

Masses & Services this Week

Saturday 12th May	3.30pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (The Matten Family)
Sunday 13th	8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 11.00am (Thierry Christian Gnanakumar RIP)
Monday 14th <i>St. Matthias</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Deacon Dennis)
Tuesday 15th	8.00am Mass: (Holy Souls)
Wednesday 16th	6.00pm Mass: (Elvis Posiakinas RIP) 6.30pm Rosary & Benediction
Thursday 17th	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Bridget Thomas RIP)
Friday 18th	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Holy Souls) 6.30pm Confessions (& Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament) Everyone welcome!
Saturday 19th	9.00am Mass: (Private Intention) (Confessions) 1.00pm Mass at 'The Hub' Hall Street, Crowland - everyone welcome! 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Patrick Murphy RIP)
Sunday 20th <i>Pentecost</i> <i>Sunday</i>	8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 11.00am Mass: (Mario & Lena Martino RIP) Confessions available after this Mass

100 CLUB: The May Draw has taken place and the results will appear in next week's newsletter.

As announced last weekend, Mike van der Weyden has had to retire from all his parish duties. We have come to the end of this year's 100 Club—we will be continuing with this monthly draw, but we will take a short break whilst we hand over to our new promoters—more details next week.

Wishing you every blessing throughout the coming week
Fr. Jim & Deacon Dennis

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

13th May 2018

7th Sunday of Easter (B)

Psalter 3

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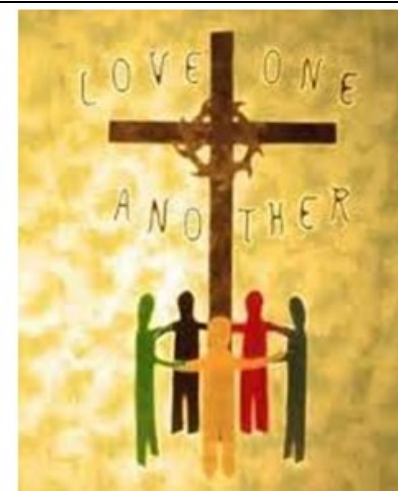
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This Weekend: The second collection is for the Catholic Communications Network.

The Meat Raffle is Back by popular demand! Tickets are on sale this week, 50p each or five for £2. The prize is a £30 meat voucher redeemable at Bennett's Butchers, Winsover Road, Spalding. The draw will take place in the Hall after the 11.00am Mass next weekend (Pentecost Sunday). All proceeds will go towards the parish mission expenses.

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: Peter Kohut, Elvis Posiakinas, Jerry Barry, Monsignor Tony Philpot, Roger McKue, Lina Martino, Margaret van der Weyden, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

Please Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Vicky Bergin—*Eternal rest give unto her, O Lord, let perpetual light shine upon her.*

PARISH FINANCE: Last weekend you gave: £624.19 – Thank you.

Second Collections During May:

This weekend: Catholic Communications Network
26th/27th: Parish Maintenance Fund

You're not alone without a guide-
He sees each tear you've ever cried.
God comforts those who seek His way
and knows our hearts before we pray.
His perfect peace and endless love
fall like feathers from above.
There is no cross too large to bear –
you're not alone for Christ is there!

Author: Clay Harrison.

Coming Soon!



School News: Our congratulations to **Mrs. Jeanette Jameson** who has been appointed Headteacher of Quadring Cowley & Brown's Primary School. Mrs. Jameson will commence her new position in September 2018. Please keep her in your prayers.

The South Indian Community are organising an **Indian Food Night** in our Community Hall on Saturday, 9th June from 5.00pm to 8.30pm. There will be at least a variety of 16 Indian dishes to try! Tickets are priced 10 years & above £9.99; below 10 years £4.99; under 5's eat free. All proceeds from this event will go to Cancer Research. To book your tickets contact Johnson (07956 315123) or George (07769 896993)

The Diocesan Sick & Retired Priests Fund:

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

A Thought for Today...

You're Not Alone

You're not alone when troubles come
and your heart is beating like a drum.
You're not alone through sorrow's night
when nothing seems to go just right.
The Saviour waits to hear from you
and give you strength for all you do.
He knows the secrets of your heart,
and He can make your fears depart.

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY: Sorry for the late appeal, but we hope to arrange our annual 'International Mass' next Sunday at 11.00am. We are inviting those of you with additional languages to participate in the 11.00am Mass next weekend. We are looking for volunteers to read in your native language—the readings, prayers of the faithful, perhaps you have a CD with a suitable hymn—maybe you might sing something appropriate yourself (yourselves)! In the past this Mass has been followed by an International 'Shared Table' - if you are willing to do this, please place your contact details on the list provided. In the past, some of our parishioners have dressed up in national dress! Realising it is short notice, what can we do this year to celebrate the Birthday of the Church?

EASTER DUTIES: As Catholics, we are bound to fulfil our 'Easter Duties'; that is, celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confession) and receive the Holy Eucharist. The time for fulfilling your Easter Duty falls on Trinity Sunday, which this year is celebrated on the 27th May. Fr. Jim will be available for Confessions at the usual times: Saturdays after the 9.00am Mass and from 4.00 to 4.20pm. In addition to this, he will also be available for Confession after the 11.00am Mass next Sunday (Pentecost) and after the 8.00sm Mass on the 27th May,

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY: As in previous years, First Holy Communion Sunday will take place on the solemnity of Corpus Christi, during the 11.00am Mass on the 3rd June.

It is desirable that our First Holy Communicants and their families celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before celebrating their first Holy Communion. Fr. Jim will be available to hear confessions on **This Friday, 18th May from 6.30pm—everyone welcome.**

Rehearsal for the children will take place on Friday, 1st June at 5.15pm.

Parish Pastoral Council: The next meeting of the PPC takes place on Monday, 21st May at 7.00pm in the Walsingham Chapel. The full agenda will appear in next weekend's newsletter; in the meantime, if there are any issues you wish to bring to the PPC's attention, please contact Judy Flynn (Chair) on 07774 260853 or Katherine Saunders (admin@stnorberty.org.uk)

PARISH MISSION

If you haven't done it so already, please note the dates of our combined Parish Mission:

Monday, 11th June to Friday 15th June: School Mission

Saturday, 16th June the Visiting Team arrive in the parish.

Sunday, 17th June to Saturday, 23rd June the Visiting Team will be visiting parishioners in their homes.

Saturday, 23rd June Fr. Ged Kelly & Deacon Jonathan de Kretser and the 'Celebration Team' arrive in the parish.

Sunday, 24th June to Saturday 30th June is 'Celebration Week' - there will be a full programme for this week, and a Mission Service every day.

Sunday, 1st July, there will be only one Parish Mass today at 11.00am, Bishop Patrick will be the principle celebrant at our closing Mission Mass. In the coming weeks you will be given a full programme with all the dates, times and themes of the Mission.

Mass at 'The Hub' Crowland: As announced in a recent newsletter, Fr. Jim will celebrate Mass for the success of the parish mission at the Crowland Hub & Community Library (Hall Street) next Saturday, 19th May at 1.00pm – *if you can, please come and join us.*

Next weekend (Pentecost Sunday) we will be distributing a new Mission Prayer, which we start to recite every day. Please do tell others about the mission – and even invite them along! If there is anyone who specifically would like a visit during the Visiting Week, please do

make us know. Everyone is welcome to the Mission Services – we extend a welcome from our neighbouring parishes and local churches, so spread the news! The Sion Community are coming to Spalding!

Transport: Can you offer transport to those who would otherwise struggle to get along to a Mission Service, Mass or some other event? There is a list for you to sign at the back of the church.

If you require transport, we will soon give you details of who to contact, and there will be a special mission mobile number for you to call.

Young People & The Mission: We are inviting our young people (Year 7+) to welcome The Sion Community Mission Team to our parish at 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. Fr. Jim would love to hear from any musicians who would accompany the hymns and songs during Mass! Please contact Fr. Jim as soon as possible if you can help!

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 maryhurst2@gmail.com