

Masses & Services this Week

Saturday 14th April	3.30pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Holy Souls)
Sunday 15th	8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 11.00am (Vicki Bergin's Intention)
Monday 16th	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Holy Souls)
Tuesday 17th	8.00am Mass: (Jacqui's Intention) 7.00pm Meeting of the PPC & Finance Committees
Wednesday 18th	6.00pm Mass: (Holy Souls) Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 19th	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Annunzjat Agius)
Friday 20th	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Norah Vandervoet RIP)
Saturday 21st	9.00am Mass: (Private Intention) (Confessions) 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Vigil Mass: (Peter Damian Robinson RIP)
Sunday 22nd <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 11.00am Mass: (Armando Abadia RIP) <i>The Baptism of Elizabeth Ariel Jemima Okwardi will take place during this Mass.</i>

Finnegan sold Clancy a donkey. Three weeks later they met in the pub and Clancy says : "Hey, Finnegan! That donkey you sold me went and died." Finnegan just sipped his pint and chirped up: "By God, it never done that on me!"

With our prayers and best wishes,

Fr. Jim & Deacon Dennis

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

15th April 2018

3rd Sunday of Easter (B)

Psalter 3

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ADOREMUS: As the Catholic Church in England & Wales prepares for the National Eucharistic Conference taking place in Liverpool this coming September, the Bishops of England & Wales have asked priests and deacons to preach of the importance of the Eucharist in the Church. Over the coming weeks we will be focusing on this theme, which is central to our faith, and in preparation for our parish mission. This weekend we will be considering how the Eucharist is linked to the events that took place on Calvary.

We have six places reserved for our parish at the conference—four places were taken, leaving just two places available—if you are interested in attending, please see Deacon Dennis.

There are many resources available in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress including three very good booklets available from CTS: 'Meeting Christ in the Eucharist' by Fr. Stephen Wang. It includes prayers, scripture readings, meditations and quotations from some of our saints and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. 'The Watchful Hour' 'A scriptural companion to Eucharistic Adoration' by Fr. Florian Racine. Both these booklets are priced at £3.50 each. The third title is: 'The Prayerful Hour' also by Fr. Florian Racine, is available for £2.95. We will gladly obtain these books for you – just put your details on the list provided – thank you.

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners: Marie Tooke, Allison Law, Pat Saville & family, Margaret Trivett, Audrey Cook, Marcello Viglianti, Maria Dowling, Rosetta Le Compte, Elvira Choma, Ros Mullholland-Gullick, Jean Fairbanks, Rosemarie & Peter Anderton, Norma Yaxley, 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, Pat Baxter, Rita Gensiorskyj, Manfred Haacker, June Burrell, Maurice Cranney, Helen Henry, Philip Chandler, Maria Sharples, Fr. Oliver Martin O.Praem, Brian Stout, Alison Merryman-Marx, Fr. Eamonn O'Hara, Canon Michael Bell, Fr. Tom Breslin, Maddie Scott & Laurence Connell.

Please also remember: Paula Goemans, Fritz Landen, Bryan Dawson, Bridget Bingham, James Toal, Anna Coleman, Elizabeth Nowlan, John

MARCH FOR LIFE UK: This year's annual event is taking place in London on the 5th May—if you are interested in taking part, please see Sharon Amess or one of the clergy for more details.

THE GOOD NEWS IN EAST MIDLANDS! This is the title of a new book compiled by Canon Anthony Dolan. It gives extensive information about Catholic life in the Diocese of Nottingham, of which we are a part of. The RRP of the book is £20—or you can make a small saving by ordering directly with the publishers. We will shortly have a small number of books available at the reduced cost of £16, and we will gladly order more copies if requested. All proceeds from the sale of this book will go towards the Diocesan Appeal for our Sick & Retired Priests Fund. You can order a copy from Katherine in the Parish Office: admin@stnorberts.org.uk

Presbytery Phone System: There seems to be a problem with some of the information not recording etc—this will be addressed this week.

Parish Webcam: Fr. Jim has discovered that this has not always been working. We would be grateful if those who use this facility will let us know when the streaming fails as we have no way of telling without checking every webcast—so do let us know. You can contact Katherine (admin@stnorberts.org.uk) or Fr. Jim (fr.jim@stnorberts.org.uk) - Thank you.

And Finally....

Some Famous Last Words: :

1. What does this button do?
2. Are you sure the power is off?
3. The odds of that happening have to be a million to one!
4. Pull the pin and count to what?
5. I've seen this done on TV.
6. This doesn't taste right.
7. I can do that with my eyes closed.

collection taken after the 6.30am Masses during Lent.

(2) We also received an anonymous donations of £100 & £5 for Julia's Fund.

(3) A personal 'thank you' from Fr. Jim to everyone who helped in any way over our Holy Week and Easter celebrations, and for your generous Easter offerings, for the cards and gifts received. Thanks also to those who sent cards and gifts on the occasion of my birthday last weekend—I am sorry that I have not had the opportunity to thank you all yet, but I am deeply grateful to you all.

Diocesan Annual Blessed Sacrament Procession: On Saturday, 28th April, at 2pm Bishop Patrick will lead the annual Blessed Sacrament Procession, as we witness to our faith through the streets of central Nottingham. Starting at St Mary's, Hyson Green, and proceeding to the Cathedral, for Benediction at around 4 p.m. After Benediction we will pause to pray before the tomb of the Venerable Mary Potter to pray for her Beatification. For more information please make contact with Fr. David Palmer: catholicdavid@me.com

In addition, before the Blessed Sacrament Procession, there will be a study morning at St. Mary's, Hyson Green. Bishop Patrick will open the morning in prayer at 10 a.m. and we will finish just before the start of the procession. For more information please contact: formation@nrcdt.org.uk

Rosary on the Coast: On Sunday 29th April, the Parish of Grimsby, Cleethorpes & Immingham would like to invite you to 'Rosary on the Coast'. There will be Holy Hour in Corpus Christi Church, Grimsby Road, Cleethorpes DN35 7LJ from 1.30 pm, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. At 2.30 pm, we will walk from the church to the Pier Gardens, overlooking the beach, to recite the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary at 3.00 pm, joining with Christians from across Wales, England & Scotland in praying for faith, life & peace in our countries. Those who would prefer to remain in the church, rather than walk to the seafront, will be able to say the Rosary there. Refreshments will be provided, and there is limited parking at the church. Public pay & display parking is available in Cleethorpes town centre. All are welcome.

Zucchetti, Anne Lively, Harry Emraz, Mildred Couch, Mario Monterro, Geoff Whitwell, Evelyn Ward, Rita Martino, John Britnell, Iwan Iwanyckyji, Gordon McLoughlin, Gwendolene Broadley, Eileen Goddard, Peter Robinson, Wasyl Iwanyk, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

PARISH FINANCE: The collection taken on Good Friday for the Holy Places in Palestine amounted to £215.78. Last weekend you gave: £697.75—Thank you.

Second Collections in April:

21st/22nd: Clergy Formation Fund

28th/29th: Parish Maintenance Fund

Counter's Rota—This week's counters: Joe & Karen; **next week:** Norma & Rosetta.

Safeguarding: will those people who are DBS checked for Parish duties and have not seen Mary Hurst recently, please let her know if they are on the Update Service. There is a list in the Narthex at the back of church, please indicate Yes or No next to your name, as soon as possible. The information is required by the Diocese. Thank you.

FLOWER ARRANGING: Do we have any parishioners who will come forward to ensure that we have flowers in church? Mary King has very kindly volunteered to demonstrate some easy arrangements for those who may not have any experience of flower arranging. There is a list provided at the back of church for those who would be willing to give it a try. Thanking you in anticipation.

Maintenance Update: The work to the fascias and two new doors to the presbytery (Priest's House) has now been completed. Our thanks to Peter Borst who has very generously met the full cost of this work.

In addition to the above, new 'LED' lights have been installed in the sacristy and in Fr. Jim's office—our thanks to Eugene & Damian

Cassidy for taking care of this work.

ANNUAL MASS FOR OUR DECEASED CHILDREN: This will take place at 7.30pm on Friday, 27th April. Unfortunately, the list of deceased children was lost to the virus that attacked the parish computer some time ago—please place the names of the children you would like to be remembered on the list provided at the back of the church. Thank you.

PARISH MISSION 2018

Weekly Prayer Intention: We pray for all those seeking work, that they may be equipped with the skills necessary to make a dignified contribution to God's kingdom on earth.

We continue to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 9.30am Mass on Mondays to pray for the success of our Mission.

Accommodation: This is required for Sion Community members, one group for the first week, different people for the second week. Single rooms are required. No family member is to be displaced from a room to offer accommodation! Details on what will be required are available from the Mission Coordinator, Mary Hurst.

For further details and offers of help please contact Mary Hurst by phone 01775 680598 or e-mail maryehurst2@gmail.com

Every parish that is holding a Mission led by the Sion Community in 2018 has been twinned with another parish—We have been twinned with the parish of **The Sacred Heart Newhaven & The Immaculate Conception of Our Lady, Peacehaven** in West Sussex who are having their Mission from the 28th April until 13th May. Our parishes are now united in prayer!

EASTER BIG PRIZE DRAW: Sincere thanks to everyone who supported the prize draw, not least those who provided or contributed to the prizes. The combined proceeds from the meat raffles and the Easter Draw amounted to £1,449.00. £55.00 was donated from the voluntary collection taken on the Wednesday morning breakfast club throughout Lent and a further £208 was raised towards the costs of the

school mission –making a grand total of: **£1,712.00** towards the cost of the Mission; thank you, so much!

Easter Prize Draw Winners

- 1st. Nespresso Coffee Machine: (01387) Pat Smith
- 2nd. Amazon 'Alexia' Speaker: (00674) Phone number given
- 3rd. Family Photoshoot: (02126) Roger Smith
- 4th. 6 Bottles of Wine: (00159) Joe Masters
- 5th. Waitrose Hamper: (00671) Anne Brennan
- 6th. £30 Meat Voucher: (01569) Sebastian Parise
- 7th. Brandy: (02283) C. Church
- 8th. Whisky: (02231) M. Szczygiel
- 9th. Champagne: (01249) Anne Steel
- 10th. Cut & Style: (00501) C. Gray
- 11th. £20 Voucher Crystal Inn: (01541) R. LeCaplain
- 12th. Family Boat Tickets: (02947) Louise Frith
- 13th. Glasses: (01824) Linda Woolham
- 14th. £20 M&S Voucher: (01382) Pat Smith
- 15th. £20 Voucher Crystal Inn: (00276) Miss Tennant
- 16th. 2 Bottles of Wine: (02947) Fr. Jim
- 17th. Yankee Candles: (00990) G. Morris
- 18th. Biscuits: (02757) Peter Miller
- 19th. Shortbread Biscuits: (00626) Mike van der Weyden

Congratulations to all our lucky prize winners!

Pat Smith, the winner of our Coffee Machine has very kindly donated the prize to be re-raffled and the money raised from this will be added to the amount already raised towards our mission expenses. Tickets will be on sale again this week—£1 each or 3 for £2—please support.

Joe Masters has also given back his prize of 6 bottles of 'Secret Cellar' wine (3 Pinot Grigio & 3 Shiraz) money raised from this will also be added to cover mission expenses.

Thank you: (1) As already mentioned, Fr. Jim has received £55 towards the cost of our mission expenses from the voluntary