

## Masses & Services this Week

<b>Saturday 24th November</b>	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Gertie Kennedy RIP) Tea & Coffee will be served in the chapel after Mass
<b>Sunday 25th</b>	8.00am Mass: (Jem Grimwood RIP) 11.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) Tea & Coffee will be served after both Masses <b>in the chapel</b> this morning
<b>Monday 26th</b>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (November Dead List)
<b>Tuesday 27th</b>	8.00am Mass: (November Dead List)
<b>Wednesday 28th</b>	<b>7.00pm Annual Mass for those who have died during the year</b>
<b>Thursday 29th</b>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Deceased Spouses of the Over 60's Club)
<b>Friday 30th</b> <i>St. Andrew</i>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am (Service of the Word & Holy Communion) <b>6.00pm Parish Social: 'Curry Night'</b>
<b>Saturday 1st December</b> <i>St. Edmund Campion &amp; The Tyburn Martyrs</i>	9.00am Mass: (Kieron Corrigan & Mary Porter RIP) Confessions 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Vigil Mass: (Angela Moore RIP)
<b>Sunday 2nd</b> <i>1st Sunday of Advent (Year 'C')</i>	8.00am Mass: (Wladyslana Czyrkowska RIP) 11.00am Mass: (People of the Parish)

of all Masses this weekend.

**31st**

**New Year's Eve**

10.00am Mass

7.00pm The last Mass of 2018 followed by The Rosary in reparation of sins.

*With our prayers and best wishes,  
Fr. Jim & Deacon Dennis*

## PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

**25th November 2018**

**34th Sunday of the Year (B)**

**Psalter 2**

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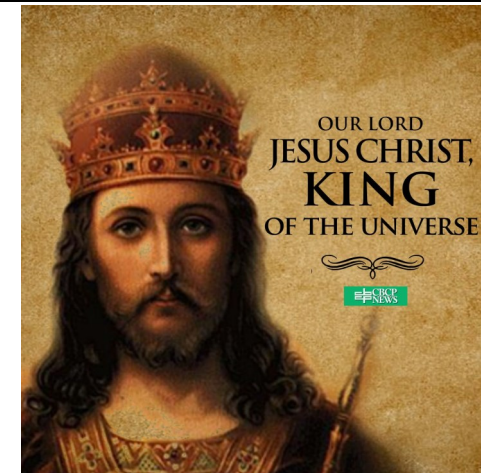
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Safeguarding Parish Co-ordinator: Awaiting Appointment



**Christ The King:** Today is the last Sunday of the Church year, it's official title is: *'The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe'*. This solemnity was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, an observance celebrating an aspect of Jesus' identity rather than of his life.

Conventional understandings of kingship and power are transformed...Rather than calling up images of Jesus Christ dressed in kingly robes, the Gospel proclaims him as king by the sign over his head on the throne of a wooden cross, ('INRI' - *'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews'*). Paradoxically, it is the thief who recognised in Christ the Lord and Messiah.

When a witness is being sworn in at court, he or she is asked: *'Do you promise to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?'* Telling the truth can be difficult. In some cases you can get a punch on the nose if you honestly answer, 'Yes, you look fat in that dress!' Maybe that's where we get the expression, 'You can't handle the truth'. People speak of the ugly truth, the real truth and the discerning the truth; and for some the truth is worth dying for.

In the concluding words of today's Gospel, Jesus puts an end to the interrogation of Pontius Pilate. Jesus says that he was born in this world to speak the truth. He says: *'Whoever belongs to the truth listens to my voice'*. Pilate then asks: *'What is truth?'* We must ask ourselves the same question. Do we know the truth? Is Jesus the truth? Is Jesus the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

Jesus' kingdom is not of this world, but it begins in this world—in his cross and resurrection—in us, continuing his mission; let us pray for the coming of his kingdom.

Jesus' kingdom is a place of truth. May we live by the truth. May people be truthful to one another.

Jesus' kingdom is a place of unity. May the people of this world come closer together and celebrate their common humanity.

Our evening Mass will be anticipatory of our tomorrow's solemnity; our patronal feast day.

Confessions & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:  
7.00pm

**8th** **The Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of Our Lady**—Both our diocesan and parish patronal feast.

**9th** **Second Sunday of Advent**  
**11.00am Enrolment Mass for those wishing to join our Confirmation Programme.**  
Meeting for the Confirmation Group & their parents after this Mass in the former Methodist Chapel.

**16th** **Third Sunday in Advent**  
Second collection taken at all Masses this weekend for New & Poor Parishes in the Diocese.  
11.00am Children's Mass  
Christmas Meat Raffle

Confessions available after all Masses this weekend.

17th 1.30pm Advent Mass in St. Norbert's School

18th 7.00pm Reconciliation Service in Holy Trinity, Holbeach

19th 6.00pm KS2 Carol Service in church—everyone welcome.

21st The Parish Office closes today until the 2nd January.

**23rd** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
Confessions available after all Masses this weekend

**24th** **Christmas Eve**  
9.00am Mass followed by Confessions

3.30pm—4.15pm Confessions

**4.30pm First Mass of Christmas**

11.00pm—11.30pm Confessions

11.15pm—11.50pm Carols

**Midnight Mass**

**25th** **Christmas Day**  
Masses today at 8.00am & 11.00am

**26th** **St. Stephen's Day**  
10.00am Annual Mass for our Altar Servers

**28th** **The Feast of the Holy Innocents**  
10.00am Mass & launch of our 'Respect for Life' Year

**30th** **The Feast of the Holy Family**  
The annual blessing of families will take place at the end

Night at the end of this week! (Friday) - there will be a meeting for the fundraising team tomorrow (Monday) 26th November at 7.00pm. If you have any ideas, please come along and share them with us.

**Festive Draw:** Fr. Jim is bringing back his Meat Raffle for Christmas! The prize is a Meat voucher from Bennett's Butchers on Winsover Road for £100.00! Tickets are £1 each. The Draw will take place after the 11.00am Mass on the Third Sunday of Advent (16th December).

**Parish Finance:** Last week you gave: £692.10 – Thank you.  
Second collection this week for our parish maintenance fund.  
**Next week:** For flowers to decorate the church for Christmas.

### **Second Collections During December:**

1st/2nd Collection for flowers to decorate the church for Christmas  
15th/16th Collection for poor and needy parishes in our diocese

*A voluntary collection will be taken throughout the season of Advent for Julia's Fund.*

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

### **December Diary Dates**

#### **2nd First Sunday of Advent (Year 'C')**

Second collection this weekend for flowers to decorate the church for Christmas.

*Voluntary collection for Julia's Fund taken after all weekend Masses during Advent.*

3rd 2.00pm UCM meeting and annual Advent service in Holy Trinity Church, Foxes Lowe Road, Holbeach—all ladies welcome.

**7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council AGM** Invitation to all parishioners to come along and discuss plans for the former Methodist Chapel.

7th Masses today at 9.30am & 7.30pm.

Jesus' kingdom is a place of peace. In conflict and division, may his Spirit turn our minds to thoughts of peace.

**This weekend we welcome Davina Delon** into God's family and into our parish family by the holy waters of Baptism. Congratulations to her proud parents, Delon & Deepa, and to her brothers, Daniel & David!

**Second collection:** Apologies over the mix up last weekend. As many of you realised, the collection was intended for this weekend. If you contributed to the collection taken during the 4.30pm Mass last weekend, please do not feel obliged to give again this week. The collection is, of course, our monthly collection for our Maintenance Fund.

***Don't Forget! Tea and Coffee will be served at the end of all our parish Masses this weekend in the Chapel.*** We expect that most people may be familiar with the chapel, but we would like everyone to have the opportunity to take a look inside and become familiar with the building—which may be useful when we have our open discussion....

That discussion will be the main item on our agenda for the AGM of our Parish Pastoral Council, which is taking place on Monday, 3rd December at 7.00pm.

### **This Week**

**Wednesday: 7.00pm Annual Mass for those who have died during the past year:** Madge Rankin, Bridget Chattell, Maureen van der Voet, Pat Brooks, Eric Ormond, Margaret Inglis, Chris Dowd, Imelda Moriarty, Antonio Pacheco, Pat McGilloway, Ida van der Aar, Sagitas Raizys, Laurence Cornell, Jem Grimwood, Ken Battley, Alicia Yeban Navarro, Gerard Jackson, Michal Orlowski, Bernie Blades, Fr. Tom Murray, David Edwards & Jake Borst. *If there are any other names you would like added to this list, please let Fr. Jim know.*

**Friday night is...CURRY NIGHT!** Our Indian parishioners are our

hosts this coming Friday, 30th November, from 6.00 to 9.30pm. **Tickets are still available after all our Masses this weekend.** 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!*

**Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent**—it marks the beginning of a new liturgical year in the Church. Don't forget to mark your missals—next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, **'Year C'**.

## Notices

**Your Prayers are Requested for:** Jean Fairbanks, Peter Miller & Mike Bertolaso. *Because of the new GDPR rules, we cannot automatically include the names of those who would like to be included in our parish prayer list. Fr. Jim is aware that there are some people who would like their names included, but he cannot remember all the names given to him after the three Masses. Please place the names on a piece of paper and hand them to him or Deacon Dennis; alternatively, send him an email (fr.jim@stnorberts.org.uk) and he will gladly add names to the list.*

**We extend our deepest sympathy to Peter & Janet Borst** on the death of Peter's brother, **Jake**, who died at his home in the USA during the week; may he rest in peace.

*Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:* Jane Walker, Catherine Long, Bridget Baird, Millie Butler, Mary Porter, Ronald Chakki, Wyn Melia and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

**The Union of Catholic Mothers ('UCM')**: We will be meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Holbeach, on Monday 3rd December at 2pm for our annual Advent Service. All ladies welcome to come along.

**Parish Pastoral Council AGM**—This will take place in our Hall on **Monday, 3rd December, at 7.00pm.** The Agenda for this meeting will be published in next week's newsletter—but the main discussion of the

evening will be concerning our plans for the former Methodist chapel. We ask you to make every effort to come along and participate in this important discussion.

**Confirmation 2019: Important announcement** (*repeated from last week*); 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.

## Parish Fundraising & Social Events

**A Message from Fr. Jim:** *Congratulations to the Christmas Fair Committee for all their hard work in organising this year's Christmas Fair, and to those who supported it in any way. It was thought that this year's attendance was lower than in previous years, but still a marvellous success, realising a grand total of £2,728.06 – Thank you. The funds this year will go towards the installation of the new heating system, which, as I am sure you know, is costing a little over £50,000.00. There are other works that must be carried out as a matter of urgency, and we will remind you of these in the coming weeks and months, so all our fundraising events are very important to us – thank you for all that you continue to do to support the parish, it is greatly appreciated. (Fr. Jim).*

**A message to Anne from the Christmas Fair Committee:** (*Fr. Jim received this email during the week*) 'Good morning Fr Jim .... when you are composing the newsletter, would it be possible for you to include a special 'Thank You' to Anne D from the team which she has led through the last few months of preparation for the Christmas Fayre? We all know that she is a very capable organiser but to see her in action is a lovely motivator and such a positive example! No fuss, no panic but lots of subtle encouragement and confidence that "all will be well". *Fr. Jim adds: 'Indeed, all went well, and Anne deserves a special mention on behalf of us all in what has turned out to be an excellent result'.*

**A message from Anne Darragh,** *on behalf of the Fundraising Committee,* The Fayre is over, but our fundraising continues with the Curry