

Masses & Services this Week

Saturday 4th February	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (David Field RIP)
Sunday 5th	8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 11.00am Mass: (BWJ Families)
Monday 6th <i>St. Paul Miki & Companions</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Josephine & Belingus Galea RIP & Deceased Family Members)
Tuesday 7th	8.00am Mass: (Patrick Kerry RIP) 11.30am The Funeral Service for Helen Beggs
Wednesday 8th <i>St. Josephine Bakhita</i>	6.00pm Mass: (Tracey Family & Deceased Family Members) Followed by Holy Hour for the victims of Human Trafficking
Thursday 9th	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Mary Mason RIP)
Friday 10th <i>St. Scholastica</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Mary Brilly RIP)
Saturday 11th <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	9.00am Mass: (Holy Souls) Followed by Confessions 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (People of the Parish)
Sunday 12th <i>6th Sunday of the Year</i>	8.00am Mass: (Thelma Hare RIP) 11.00am Mass: (For the sick and housebound) <i>The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered after this Mass.</i>

our parish co-ordinator, Judy Flynn, via the parish office, to the Appeal Office, Holy Trinity Presbytery, Boundary Road, Newark, Notts., NG24 4AU, or to Fr. Jim. More details to follow. Thank you (Judy Flynn).

WARNING: The CCTV has alerted us to a series of crimes being committed in the vicinity of the church complex. The Police have been notified, please be vigilant.

THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

5th February 2017

5th Sunday of the Year (A)

Psalter 1

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NEW PARISH WEBSITE! www.stnorberts.org.uk

We stream our services live via our website—this service is intended for our sick and housebound parishioners and those who care for them—simply go to our website and click on 'live from the church' and click on the blue banner at the top of the page.

This parish is part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Nottingham
Registered at Willson House, Derby Road, Nottingham NG1 5AW
Charity Number: 1134449

Today's Mass:

5th Sunday of the Year – 'A'

Preface: Sunday 3

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Memorial Acclamation 2 (*May differ at the 11.00am Mass*)

REPOSITORY SALE! *This is the last chance to make your purchases before the stock in the Repository is swapped over.*

The Repository Stall has many items: greetings cards, statues, missals, Rosary beads, to name but a few...we are offering **50% off everything in the stall** which will enable us to renew some of our stock—grab a bargain! If you see something you like today, but can't purchase it today, just tell Norma or Fr. Jim and we will hold that item back for one week.

IF YOU ARE THINKING OF GETTING MARRIED IN CHURCH DURING 2017— now is the time to contact us. Please contact Fr. Jim, Deacon Dennis or you can contact Lynn in the parish office who will gladly arrange an appointment for you.

BAPTISM: If you are planning to have your child baptised in church, please contact Fr. Jim or Deacon Dennis.

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners: Pat Brooks, Allison Law, Margaret Trivett, Audrey Cook, Marcello Viglianti, Maria Dowling, Rosetta Le Compte, Elvira Choma, Ros Mullholland-Gullick, Jean Fairbanks, Tony Faulkner, Rosemarie & Peter Anderton, Norma Yaxley, Tony Ball, George Porter, Robert Baden Smith, Jesus Moniente, Linda Lawless, Susan Bertolaso, Mollie Coaten, Mary Naughton, Norman Coleman, Fr. John Abbott, Anne Clarke, Julian Paleson, Sylvia Hayden, Katherine McLoughlin, Patrick King, The Taylor Family, Mons. Jonathan Moore, Bob Goemans, Pat Baxter, Rita Gensiorskyj, Manfred Haacker, Mary Clarke, June Burrell, Maurice Cranney, Kuriakose Antony Thelekatt, Helen Henry, Philip Chandler, Maria Sharples, Fr. Oliver Martin O.Praem, Madge Rankin, Brian Stout, & Fr. Jim O'Hanlon.

valid. If you have paid and lost or destroyed your tickets, please let us know and we will issue you with replacement tickets. For those wishing to purchase tickets, the cost is £5.00 and includes supper. Doors open at 6.30pm/first race is at 7.00pm—the bar will be available.

COMING IN MARCH...We welcome the return of top entertainer, **PETER MYLETT**...It has been three years since Peter's last visit, and many will know that we will be in for another great night of Country, Irish and Middle of the Road hits to dance the night away. Peter, who hails from the West of Ireland, but now lives near Manchester, has won many awards—and we are delighted he has been able to fit us in to his busy schedule—*tickets will be available very soon!*

NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2017: Bishop Patrick will be leading our diocesan pilgrimage from the 10th to the 15th July. The cost of the pilgrimage starts from £569.00 (travelling by train) to £719.00 (travelling by air). Fr. Jim attended last year's pilgrimage and highly recommends this pilgrimage. Booking forms are now available from the parish office. You can avail of a £10.00 discount per ticket by booking with the pilgrimage operators (Joe Walsh Tours) online: www.joewalshstours.co.uk

THE RETIRED PRIEST'S APPEAL: An initiative that was originally set up by a parishioner in one of our diocesan parishes to raise £5m to support our sick and retired priests over a four year period is coming to the end of that time...to date the appeal has brought in £3m. Some parishes have far surpassed their quota, others joined late and so the collecting continues. A group of anonymous donors from our parish have quietly been contributing in the background and we have raised an 70.48% of our quota, leaving us £11,432.70 below the suggested quota for our parish. The promoters of the appeal, who are not members of the clergy, are asking parishes to have one more drive as the appeal draws to a close. Fr. Jim has agreed to this notice being published in the newsletter over the coming weeks. He has also agreed to a fundraising event and we will look for an opportunity to organise either a second collection or possibly a 'Gift Day' in the near future. Any donations to the appeal may be sent to

prevail.

Specifically, the Parish Pastoral Council's purpose is to enhance the process of:

- pastoral planning
- developing pastoral programs
- improving pastoral services
- evaluating the pastoral effectiveness of various programs and services

Although the Council is not a body which makes binding decisions, the recommendations of the Pastoral Council are to be taken seriously when grounded in prayer, discernment and communal wisdom.

The Parish Priest is responsible for the final approval of Council recommendations concerning pastoral planning, programs, and services for the parish, as well as for their implementation. While the Parish Priest is not obliged to follow the recommendations of the Parish Pastoral Council, it is understood that he ought to do so unless there is a compelling reason to do otherwise. If there is such a reason, the Parish Priest should share this with the Council, unless there is a genuine need/reason why such a reason or decision must remain confidential.

LENT 2017: Once again, we will be organising our early morning Masses on Wednesday mornings at 6.30am throughout the Lenten season. Fr. Jim will be happy to celebrate Lenten House Masses on the following dates: Thursday, 9th March, Thursday, 16th March, Tuesday, 21st March, Tuesday, 28th March and Thursday, 6th April. If you would like to host a Mass in your home, please place your contact details on the list provided in the narthex – preference will be given to those who have not held a house Mass previously or in recent years.

THE SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE have a number of events in the pipeline – the first being **The Race night**, that should have originally taken place in November....**a new date has been set – FRIDAY, 24th FEBRUARY!**

Those people who purchased tickets for November – your tickets are still

We extend our deepest sympathy to the parents and the family of Frankie Joe Smith who has died in Cambridge. Frankie is the great-grandson of Lina Martino, he has been very poorly since birth, but Anna Maria told me what a marvellous, courageous, little boy he was with an infectious smile for everyone he met. Our condolences and prayers are with his family; may Frankie now rest in peace.

For those who have recently died: Helen Beggs whose funeral service will take place this Tuesday at 11.30am.

Please also remember: Bernadette Hughes, Mary Cleary, John Goemans, Harold Young, James Brown, Malcolm Field, John Friday, Pasqualino Stracqualwisi, Kevin Naughton, Winifred Campsie, Lisa Whiteside, Mr. Hamblin, Bryan Hickford, Sheila Thornton, Kathleen McCann, Tom Walkin, Baby Julia Witkowska & Rev. Bob Cornell. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

PARISH FINANCE: Last weekend you gave £768.93. The second collection for our Maintenance and Building Fund realised £180.41 – thank you

Parish Income during January:

Weekly Collections:

Loose Plate:	£1,248.32	Second Collections:	£0,180.41
Envelopes:	£1,932.90	Donations:	-
Direct Debits:	£0,174.00	Hall Hire	not known

TOTAL **£3,355.22** **TOTAL** not known

Thank you for your continuing support.

Forthcoming second collections: 25th/26th February: Parish Maintenance & Building Fund.

This Week:

Tuesday (7th February) is the Funeral Service for Helen Beggs at 11.30am—although we are not celebrating a Requiem Mass, your presence at this service will be greatly appreciated. May she rest in peace.

Wednesday (8th February) is the day of prayer for victims of Human Trafficking—there will be a Holy Hour immediately after the 6.00pm Mass this week.

Saturday (11th February) is the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, and is the day of prayer for the sick.

Sunday (12th February) is Racial Justice Sunday.

The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered immediately after the 11.00am Mass; as it is the 'Sacrament of the Sick', only those who are in full Communion with the Catholic Church can receive this sacrament.

Bishop Patrick will be celebrating the annual Mass for all married couples in the diocese in St. Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham this afternoon (12th February) at 3.00pm. A special invitation is extended to those celebrating jubilees during 2017.

Some important events/dates for your diary

Healing Mass on Wednesday, 15th February at 6.00pm—at the end of Mass there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with a prayer and imposition of hands for those who wish to receive this blessing. **This is not the Sacrament of the Sick and is therefore open to all.**

MISSION 2018: A reminder that the next open meeting to discuss a Parish Mission in 2018 will take place after the 11.00am Mass on Sunday, 19th February in the Hall. **This meeting is open to everyone**—we will discuss what we perceive to be the spiritual needs of our parish at this time, and who we may approach to lead our Mission. Time is ticking on if we are to appoint an order or

community to lead our Mission in June 2018.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next meeting of the PPC takes place on Monday, 20th February at 7.00pm. We are still struggling to get members to join the PPC...although we did get some people step forward the last time we made an appeal, we sometimes struggle to get a quorum, which means some people have long waited journeys. The PPC normally meets four times a year, plus one AGM. The following information may be useful in explaining the role a purpose of the PPC:

"In every parish of the diocese, a Pastoral Council shall be established, if the diocesan Bishop, after consulting with the Council of Presbyters, so decides. The Pastoral Council is composed of members of the congregation together with those of the parish staff who have pastoral care by reason of their office. The Pastoral Council assists in promoting pastoral action in the parish."

What constitutes parish staff will vary from parish to parish. Pastoral Team members are those who are involved in the day-to-day ministry of the parish. They may be full time, part time, or volunteers. The Pastoral Team generally has its own unique relationship with the Parish Priest as it endeavours to carry out its responsibilities and ministry within the parish.

Pastoral Team members may be invited to attend some pastoral council meetings when their expertise or training may be of assistance to the council. It is recommended that where applicable an assistant priest, or deacon, by virtue of office, be a member of the council. Other ex officio members may be included at the discretion of the Parish Priest. However, their presence should not dominate council meetings or stifle the voice of the general membership.

The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body, pastoral in nature, because it strives to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit among God's people in the parish. A Parish Pastoral Council gives its help to the Parish Priest in fostering pastoral activity; it investigates, under the authority of the Parish Priest, all those things which pertain to pastoral works to ponder them, and to propose practical conclusions about them. It is essential that Council meetings occur in the context of prayer and openness to the Holy Spirit, so that at all times the common good will