

Masses & Services this Week

Saturday 5th May	3.30pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (The Matten Family)
Sunday 6th	8.00am Mass: (In Thanksgiving) <i>(Sylvia)</i> 11.00am Mass: (Malcolm Mason RIP)
Monday 7th	<u>Bank Holiday</u> 10.00am Mass: (Michael Joseph Neary RIP)
Tuesday 8th	8.00am Mass: ('For A Deceased Person')
Wednesday 9th	5.00pm Training for those accompanying the Visiting Team during the Visiting Week of the Mission 6.00pm Mass: (Alphons Manuelpillar RIP) Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm Mission Planning Meeting with Clare Scully
Ascension Thursday 10th	Holyday of Obligation 9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Holy Souls) 7.30pm Mass: (Private)
Friday 11th	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Tony Faulkner RIP)
Saturday 12th	9.00am Mass: (William George Porter RIP) (Confessions) 12.00pm Polish First Holy Communion Mass 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Vigil Mass: (The Matten Family)
Sunday 13th <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 11.00am Mass: (Thierry Christian Gnanakumar RIP)

Wishing you and all you hold dear, every blessing throughout the coming week

Fr. Jim & Deacon Dennis

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

6th May 2018

6th Sunday of Easter (B)

Psalter 2

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ADOREMUS: As mentioned last week, this weekend's homily is on the theme of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. After our morning Masses today the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for ten minutes of silent prayer. **Out of respect for the Blessed Sacrament, please refrain from moving or leaving the church until the Blessed Sacrament has been exposed. Those not staying/unable to stay please leave the church quietly. Thank you.**

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.

MISSION 2018: 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 beginning the second week ('The Celebration Week') of their Mission this weekend. Please remember to continue to pray for the success of the Mission in Newhaven and Peacehaven which concludes next Sunday (13th May).

Clare Scully, our pre-mission co-ordinator, has herself just completed a two-week mission New Malden; and she will be making her final pre-mission visit to us this Wednesday. This is an important meeting for us, and Fr. Jim & Mary Hurst urge as many people as possible to attend this meeting. We invite the members of our parish mission team, and anyone else who simply wants to learn more or become involved (it's not too late!). The meeting will take place at 7.00pm.

We would welcome more volunteers to come forward to accompany the Visiting Team. Clare would like to know the exact numbers of volunteers to help with planning and she would like to meet with you on Wednesday at 5.00pm. Please let us know if you cannot make this

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@stnorbts.org.uk

A Reflection: In today's Gospel, Jesus commands us to love one another as he has loved us. In his letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul writes that there are three things, "faith, hope and love. And the greatest of these is love." It seems that there is nothing more important to us than love. Love is mentioned over 600 times in one translation of the Bible. If you go to the Internet and type in the word "love" you'll get nearly 2 trillion responses.

Love comes in four flavours:

Generic: "I love a good cup of coffee,"

Eros: "I love you my darling."

Philos: "I love all my friends."

Agape: "I love you unconditionally."

Agape is the highest form of love, where we expect nothing in return. It's like the love of a parent for a child or the love God has for us.

For the Church...for guidance, inspiration and comfort of the Holy Spirit in all we do or say.

For the poor, the sick, the widow, the orphan, the homeless, the refugee, and all those whose lives are imperiled.

A Prayer: Now I sit me down to sleep,
The preacher's dull, the subject's deep.
If he should stop before I wake,
Give me a poke for goodness sake!

Congratulations to Miss Sarah Blacoe & Mr. Jamie Hibbert who were married here this weekend. We wish them a long and happy marriage.

A Message from Mike van der Weyden: *'Fellow parishioners, my Sudden 'disappearance' from the scene at St. Norbert's at the beginning of April is not because I have emigrated or eloped! Due to a breakdown in my health, I was hospitalised for a period of five days, while texts were undertaken to assess my problem. The tests were inconclusive, and further tests are earmarked for later in the year. Therefore, I have been forbidden to drive my car by my consultant and find my lifestyle somewhat curtailed. Under the circumstances, I have resigned from all my duties and responsibilities at St. Norbert's Church. I will continue to pray for the parish, its priest and people and hope that one or two of you will find a moment in your busy schedules to say one for me!'*

Fr. Jim writes: We send our prayers and best wishes to Mike, and we miss Mike's presence at Mass and around the place. I am sure he is deeply missed by all those to whom he brought the Eucharist to on a weekly basis. I have known Mike for longer than most of you – for 50 years! As well as teaching in St. Thomas More School in Peterborough, he was the sacristan in Deeping St. James, a position I held myself for a number of years and I was replaced by my dad who took over the role for many years when I left for my studies in 1985. When the family business began in 1978, Mike & Anne gave Burmor their first job! So the family connection goes back! It is with understandable sadness that I have accepted Mike's resignation from all parish duties, and I know that that decision was not take lightly. Mike is a man of prayer, when he says that he will pray for us – I can assure you, he means it; and now, we must pray for him. Thanks, Mike, for all you have done over the years in this parish; for the support and the wisdom of your advice – and I know I speak on behalf of the priests who have gone before me, your friendship to us all. God bless you. Fr. Jim, on behalf of us all.

Bank Holiday: Don't forget Mass is at the later time of 10.00am tomorrow (Monday) and the parish office will be closed until Tuesday.

time. If you can become involved in the visiting week, please sign the list at the back of the church before you leave today, or contact Katherine in the Parish Office by Monday, please. Thanks to those who have already volunteered.

Ascension Thursday: The Bishops Conference of England & Wales have reverted to the traditional Holyday of Obligation – so, please note that **this Thursday is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 9.30am & 7.30pm.**

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners: *Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners:* Mary Bull, Pat McGilloway, John Baguley, 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, Fr. Dominic O'Connor, Canon Michael Bell, Maddie Scott & Laurence Connell.

Please also remember: Hannie Stout, Phyllis Kelman, Michael Keogh, Mindaueas Mockus, Gina Wildman, Tony Faulkner 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 figures in last weekend's newsletter were incorrect, the correct figures are given below.

21st/22nd April: The parish collection amounted to £699.68. The second collection for the Diocesan Clergy Formation Fund raised £163.86.

28th/29th April: Parish collection: £714.01; second collection for our

parish maintenance fund: £409.34—Thank you for your continuing support.

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

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: As we go to print we have 9 volunteers to form a rota—the more the merrier, so if you could join this rota you will be welcome.

Mary King has very kindly offered to be the contact person for the flower arrangers—ideally, we would like to arrange a set up meeting, which Fr. Jim would like to attend. We hope to publish a date for this meeting very soon.

Some of our volunteers are new to flower arranging, Mary is happy to arrange a meeting for those who feel they would benefit from Mary's advice and experience—there is no need to panic, as help is there for you.

Some of our volunteers are experienced and are happy to join the rota—thank you! You will not need to attend any demonstrations, but if you want to come along you will be welcome.

Most of our volunteers are working and so there is a concern about gaining access to the church. We can be very flexible about this, you just need to have a word with Katherine or Fr. Jim to arrange a suitable day and time that suits you. Thank you for coming forward—we really appreciate it. (Fr. Jim)

PARISH MISSION 2018

Another reminder: On Wednesday Clare Scully will be making her

final pre-mission visit. We will be finalising the time table for the entire mission; we will be looking at the programme and discussing publicity...plus anything else that needs to be asked/discussed; so, come prepared!

Young People & The Mission: It was decided that our young people (Year 11+) would take responsibility of welcoming the Sion Community Mission Team to the 4.30pm Mass on Saturday, 16th June. It is also our hope that the young people will take an active role in our Mission services each evening as well as organise our parish celebration (*"The End of the Show Show!"*) on Saturday, 30th June and, of course, in our closing Mission Mass with Bishop Patrick in the grounds of St. Norbert's School.

There will be a Mass prepared by our young people on Sunday, 27th May, (Trinity Sunday) at 3.00pm followed by a meeting. **We would love to hear from any musicians who could join us for this Mass!** Please see Fr. Jim as soon as possible!!!

The Meat Raffle is Coming Back! (*Repeated from last week*) Some parishioners have asked for the return of the popular bi-weekly Meat Raffle! Fr. Jim will donate another £30 meat voucher to get the raffle up and running again—but he would like volunteers to sell the tickets as many people want to speak with him after the Masses, so volunteers would be welcome. We will start selling tickets next Sunday, (13th May) and all proceeds will go towards our parish mission expenses—thank you!

Weekly Prayer Intention: We pray for the Sion Community, that, with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they may be inspired to carry out the work they have been called to do.

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

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