

Masses & Services this Week

Saturday 10th November	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Brian Cowan RIP)
Sunday 11th	8.00am Mass: (Thierry Christian Gnanakumar RIP) 11.00am Mass: (In Remembrance) 4.00pm Pre-Baptism Programme (Part One)
Monday 12th <i>St. Josaphat</i>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (November Dead List) 7.00pm Liturgy Meeting in the Presbytery
Tuesday 13th	8.00am Mass: (Norah Vandervoet RIP)
Wednesday 14th	6.00pm Mass: (Our Benefactors—Living & Deceased)
Thursday 15th	8.30am Mass: (November Dead List)
Friday 16th	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (November Dead List)
Saturday 17th <i>St. Hugh of Lincoln</i>	9.00am Mass (November Dead List) Confessions 12.00pm Christmas Fayre 2018—in the Hall 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Vigil Mass: (Private Intention)
Sunday 18th <i>33rd Sunday of the Year (B)</i> <i>'World Day of the Poor'</i>	8.00am Mass: (Wladyslana Czyrkowska RIP) 11.00am Mass: (Bridget Thomas RIP) 4.00pm Pre-Baptism Programme (Part Two)

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

11th November 2018 32nd Sunday of the Year (B) Psalter 4

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Today is Remembrance Sunday, marking one hundred years since the end of the first World War. We unite with Christians all over the world in paying tribute to those who gave their lives for our freedom. Let us not forget that there are other service men and women who continue to give their lives in military service; we pray for them this weekend. Let us also remember the families of those who were killed in battle, some who are still mourning the loss of loved ones. And, finally, let us never stop praying for peace throughout our troubled world.

ANTHEM FOR DOOMED YOUTH

"What passing-bells for these who die as cattle?
Only the monstrous anger of the guns.
Only the stuttering rifles' rapid rattle
Can patter out their hasty orisons.

No mockeries now for them; no prayers nor bells;
Nor any voice of mourning save the choirs,
The shrill, demented choirs of wailing shells;
And bugles calling for them from sad shires.

What candles may be held to speed them all?
Not in the hands of boys, but in their eyes
Shall shine the holy glimmers of goodbyes.
The pallor of girls' brows shall be their pall;
Their flowers the tenderness of patient minds,
And each slow dusk a drawing-down of blinds."

Wilfred Owen.

We shall be remember all the fallen in all our Masses this weekend, but will be offering our 11.00am Mass today for those who have lost their lives in the last two World Wars and in more recent conflicts. May they rest in peace.

This body should take precedence over all other church related committees in the parish – this is because the whole purpose of the parish is about **pastoral ministry**.

The Parish Finance Committee (PFC):

The finance committee are a group of people who advise the priest in the **material administration** of the parish – preparing budgets, overseeing maintenance matters and fundraising. The work of the PFC is:

- Assisting the PP draw up an accurate inventory of parish property and equipment;
- Assist the PP to draw up an annual parish budget of income and expenditure.
- Assist the PP in preparing the parish account books;
- Helping to safeguard parish property and assets.

The Parish Liturgy Committee (PLC).

According to the norms, the PLC is to 'promote a more worthy, fruitful and prayerful celebration of the Church's liturgy in the parish. It does this by encouraging and facilitating a more full and active participation by all in the celebration of the liturgy.

Thank you, Anthony, for this – part two and three are to follow! The restructuring of the PPC is a direct result of our parish mission earlier in the year, we must not forget this, and we will be organising more post mission meetings in the near future. Please also note that there will be a meeting for those who would like to have more input into our parish liturgy tomorrow, Monday, evening at 7.00pm.

We will remember



SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING NEWS

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! Tickets are expected to be on sale from this weekend. All proceeds from this event will go towards meeting the cost of the new heating system in church.

The Parish Pastoral Council: Fr. Jim gave a brief address at the recent extra ordinary meeting of the PPC. Some of those present felt that this should be shared with the parish. Here, Anthony Grunwell, has produced a precis of that presentation – this is ‘Part One’.

Parish Pastoral Council (Part 1)

Precis of notes read out at PPC on Monday 29th October 2018

It is important to realise that every parish needs structures to help advise and support the parish priest in fulfilling his role. With this in mind, everyone has a voice in the parish and will be gratefully heard in their efforts to see the parish run successfully and in line with all the new directives coming out, not least from the Diocese and The Bishops Conference of England & Wales.

All good structures and support groups regularly evaluate their performance and vision and I think it is right that we do so now with the PPC.

What should a PPC cover:

- Proclaiming the word of God;
- Celebrating the Eucharist and the Sacraments
- Instructing the faithful
- Educating the young in Christian values
- Promoting social justice
- Reaching out to the poor and the elderly
- Comforting the sick and the dying
- Leading people into communion with God through prayer and example (Cs. 528-530)

Also Today: Part One of our Pre-Baptism Programme begins today at 4.00pm and concludes next weekend – Deacon Dennis will be leading this programme.

Monday: Liturgy meeting – this meeting is for anyone who would like to help prepare our Sunday liturgies during the season of Advent. Please come along to the Presbytery at 7.00pm.

Wednesday: Fr. Jim would like to meet with those who are willing to help lead the Confirmation programme that is soon to start – the meeting will take place in the Parish Office at 7.00pm.

Thursday: Mass today will be at 8.30am. **The Parish Office will be closed today** as Katherine will be attending a training day in our Community Hall, organised by Lincolnshire County Council.

Saturday, 17th November:

Christmas Fair 2018 – This is our major fundraising event of the year! **The festive fun gets underway at 12.00 noon until 4.00pm. Admission is FREE!**

A note from the Committee: Many thanks for all the contributions so far. There are still some raffle tickets available - please take a book or two and sell them. There are also some squares left on the Christmas Hamper raffle so please sign up for the chance to win a fantastic hamper full of goodies. **This week we are asking for items for pets and gardening, and at the end of the week, before the Fayre, please contribute cakes, buns, etc. for the cake stall.** Above all, please persuade friends, neighbours, and anyone else you know to come along **next Saturday (17th November).**

Don't buy any more Christmas presents until you have been to the Fayre - you never know, you might find the perfect gifts!

Next Sunday is the Day of Prayer for the Poor.

Confirmation 2018: This programme is now closed. We hope to have more information about this in next weekend's newsletter.

FIRST AID: Would all those who volunteered to be identified as our 'First Aider's' please contact Fr. Jim as soon as possible. He would just like to check who needs to attend a First Aid course – thank you.

GDPR: Our thanks to Anthony Grunwell who gave two excellent presentations last Tuesday. Our thanks to those who came along; sadly, many didn't, and this does create a lot of extra work for us before Christmas. If you do not register with us, it is unlawful for us to contact you! We urge you, especially those of you who belong to groups and organisations in the parish to register with us.

The Former Methodist Chapel: We will officially take possession of the former chapel this Friday (16th November). There are a few things we would like to do before we invite you all for a cuppa and a look around – more details in next week's newsletter.

Heating Works: The programme controller should be fitted this week. Futureheat still have some work to do in the church. Unfortunately, British Gas are still holding up progress. We agreed what works needed to be carried out back in August and we paid in advance so that we could escalate our order, it seems they have only just realised that we do need to move the existing gas pipes – this could be a long wait. We are doing everything possible to resolve the issue.

Parish Finance: Last week you gave: £671.04 – Thank you.

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

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

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound members of the Parish.
Your prayers have been requested for Jean Fairbanks.

Please remember, under the new GDPR legislation, we cannot publish names of our sick and housebound parishioners without their expressed ('written') permission. If you wish to request the prayers of the parish, please do get in

touch with Katherine in the Parish Office, or one of the clergy – thank you.

Thank you: Jo & John Baguley would like to thank parishioners for their prayers and their concern for John during his recent stay in hospital.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of: John Hayward, Madge Rankin, John van Spyk, Antoinette Vassallo, Dr. Charles Lennon, Leonard Dowding, Bartholomew Pender, Bob Patterson, Annie Daley, Seamus Kilkenny, Stuart Herd, Pauline Crowe, Anna Maria Luker, Norah Vandervoet, Mary Burns, Tony Czura, Eileen Stronghill and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

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.

This Wednesday, 14th November, we will be holding our annual Mass for all our benefactors, living and deceased. Please, do your best to attend at 6.00pm. *(This Mass was originally advertised in our monthly calendar as being celebrated at 7.00pm, but owing to other commitments, we have reverted back to the usual time of 6.00pm).*

Wednesday, 28th November, we will hold our annual Mass for all those who have died during the past year.

Right to Life: Following on from Bishop Patrick's request for parishes to promote respect for life issues, we would like 2019 to be a special year to celebrate life in our parish. We would like this year to be a celebration of all life from conception to those who are in, as they say, the Autumn of their life, and everything in between! It is our hope to commence the year with a focus on the unborn – this will be introduced on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent; 16th December. For more information, please see Fr. Jim.