

## Masses & Services this Week

<b>Saturday 8th December</b>	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Kathleen Kennedy RIP)
<b>Sunday 9th</b>	8.00am Mass: (Deceased members of the Ferraro Family) 11.00am Mass: (Aldona & deceased family members) (Enrolment of those presenting themselves for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2019). Meeting for applicants for Confirmation & their parents in the chapel.
<b>Monday 10th</b> <i>The Martyrs of Lincolnshire</i>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Anita Kerry's Intention)
<b>Tuesday 11th</b>	8.00am Mass: (Thierry Christian Gnanakumar RIP ) 5.00pm A Musical Journey through Christmas—1st Holy Communion children. <b>7.30pm Meeting of Eucharistic Ministers in the former Methodist Chapel</b> (Please use Green Lane entrance)
<b>Wednesday 12th</b> <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	6.00pm Mass: (David Edwards RIP)
<b>Thursday 13th</b> <i>St. Lucy</i>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Anna Maria Luker RIP)
<b>Friday 14th</b> <i>St. John of the Cross</i>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am (Melanie Smith RIP) <b>7.00pm Social Night in the Hall</b> (See inside for info!)
<b>Saturday 15th</b>	9.00am Mass: (Corrigan Family & Alan Morement RIP) Confessions 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Vigil Mass: (People of the Parish)
<b>Sunday 16th</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Advent (Year 'C')</i>	8.00am Mass: (Rebecca Faulkner RIP) 11.00am Mass: (Marion Smith RIP) <i>Confessions available after both Masses today!</i>

'Why are you scratching yourself?'

'I'm the only one who knows where it itches'.

## PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

**9th December 2018**

**2nd Sunday of Advent (C)**

**Psalter 2**

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**On this second Sunday of Advent** we hear John the Baptist crying out to the world to be ready because Jesus is coming. We know we must prepare for Christmas, but do we really get ready for Jesus to be born again in our hearts?

Let us pray today that we can pause for a little while and heed the Baptist's cry.

As we light two candles on the Advent wreath, let us prepare ourselves to be Christ-bearers.

May the Lord open our eyes to see his coming into our lives this Advent; may he open a pathway into our hearts.

May the Lord bring us a new awareness of the person he wants each of us to be; may he help us grow in goodness.

May the Lord come with hope into the sorrows of our world; with harmony into the violence of our world; with integrity into the corruption of our world.

**We welcome those who are presenting themselves for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2019;** they will be enrolled onto the programme during the 11.00am Mass today. There will be a meeting after the Mass in the former chapel for the group and their parents.

**The Former Methodist Chapel:** Thanks to all those who attended the meeting last Monday evening—there was a good attendance. At the suggestion of some of those who attended the meeting, Anthony Grunwell will speak briefly at the end of all Masses this weekend.

### **This Week**

**TUESDAY** (11th December) the children preparing for their First Holy Communion in 2019 are presenting 'A Musical Journey through Advent and Christmas' at 5.00pm in our Community Hall.

Also on Tuesday there will be a brief meeting for our Eucharistic

Leader: We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into the world. With the coming of this light there is peace, for Jesus Christ is called 'The Prince of Peace'. Christ's name is also Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us'.

The presence of Christ with us gives us peace every day. The colour of our second candle is purple, this week symbolising the majesty of Christ, whose throne will endure forever.

*If you feel brave enough, as a family you could sing the hymn 'Majesty' or 'Peace Perfect Peace'. If not, have another brief moment of prayerful silence, followed by some prayers of intercession – don't forget to pray for peace! Conclude these prayers by reciting one 'Our Father'.*

### **Concluding Prayer**

Leader: Eternal God, we thank you that through all the years you have given peace to your people. Help us to have your peace in our lives. We pray that, in this Advent season, we may, by what we do, show your presence to the sick, to the hungry, and to the lonely, so that they too may know your peace. Amen.

*Share a sign of peace together.*

In the name of the Father...

*If you know of a neighbour who you know would appreciate a visit this week, take the children with you, it shows how prayers can be turned into action!*

Our Christmas crib—we add the animals this week.



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

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

### **A Family Activity**

*To create a prayerful atmosphere, you might dim the lights in your room. The candle that you lit last weekend should be lit again at the beginning of this prayer service.*

Leader: In the name of the Father...

We gather around the Advent wreath today knowing that we are not perfect; that we all make mistakes and do and say things we shouldn't - only Jesus obey God fully. Jesus helps us to live as God wants us to live.

The first Sunday of Advent we were invited to think how Jesus brings us hope; this week we are invited to think how Jesus gives us peace.

*Just sit together in a few moments of quiet peace, inviting Jesus into your home and hearts. When you feel ready to continue, invite another family member to ready from the prophet Isaiah:*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

For a child has been born for us, an heir given to us. Authority rests upon the shoulders of the One who is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, whose authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and for David's kingdom, established and upheld with justice and righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Another family member may light the **second** candle on the Advent wreath.*

Ministers in the 'School Room' of the former chapel at 7.30pm. Please use the Green Lane entrance.

**Friday: Parish Social Evening:** mulled wine, mince pies and a family Christmas film this coming Friday, 14th December from 7.00pm in St Norbert's Hall. All ages welcome - bring your family and enjoy a get-together with some fun. Non-alcoholic drinks available. There is no charge for the evening, but there will be a raffle. Please take a numbered ticket so that we can provide enough mince pies and beverages, and a number will be drawn for a fun prize!

### **Notices**

**Your Prayers are Requested for:** Mollie Coaten, Elvira Choma, Mary Bull, Rita Gensiorskj, Jean Fairbanks, Mike Bertolaso, Leontia Slay & Fr. Tom Breslin. *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.*

**Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:** Linda Cochrane, Francesca Piraino, Fr. Barney Brady O.Praem, James Hayes, Brian Wild, John Wilson, Rachel Casey, Cora Cousins, Donna Evans, Sheila Murphy, Mary Housley, Barbara Haywood, Melanie Smith, Bridget Chattell, Canon Edward Neary, Fr. Con Dolan, Canon Joseph Murdock, Deacon John Hague, Mgr. Bernard George, Fr. Raymund Mendel, Fr. Charles Coleman, Fr. Gerard Collins, Fr. Trevor Clarke, Canon John Newsham, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

**Rotas:** It is getting near that time when we shall be preparing rotas for the various ministries during Mass—if you would be willing to join our volunteers, please place your name and contact details on

the appropriate lists – if you sometimes vary which Mass you attend, you can volunteer to help at more than one Mass! We also welcome our young people to read at Mass – you may consider presenting the offertory at Mass as a family...you can join our Welcoming Rota...have a look at the noticeboard in the narthex and see where you can volunteer – thank you!

**Christmas Rotas/Duties:** There is a list in the window of the narthex for our welcomers, readers, Eucharistic Ministers and our altar servers to volunteer over our Christmas Masses.

#### **Christmas Confessions:**

Saturday, 15th December: after the 9.00am Mass & 4.00 to 4.20pm.

Sunday, 16th December: Fr. Jim will be available for Confessions after both morning Masses.

Saturday, 22nd December: after the 9.00am Mass & 3.30pm to 4.20pm.

Saturday, 23rd December after both Sunday morning Masses.

Christmas Eve: After the 9.00am Mass; 3.30 to 4.20pm & 11.00 to 11.45pm.

At other times by appointment or when available – feel free to call at the Presbytery (The Priest's House).

**Reconciliation Service at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Holbeach, Tuesday, 18th December at 7.00pm.**

#### **Carol Services**

Wednesday, 19th December St. Norbert's School will be presenting their KS2 Carol Concert in our church at 6.00pm.

Sunday, 23rd December there will be a **Carol Concert & Festive Sing-a-long** in church starting at 4.00pm followed by mince pies served in the Hall. Everyone welcome!

#### **Christmas Masses**

CHRISTMAS EVE

9.00am Morning Mass

4.30pm First Mass of Christmas

12.00am Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am & 11.00am

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY (Boxing Day)

10.00am Annual Mass for our Altar Servers

#### **The Parish Office:**

The Parish Office will close on Friday, 21st December and re-open on Wednesday, 2nd January at 9.30am.

#### **Parish Fundraising & Social Events**

**THANK YOU** to our Indian community for organising the Curry Night in our Hall on the 30th November – a great night was had by all who attended and the event, including the Raffle, realised the magnificent sum of £782.00 – all proceeds will go towards the cost of the new heating system.

**Festive Draw:** Fr. Jim is bringing back his Meat Raffle for Christmas! The prize is a Meat voucher from Bennett's Butchers on Winover 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). Many thanks to those who have bought tickets – they will be on sale again this week. All proceeds will go towards the cost of the new heating system.

**Over 60's Club:** Friday 14th December will be the last meeting this year, and we will be having a "Christmassy" lunch after the keep fit session! We will meet again in the new year on Friday 11th January.

**Parish Finance:** Last week you gave: £672.61; the second collection for flowers to decorate the church for Christmas realised £177.06 – Thank you.

**Next week:** Second collection for poor and needy parishes in our