

## Masses & Services this Week

<b>Saturday 18th November</b>	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (November Dead List)
<b>Sunday 19th</b>	8.00am Mass: (Ferraro Family RIP) 11.00am Mass: (People of the Parish)
<b>Monday 20th</b>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Holy Souls in Purgatory) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <i>Deacon Anthony Cordes</i>
<b>Tuesday 21st</b> <i>The Presentation of the BVM</i>	8.00am Mass: (November Dead List) <i>Fr. Kevin Gradwell</i>
<b>Wednesday 22nd St. Cecilia</b>	6.00pm Mass: (For our Benefactors—Living & Deceased) Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Thursday 23rd</b>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (November Dead List) <i>Fr. Dominic Saji IC</i>
<b>Friday 24th</b> <i>St. Andrew Dung-Lac &amp; Companions</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Norah van der Voet RIP) 6.00pm Lectio Divina <i>Canon Peter Coyle RIP</i>
<b>Saturday 25th</b>	9.00am Mass: (November Dead List) (Confessions) <b>12.00pm CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2017</b> <b>In our Community Hall—Please support!</b> 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Gertie Kennedy RIP) <i>Deacon David Baccas</i>
<b>Sunday 26th</b> <i>34th Sunday Christ the King</i>	8.00am Mass: (Marinaro Family RIP) 11.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 3.00 to 4.00pm Silent Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

*With our prayers and good wishes*

*Fr. Jim & Deacon Dennis*

## PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

**19th November 2017 33rd Sunday of the Year (A) Psalter 1**

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Love not in word  
but in deed

November 19, 2017

- POPE FRANCIS

**“BLESSED ARE THE  
OPEN HANDS THAT  
EMBRACE THE POOR  
AND HELP THEM: THEY  
ARE HANDS THAT  
BRING HOPE.”**

**This Sunday is the first 'World Day of the Poor'.** Pope Francis has instituted this new day as a way of inviting us to understand that sharing with those living in poverty *"enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel"*. In his message for the World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis asks all of us, whatever our means, to unite in love and in acts of service to one another. He explains: *"It is my wish that ... Christian communities will make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance."* Please consider how you can create moments of encounter and friendship today.

**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.

**Please Pray** for the happy repose of the soul of Mrs. Bernie Wilkinson, who passed away in St. John's Nursing Home on the 12th November. May she rest in peace.

**Please also remember:** Peter Hurst, Tiffany Elliott, Derek Storey, Philip Scott, Jane Walker and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

**The Funeral Arrangements for Madge Rankin:** Madge's Funeral Service will take place on **Monday, 27th November at 1.00pm** here in our church. Madge worked in St. Norbert's School for more than 20 years and it was her wish to return to Spalding. May she rest in peace.

**PARISH FINANCE:** Last weekend you gave: £692.90 – Thank you.

arms straight out for more than a full minute! Next, I started putting a few potatoes in the sacks, but I would caution you not to overdo it at this level!



**NEXT SATURDAY—25TH NOVEMBER  
IN OUR COMMUNITY HALL**

*Please come & give us your support!*

**DOORS OPEN AT 12.00PM**



A Jolly Santa Claus

part of the gathering, including the Final Mass on 26th August. Details of attending and registering for the Meeting, are available on the WMoF website: <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>

**THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS** (*Repeated from last weekend*) is taking place in Liverpool from the 7th to the 9th September 2018. Our original five places have all been taken, but I have been advised that more places are available on a 'first come, first served' basis; so we are placing our original 'sign up' sheet back in the Narthex, and it would be useful if you could sign up if you wish to attend as soon as possible, please.

**CONFIRMATION:** Bishop Patrick is due to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish during 2019. We would normally begin our preparation for this in September 2018; however, as we are having a mission next year we have decided to recruit earlier than usual, and we will welcome applications early next year. So, young people currently in Year 6 or higher should begin to think seriously if they wish to be confirmed in 2019. More details in the new year. (Note: We have not been given a date for Confirmation yet).

**Pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal May 17th-21st 2018:** Fr Paul Lloyd, the Parish Priest of Holy Trinity in Holbeach, is organising a pilgrimage to Fatima for the above dates. It is for 5 days, 4 nights in a 3-star hotel, half-board. The cost of £479 includes flights (Luton), coach transfers and guided visits to places of interest. For more information or to book please visit: [www.holytrinityparish.org.uk](http://www.holytrinityparish.org.uk) or contact Fr Paul directly on: 01406 423402 or 07773 207974.

*Finally:* I thought I would let you, my friends, in on a little secret I've found for building my arm and shoulder muscles. You might wish to adopt this regimen. Three days a week works well.

I start by standing outside behind the house and, with a 5-pound potato sack in each hand, extend my arms straight out to my sides and hold them there as long as I can. After a few weeks I moved up to 10-pound potato sacks, then 50-pound potato sacks and finally I got to where I could lift a 100-pound potato sack in each hand and hold my

### **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, Joe & Anna—next weekend: Betty & Anita.

**An Apology** to those who attended the 4.30pm Mass last Sunday. I was originally given the 18th November as the date for a family wedding, but this was changed to the 11th—which I assumed Fr. Stan had changed in his diary, hence the mix-up. Sincere thanks to Fr. Daniel for stepping in and sorry for the late start. (Fr. Jim)

Fr. Stan also sends his apologies for the mix-up, and Fr. Daniel thanks everyone for your welcome—and says he hopes to celebrate Mass with you again in the future.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** We would like to re-introduce the Children's Liturgy during the 11.00am Mass—but we need helpers. If we get sufficient helpers, our hope is to begin on the First Sunday of Advent, 3rd December. If you would be willing to help, please speak to Anne Darragh or Rebecca Le Camplain; alternatively, speak to Fr. Jim or Deacon Dennis and they will put you in touch with Anne & Rebecca.

**CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER:** (*Repeated from last week*) As we look forward to the parish mission, we have decided to produce a special edition of our newsletter this year. St. Norbert's School are already on board and they will be contributing to the newsletter—and we would like any parishioner to share an interesting story about the parish or perhaps your memories of the last or previous mission. We would also welcome some seasonal poems, maybe a Christmas recipe—and photographs! You can send any contributions to Katherine in the Parish Office ([admin@stnorberts.org.uk](mailto:admin@stnorberts.org.uk)). Thanks in anticipation! **All contributions to reach us by Monday, 27th**

**November, please.**

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** We have been asked to take the second collection to decorate the church for Christmas on the weekend of the First Sunday of Advent (2nd & 3rd December).

*(Repeated from last week)* **November**, as well as being the month of the Holy Souls and remembering those who have died in battle or tragically is also a time when many solicitors are promoting 'Free Wills' - the idea being that the solicitor's help you prepare your will in the hope that you will support one of their chosen charities. There is an organisation called 'Your Catholic Legacy'. This organisation charges each diocese a membership fee to join the campaign. They then supply enquirer's with details on how to leave a legacy to the Catholic Church or to a particular diocese. The Diocese of Nottingham has **NOT** joined this initiative, but it has produced its own leaflet on how parishioners can leave a legacy to the Diocese or to a specific parish in the Diocese of Nottingham. These leaflets are available at the back of the church. Alternatively, you can discuss this matter in complete confidence with Fr. Jim.

**Planning your funeral in the Catholic Church:** *(Repeated from last week)* Some years ago a document was prepared to help Catholics to leave instructions for their funeral arrangements. Once the form is completed they are usually kept with one's will or in some other safe place. The forms are available from the back of church or the Parish Office, free of charge.

**IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER:** O Eternal Father !You are the glory of the faithful; You are the life of the just. We have been redeemed by the death and resurrection of your Son. Grant that our departed sisters and brothers, who confessed their belief in the mystery of our resurrection, may be found worthy to share in the joys and the blessings of the life to come. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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!"

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** *Is taking place next Saturday, 25th November!*

**This week we are asking** you to bring in all raffle ticket counterfoils and any monies outstanding. *Now is a good opportunity for you to look around and see if you have anything that we can sell at the Fayre next Saturday!* Please hand in any items to the Parish Office or the Presbytery – thanking you in advance.

*Please note we are not having a Bric-a-Brac or clothing stall this year, so please do not bring in any used items, thank you.*

**LITHUANIAN MASS:** *(Repeated from last week)* Fr. Andrejus will celebrate Mass for our Lithuanian community on Saturday, 9th December at 2.00pm. If successful, this could become a monthly event in our calendar. We already have two Masses per week in Polish and we have a monthly Syro-Malabar Mass, and this is a wonderful opportunity for our Lithuanian community to have a regular Mass in our parish. For more information about this first Mass on the 9th December, please feel free to contact Fr. Andrejus directly on 07443 998275.

**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES:** *(Repeated from last weekend)* On 21 August 2017, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin launched the preparation year for the World Meeting of Families which is due to take place in Dublin next summer from the **21st to the 26th August 2018**. Pope Francis has indicated his intention to be present for the last