
Sunday 4th	8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 11.00am Mass: (Thierry Christian Gnanakumar RIP) 2.00pm Graveyard Service (Meet at the chapel in the grounds of the cemetery) <i>This service will take place in church if inclement weather.</i>
Monday 5th	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (November Dead List)
Tuesday 6th	9.00am Mass: (November Dead List) 11.00am GDPR Parish Meeting in the Hall 7.30pm GDPR Parish Meeting in the Hall
Wednesday 7th	6.00pm Mass: (November Dead List)
Thursday 8th	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (November Dead List) Rosary (For the Holy Souls in Purgatory)
Friday 9th <i>Dedication of the St. John Lateran Basilica</i>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (November Dead List)
Saturday 10th <i>St. Leo the Great</i>	9.00am Mass: (Kuriakose Thelakadan RIP) Confessions 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Vigil Mass: (Brian Cowan RIP)
Sunday 11th <i>32nd Sunday of the Year</i> Remembrance Sunday	8.00am Mass: (Thierry Christian Gnanakumar RIP) 11.00am Remembrance Day Mass

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

4th November 2018

31st Sunday of the Year (B)

Psalter 3

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Graveyard Sunday 2018

Today is Graveyard Sunday: As this newsletter is being prepared we are not sure of the weather conditions. If there is adverse weather, we will hold this service in church at 2.00pm; if it is possible, we will go to the cemetery as planned. If we are able to hold the service in the cemetery, we will meet at the chapel for a short service and the Rosary followed by the individual blessing of graves.

Here is the list of those we shall remember by name: Fr. Pelgroms, Fr. Barney Brady, Sr. Theresa Anne, Melanie Smith, Mary Slater, Petrus Witteman, Terence Lee, Rosemary Edwards, Monsignor Edward Walker, Wayne Baxter, Fr. Adrian Chatterton, Patricia Powney, Petrus van der Werf, Monsignor Tony Philpot, Derek MacKenzie, Jean Kirby, Oskar Lagtapon, Margaret Burke, Valeria Bulan Manat, Tym Whyte, Colin Crunkhorn (snr), Antoinette Vassallo, Dr. Charles Lennon, Norah van der Voet, Mary Burns, Peter Hurst, Agatha Tabone Ferrante, Peter Gibbons, Susan Bacon, Master Frankie Joe Smith, Nancy Hodge, Maggie Banks, Ruth Brend, Thelma Hare, Helen Beggs, Woldodmyr Mysak, Mary Clarke, George Porter, Dan Loughry, Rita Martino, Reg Brooks, Sylvia McIntosh, Robert Baden Smith, Raphael Vassallo, Tony Faulkner, Bob Goemans, Jean Swann, Thomas Chozhiath, Colin Crunkhorn (jnr), Carmelo Gallo, Mandy Beecham, Lyder O'Neill, Joseph McKeown, Madge Rankin, Bridget Chattell, Maureen van der Voet, Pat Brooks, Margaret Inglis, Antonio Pachero, Pat McGilloway, Jem Grimwood, Ken Battley, Sagitas Raizys, Gerard Jackson, Michal Orłowski, Bernie Blades, Nicholas Tooke, John Wilson, Mary Brady, Ronald & Edna Scott, Philip Scott, May Stokes, James & Joan Dorgan, Mike McDonald, Peter Robinson, Peter Lambert, Bernard Brennan, Francis Michie, Theodore Choma, Roger McKue & Rebecca Faulkner.

THIS WEEK

Heating: Delays have been caused by British Gas, they could not install the new gas meter because they forgot to order the required kiosk, what was a minor setback, has become quite an issue. The company who are building and installing the control system are also behind in their work, but there should be some temporary heat in the church this weekend. Again, we thank you for your patience whilst work is ongoing; we will keep you updated.

Tuesday: GDPR PARISH MEETINGS: This is a very important meeting for all our parishioners. Under the new legislation relating to

Justice and Peace Assembly - The Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission's Annual Assembly and AGM takes place **next Saturday** (10 November) **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.

A Lithuanian Prayer when visiting a cemetery:

Dear souls of the dead, you are still remembered by my family; you are most worthy of our perpetual remembrance, especially you, my grandparents, my parents, also our relatives, children, and everyone whom death took away from our home.

I invite you to this annual feast. We pray that this feast be agreeable to you, just like the memory of you is to us. Amen.

how to apply for funding. This event will be taking place in our Community Hall on Thursday, 15th November from 9.30am to 3.30pm (lunch provided) if you would be interested in this, please see Fr. Jim as soon as possible.

Parish Social & Fundraising Events

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: *Only two weeks to go!* Thank you for your generous contributions so far. **This week**, we need items suitable for the Tombola. 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.

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.

Notices

Right to Life: *(Repeated from last week)* 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 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.

Data Protection, we will not be able to contact you in the future without your written consent—even if we know you. The legislation came into being in May 2018; but given the size of the Diocese, we have been given a little extra time to implement the changes, but the Diocesan Trustees expect all parishes to be fully compliant by Christmas.

Anthony Grunwell will give two presentations this Tuesday at 11.00am & 7.30pm explaining the new legislation—this should take approximately an hour, and afterwards we invite you to register with us, which will allow us to stay in touch. Anthony will explain everything at the meeting, **please do your best to attend one of these meetings.**

U.C.M. - Our next meeting will this coming Tuesday, 6th November, here in St. Norbert's, 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.

NOTICES

Pre-Baptism Programme: Deacon Dennis will lead our next pre-Baptism programme which begins **next Sunday** (11th) and concludes the following Sunday (18th November). Both sessions begin at 4.00pm, and will last no longer than 90 minutes. 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 are now working on the programme and will shortly be ordering the course resources that we need. We will keep you updated.

FIRST AID: We do have this matter in hand, and we will be contacting volunteers shortly—thank you.

November Masses for the Dead: Envelopes are still 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.

Parish Finance: Last week you gave: £691.49. The second collection for the Maintenance Fund realised: £286.35.

Thank you: Fr. Jim acknowledges the anonymous donation of £400.00, also for our Maintenance Fund.

Second Collections During November:

24th/25th Parish Maintenance Fund

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

The Parish Pastoral Council: We held a very successful 'extraordinary' meeting of the new PPC during which we discussed some changes we will be implementing in the future, with the emphasis being very much on the pastoral nature of the council. Anthony is preparing a precis of Fr. Jim's discussion paper, which will be shared in a later edition of this newsletter. Some ministries are not represented, and a very small number have not acknowledged the invitation to join.

The next full meeting of the new PPC will take place on Monday, 3rd December at 7.00pm and it will also include the annual AGM.

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.

Liturgy Committee: We discussed the importance of trying, once again, to establish a Liturgy Committee. This is open to all ministries and groups in the parish; indeed, it is for anyone who would like to have future input to our parish liturgies. Fr. Jim would like to call a meeting to discuss arrangements for our celebration of Christ the King Sunday (National Youth Sunday) which takes place on Sunday, 25th November and our celebration of Advent and Christmas. Our

first meeting will take place on Monday, 12th November at 7.00pm in the Walsingham Chapel. Please come along if you would like to be involved.

The Former Methodist Church: For those of you who may have missed last weekend's announcement, the Diocesan Trustees have purchased the church on behalf of our parish. Since the announcement has been made, contracts have been exchanged – this took place last Friday at noon, and the transaction must be completed no later than the 16th November.

The church building has been purchased outright with funds provided by Mr. Peter Borst; this gift was given unconditionally meaning that as parish property, and funds generated through the former church building belong entirely to this parish. Whilst we are still looking at various options/uses for this building, it is hoped that it will be used to provide services for the wider local community, and we are actively working with local authorities and various charitable organisations to achieve this. In the coming weeks we will be sharing with you some of the services we have been looking at, and we hope to convene an open meeting of the parish to discuss these ideas – and others. We also hope to engage with our neighbours and other possible investors.

Fr. Jim wishes to thank Peter, his wife, and their family for their very kind and generous gift to the parish; not only have they provided the funds for the building and all associated costs, the balance of their donation, at least £50,000.00, will be put towards the refurbishment of the former church.

More information to follow.

Our project for the former Methodist chapel needs your help! As Fr. Jim mentioned in his announcement last weekend, it is hoped that the former chapel will be put to some community use. **We need volunteers who would be willing to assist us to apply for funding.** Lincolnshire County Council are organising a full day workshop about various funding opportunities, which will include advice on