

Masses & Services this Week

Saturday 17th November	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Private Intention)
Sunday 18th	8.00am Mass: (Wladyslana Czyrkowska RIP) 11.00am Mass: (Bridget Thomas RIP) 4.00pm Pre-Baptism Programme (Part Two)
Monday 19th	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (People of the Parish) <small>AM</small>
Tuesday 20th	8.00am Mass: (Rita Vella & Family RIP)
Wednesday 21st <i>The Presentation of the BVM</i>	6.00pm Mass: (November Dead List)
Thursday 22nd <i>St. Cecilia</i>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (November Dead List) Rosary (For our Parish November Dead List)
Friday 23rd	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Norah van der Voet RIP) 7.00pm Prayer Group in the Walsingham Chapel
Saturday 24th <i>St. Andrew Dung-Lac</i>	12.00pm Mass (The Baptism of Davina Delon will take place during this Mass) 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Vigil Mass: (Gertie Kennedy RIP) <i>Tea & Coffee served in the former chapel after Mass</i>
Sunday 25th <i>34th Sunday of the Year</i> Christ the King Sunday	8.00am Mass: (Jem Grimwood RIP) 11.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) <i>Tea & Coffee will be served in the former chapel after both morning Masses today.</i>

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed this week. Katherine is on holiday this week, so if you need to book a Mass, or for any other matters, please see Fr. Jim.

Wishing you, and all you hold dear, every blessing

Fr. Jim & Deacon Dennis

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

18th November 2018 33rd Sunday of the Year (B) Psalter 1

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Safeguarding Parish Co-ordinator: Awaiting Appointment



Today is The World Day of Prayer for the Poor: The theme chosen by Pope Francis this year is: *'The poor man cried and the Lord heard him'*. Sometimes it can be so tempting to block our ears and shut our eyes to the needs of the poor around us. In various conversations I have been part of recently is the growing concerns of the rising numbers of homeless people living on the streets of Spalding—I had no idea that the situation was so serious. The Agape Foodbank, organised through the Lighthouse Church, tells a story of the local situation, too. Our own initiative, Julia's Fund, now approaching its 10th year of existence, has been very much in demand. Sometimes we think of places like London and Manchester and tend to associate the poor with these larger cities—but the poor are here living among us.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all that you do to support all those in need.

God bless you,

Fr. Jim

Welcome: We welcome Fr. Casimir from Kazakhstan who will be with us for the 11.00am Mass this weekend. Fr. Casimir is a regular visitor to Spalding and to our parish.

Second Collection this weekend for our Parish Maintenance Fund.

Pre-Baptism Programme concludes this afternoon at 4.00pm.

The Former Methodist Church: Fr. Jim is pleased to announce that we have completed the purchase of the former Methodist Church and we took full possession of the building last Friday, 16th November. There are a few things that need to be done before we can open the doors—and these will be done this week. **We need some volunteers to help with the cleaning of the building—if you can help us, please contact Judy Flynn on 07774 260853**

Next Weekend, after all the weekend Masses,(24th/25th November) you are invited to go to the chapel and join us for tea and coffee and to

parish; to recommend and to help implement policies and programmes which will enable the parish to live out the demands of the gospel in its day-to-day life.

It is advisory to the priest in all areas of pastoral concern within the parish. Though the priest is not bound to follow the advice of the PPC, even if it is unanimous, nevertheless, he is not to act against it, especially if it is unanimous.

Parish Finance Committee (PFC)

The PFC is distinct from any fundraising committee. There must be at least four members on this committee (two of them must be women) plus the parish priest who acts as 'Chair'. Maintenance of the church and surrounding property will come under this group.

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. The committee sets about achieving these aims through a variety of ways:

Sunday Eucharist

The Seasons and their different celebrations

Co-ordination of Ministries

Other celebrations eg: Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy-Communion and weddings and Funerals

Para-Liturgies

Safeguarding and GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations).

Taking care of each other and protecting our information and privacy is very important to parish life in general.

(Anthony Grunwell)

In the nearly 30 years since I came to Spalding, I have met many people with different outlooks on life, but all with a similar caring core to their personalities. Some I got on well with, others I didn't and vice versa! But we could all work together to achieve the tasks being undertaken.

It has been a privilege to work with the schools in the area as Headteacher, governor or hearing school appeals. It is a wonderful experience to be able to work with young people helping them to develop in all aspects of their lives, to see them making a success of that difficult job of growing up and becoming able to take their places comfortably in adult society.

I was grateful to members of the Parish who gave me warm support when my husband, Peter, died. It helped me through a difficult time. I hope that I find a similarly caring community at the Church of the Holy Family in Adel, Leeds.

I shall not miss the flatness of the Fens, though it has some dramatic features. I am looking forward again to be among the hills of the north in God's own county!

God bless you all, the Glead girls who now have families of their own, the children and staff of St Norbert's Academy, parishioners and of course Fr Jim and Deacon Dennis. I shall miss you all, but will remember you in my prayers.

The Mission goes on!

Mary Hurst nee Moorhouse

Parish Pastoral Council (Part 2)

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

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC).

The purpose of the PPC is to study and research the needs of the

have a look around the building – some of the working party will be around too.

On Monday, 3rd December, the Parish Pastoral Council will hold its AGM at 7.00pm. During this meeting the Working Party will hold an 'open' meeting for parishioners only during which they will share the work they have been doing and talk about the project we are currently pursuing – and will be delighted to answer your questions and receive your comments. Please, do your best to be there. More details next week.

Heating Works – Apart from the delay caused by British Gas, we expect the major work to be completed by this weekend,

NOTICES

Confirmation 2019: Important announcement; The Enrolment Mass will take place on the Second Sunday of Advent (9th December) at 11.00am. There will be a meeting for candidates and their parents after Mass – this meeting will take place in the old chapel.

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: Many thanks to those who have returned their completed registration forms; 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 asap.

The Prayer Group will be meeting at 7pm in the Walsingham Chapel . All welcome to join in Prayer and Praise.

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

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.

Please Pray: It is with sadness that we inform you of the death of **Fr. Tom Murray**. Formerly a priest of the Diocese of East Anglia, and formerly of All Souls and then in St. Oswald's, Peterborough. Fr. Tom transferred from East Anglia to Amsterdam, where he was incardinated into that Diocese, and ministered there for many years. Sadly, he died on the 2nd November, and was laid to rest on the 9th November. I know that some of our parishioners have fond memories of Fr. Tom from his years in Peterborough. (Fr, Jim)

It is also with great sadness that we announce the death of **David Edwards**. David worked for Charles Farris Ltd, suppliers of our candles and other sundaries. David was a devout Catholic – and had a great affection for priests, and, indeed, a great friend to many. David helped us in many ways...if something needed repairing or you needed specialised work, if he could not supply it through the company he worked for, he would always find a solution. He occasionally attended Mass here and joined us on our pilgrimage to Fatima. He had a particular love for this parish, and all of us who knew him, mourn his loss. David died at his home in Wisbech on the 13th November.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them – may they rest in peace. Amen.

Please also pray for: Peter Hurst, Tiffany Elliott, Derek Storey, Philip Scott 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.

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

Parish Social & Fundraising Events

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: *As this newsletter is being prepared we are looking forward to our annual Christmas Fayre. Fr. Jim wishes to thank the 'Christmas Fayre Team' for their support and all their hard work; thank you to all of you who have supported them in any way – not least those who will come along on the day. Usually, the proceeds from the Fayre are for parish funds, but this year all the proceeds will go towards the new heating system that has been installed, which (inclusive of VAT) is a little over £50,000.00. If you were unable to support the Fayre, any contributions, no matter how small, will be gratefully received to help us meet the costs; as you know, there is more urgent work that needs to be done, so your help will be most appreciated.*

A fuller report on the Christmas Fayre will appear in next week's newsletter.

Our next 'Big Event'! CURRY NIGHT! Our thanks to our Indian parishioners who are our hosts on Friday, 30th November from 6.00 to 9>30pm. **Tickets are now on sale! Adult ticket: £9.99; children and young people aged 5 to 12 years: £5.99** (children under 5 eat free). The Bar will be open. All proceeds from this event will go towards the cost of the heating works. *Please support!*

PARISH FINANCE: Last week you gave: £771.56 – Thank you.

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

JULIA'S FUND: Our thanks to Mike van der Weyden who in consultation with various disbanded groups within the parish, have donated the very generous sum of £2,365.22 to our Julia Fund.

A Message from Mary: I should like to thank all the people who have given me their good wishes as I leave the Parish for the next phase of my life.