

## Masses & Services this Week

<b>Saturday 27th May</b>	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Bishop John MacWilliam WF)
<b>Sunday 28th</b>	8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 11.00am Mass: (Daniel Loughry RIP) 4.00pm Rosary & Benediction <i>Deacons John Timson, John Wakeling &amp; John Humphries</i>
<b>Monday 29th BANK HOLIDAY</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> (The Matten Family) <i>Fr. Marcel Fangoo CSSp, Fr. John Guest, Fr. John St. John</i>
<b>Tuesday 30th</b>	8.00am Mass: (Dr. Charles Lennon RIP) 4.00pm The Reception of Tony Faulkner RIP <i>Fr. James Lynch, Fr. William Gull &amp; Deacon Tony Weldon</i>
<b>Wednesday 31st The Visitation of the BVM</b>	<b>1.00pm</b> Requiem Mass for Tony Faulkner RIP 6.00pm Mass: (Reg Brooks RIP & 'FOSS') 7.00pm Rosary & Benediction <i>Fr. Anthony Axe, Fr. Frank Higgins &amp; Fr. Jude Eze</i>
<b>Thursday 1st June St. Justin</b>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Reg Brooks RIP) <i>Fr. Sebastian Ludwin, Fr. Michael Williams</i>
<b>Friday 2nd</b>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Tony Faulkner RIP) 7.00pm Adoration & Confessions <b>8.00pm</b> Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart <i>The Sisters of Providence, Loughborough</i>
<b>Saturday 3rd St. Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions</b>	9.00am Mass: (Allison Law's Intention) Followed by Confessions 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Bruno & Kathleen Bertolaso RIP) <i>Fr. Oliver Martin &amp; Fr. Terry Smyth O.Praem</i>
<b>Sunday 4th Pentecost</b>	8.00am Mass: (Harry Essom's Intention) 11.00am International Mass: (People of the Parish) The Reception of Mark Pinnick into full Communion with the Church - followed by celebration/Shared Table in the Hall <i>Fr. Philip Sainter IC &amp; Fr. Denis Labartette IC</i>

## THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

**28th May 2017**

**The Ascension of the Lord (A)**

**Psalter 3**

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**PARISH WEBSITE [www.stnorberts.org.uk](http://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.**

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**A Reflection:** A man was speeding down the motorway, keeping pace with a dozen speeding cars. The man got nailed by a speed gun. A police car took chase and soon pulled him over to the side of the motorway. After the usual ticket was issued the man asked "Officer, I know I was speeding, but I don't think it's fair - there were a dozen cars around me that were going as fast, so why did I get a ticket?" "Ever go fishing?" the policeman asked. "Yes," the man replied. The man replied. The officer grinned back. "Ever catch all the fish?"

Before Jesus ascended he told the disciples to proclaim the Gospel to every creature. This is the calling of every Christian, to proclaim the Gospel by our lives and by our words. Let us ask God to forgive our failure to witness to the Good News and to give us the Holy Spirit so that we might be faithful to our Lord's command.

For those killed or injured as a result of the terrorist attack in Manchester last week.

For all Christians, that by their lives they may pass on the Good News.

For those preparing for exams, that they may have the Spirit's help, according to their needs.

For those called to work as missionaries, that they may do the Lord's work in today's world.

**Today is 'World Communication Day'** Second collection this weekend for the 'Catholic Communications Network'.

**100 CLUB:** Mike van der Weyden will be available after all Masses this weekend to receive subscriptions for the 100 CLUB. The annual membership fee is just £15 for the monthly draw – the first draw of the new season takes place on Monday, 5th June. New members are always welcome – again, see Mike at the end of Mass for an application form – thank you to all those who have already renewed or joined this popular fundraiser.

**Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners:** Eric Ormond, Allison Law, Margaret Trivett, Audrey Cook, Marcello Viglianti, Maria Dowling, Rosetta Le Compte, Elvira Choma, Ros Mullholland-Gullick, Jean Fairbanks, Rosemarie & Peter Anderton, Norma Yaxley,

*newsletter for more details)*

28<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Ss. Peter & Paul (Holyday of Obligation)

29<sup>th</sup> **Ss. PETER & PAUL: Holyday of Obligation**

Masses today at 9.45am (with St. Norbert's School) & 7.30pm

**U.C.M.** - Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 6th June at The Immaculate Conception & Saint Norbert, Parish Meeting Room at 2 o'clock. We will be joined by Jane Walker for The Lifeline Service who will give us a talk on what they can offer to the Elderly, Disabled or worried about being home alone. This is open to everyone, so if you would like to come along please do.

**UCM Pilgrimage to Walsingham:** The annual pilgrimage is taking place on Tuesday, 4th July, leaving Spalding at 9am by car and Holbeach at 9-30am by minibus. Returning about 6pm. Fr. Paul is hiring and driving the minibus. Contribution to the fuel cost is £10. UCM fee for the pilgrimage is £8 and if you need the mobility link bus that is £2-50. Please tick the list if you need the mobility bus. Please sign up on the list at the back of church a.s.a.p. Please remember that if your name is on the list when the monies are due you are committed to that cost. The money is due 6th June (next UCM meeting). Please pay Jean Strickland (01775 723116). Thanks.

**The Diocesan Sick & Retired Priests Appeal:** This appeal was set up by parishioners wanting to make provision for the priests of our diocese in their retirement, or if they needed medical care. The aim was to raise £5M over three years, it has realised over £3M – over £20,000 being raised by the priests themselves. Each parish was given a quota – our parish quota is £38,724.00 – we have actually achieved £27,291.30 – which is a fantastic amount, (over 78% of our target). On Trinity Sunday, (11th June) the Diocese is re-introducing the annual collection for the Sick & Retired Priests Fund – please, be as generous as you can. If anyone would like to contribute to the Appeal, it is not too late – donations can be given to Fr. Jim in confidence or sent directly to the Appeal Office, but please state that you are a member of this parish – the office address is: Carla Brown, SRPF Appeal Office, 5 Boundary Road, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG24 4AU – thank you.

**MISSION 2018:** Our Rosary in the town centre on the 14th May was well attended—and enjoyed by all who took part. We are planning another one in June!

**The official launch of our year in preparation will take place over the weekend of the 24th/25th June.** We hope that we shall be joined by our Pre-Mission Co-ordinator, Clare Scully, from The Sion Community. More details soon.

### JUNE DIARY DATES

- 2<sup>nd</sup> *Preparing to celebrate Pentecost Sunday:*  
7.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
8.00pm Mass  
Followed by Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
- 4<sup>th</sup> PENTECOST SUNDAY  
11.00am International Mass  
Reception of Mark Pinnick into full Communion with the Church  
International Shared Table in the Hall after Mass
- 6<sup>th</sup> ST. NORBERT – Parish Feast Day  
Mass today is at 9.45am & will be attended by St. Norbert's School
- 10<sup>th</sup> 12.00pm Polish Community First Holy Communion celebration
- 11<sup>th</sup> TRINITY SUNDAY  
Second Collection for the Diocesan Sick & Retired Priest's Fund  
*This is the last day to fulfil your 'Easter Duty' (Confession & Eucharist)*
- 14<sup>th</sup> Ordination to the diaconate of Paul Smith – The Basilica of St. Paul, Rome
- 18<sup>th</sup> CORPUS CHRISTI  
11.00am Children's First Holy Communion Mass
- 19<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm Meeting for parents of those children joining the Reception  
Class in St. Norbert's School in September 2017
- 20<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting
- 24<sup>th</sup> **Launch of the Year of Preparation for our Parish Mission 2018**
- 25<sup>th</sup> **Launch of the Year of Preparation for our Parish Mission 2018**  
Shared Table after the 11.00am Mass & Meeting with Pre-Mission Co-ordinator, The Sion Community (*still to be finalised, please refer to the*

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, Bob Goemans, 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, Mandy Beecham, Alison Merryman-Marx and Fr. Eamonn O'Hara.

**Tony Faulkner RIP:** Tony's body will be received into church this Tuesday afternoon at 4.00pm. The Polish community have use of the church from 6.30pm to 8.00pm, after which the church will remain open until 9.00pm for anyone wishing to pay their respects. Tony's Requiem Mass will take place the following day (Wednesday) at 1.00pm. *Eternal rest give unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace, Amen.*

**Please also remember:** Shirley Foxen, Jim Hansford, Herbert Capon, Georgina Watson, John Clifton, Martin Baker, Bill Barclay, Peter Lambert, Dr. Wilfred Nowlan and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

**BAPTISM:** If you are thinking of having your child baptised now is the time to obtain an application form from the sacristy, parish office, or online: [www.stnorberts.org.uk](http://www.stnorberts.org.uk)—the dates of the next Baptism Programme, if there are sufficient people, will be published shortly.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2017:** There are still some children who have not celebrated their first Reconciliation ('Confession') Fr. Jim will be available in the evening of the 6th June **for those yet to make their first Confession.**

The parents of this year's First Holy Communion Group are appealing for volunteers to help prepare teas and coffees and to help tidy the Hall after the children's 'Communion Breakfast' after the 11.00am Mass on Sunday, 18th June. If you can help please place your contact details on the list provided at the back of the church.

**PARISH FINANCE:** Last weekend you gave £732.56. We received a further £123.60 towards our parish maintenance fund, making the combined monthly total: £234.84 – Thank you.

Second collection this weekend is for the Catholic Communications Network

**Forthcoming collections in June:** 10th/11th Sick & Retired Priests Fund, 17th/18th: 'Day for Life'. 24th/25th 'Peter's Pence'

With so much happening during the month of June, and so many collections taking place, we will not take our usual monthly collection for our Building & Maintenance Fund.

**Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday:** In Preparation to celebrate Pentecost, the Church will be open from 6.00pm **on Friday, 2nd June**. We have devised a little programme for the evening.

6.00pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Evening Prayer – during this time of adoration quiet music will be played in the background. Confessions will be available,

7.00pm Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

7.45pm Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

8.45pm Prayer for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our parish.

**Mark Pinnick** will be received into full membership of the Church and our parish family during the 11.00am 'International Mass'; coincidentally, Mannii was received into the Church on Pentecost Sunday 2010, so it seems even more appropriate that Mark should also be also welcomed as a new full member on that day. Mark will make a profession of faith – he is already baptised, so he cannot be baptised again. He has recently celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in preparation for his reception. During Mass Mark will celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and he will join us in the Eucharist for the first time.

For a number of years now we have always celebrated an 'International Mass' at the 11.00am Mass on Pentecost Sunday – and our thanks to those who have already volunteered to take part in this Mass. In the past some of our congregation have dressed in traditional dress which adds to the sense of the occasion, and we have a shared table, again, people bringing a traditional dish for others to share – this year will be no different. In addition to all of this, Judy & Mike will be organising a BBQ, and the Bar will be open...so, we encourage you to stay on after Mass and celebrate with us.

**St. Norbert's School News:** It was announced earlier this week that our Headteacher, Mr. Joe Burns, has decided to take early retirement and left the school on Friday. We thank Joe for his time in St. Norbert's, and wish him a long and happy retirement.

The Governors, with the permission of Bishop Patrick and the Diocesan Education Service, have appointed Mrs. Jenna Withers (currently our Assistant Headteacher) as our Acting Headteacher, and Ms. Bools and Mrs. Jameson have both jointly been appointed 'Acting Assistant Headteachers'. These posts come into effect from the 5th June. The Governing Body will begin the recruitment process immediately to appoint a new Headteacher. Please continue to remember the school in your prayers.

**6th June (the Feast Day of St. Norbert) volunteers needed** to accompany children from St. Norbert's School (Tollgate, off Pennygate) to and from Mass (9.45am) - if you can help, please contact the school office on 01775 722889 – thank you.

**THE THREE PEAK CHALLENGE:** Sam Morton would like to thank parishioners for your generous response to his appeal for sponsorship of his participation in the 'Three Peak Challenge' to raise much needed funds to upgrade the facilities at The Briars, our diocesan residential youth centre in Crich (near Matlock) in Derbyshire. It is not too late to sponsor Sam – you may contact him through the school, or you can hand in your sponsorship to the parish office – thank you.