

## Masses & Services 8th – 15th April 2018

<b>Sunday 8th</b> <i>April Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	8.00am Mass: (Ferraro Family RIP) 11.00am (Deceased Family & Friends)
<b>Monday 9th</b> <i>The Annunciation</i>	9.10sm Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Patrick & Ellen Burke RIP)
<b>Tuesday 10th</b>	<b>8.00am</b> Mass: (Henry & Margaret, John & Michael Brogan RIP)
<b>Wednesday 11th</b> <i>St. Stanislaus</i>	6.00pm Mass: (Priest's Private Intention) Followed by Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Thursday 12th</b> <i>St. Guthlac</i>	9.10sm Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Mary & Joseph Agius)
<b>Friday 13th</b>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Holy Souls)
<b>Saturday 14th</b>	9.00am Mass: (Roy Walton RIP) <sup>(04)</sup> (Confessions) 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Holy Souls)
<b>Sunday 15th</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Easter (B)</i>	8.00am Mass: (Holy Souls) 11.00am Mass: (People of the Parish)

Ah yes brothers and sisters, but where did the Lord wish to be recognised? In the breaking of bread. So if you are a believer, any of you, if you are not called a Christian for nothing, if you don't come to church pointlessly, if you listen to the word of God in fear and hope, you may take comfort in the breaking of bread. The Lord's absence is not an absence. Have faith, and the one you cannot see is with you. (St Augustine : Sermon 23)

**We wish you, and all you love every joy & blessing this Easter!**

Deacon Dennis, Maggie, Katherine & Fr. Jim

## PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

**1st April 2018**

**EASTER SUNDAY (B)**

**Psalter 1**

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# MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

<b>Saturday 31st March</b>	<b>8.00pm The Service of Light &amp; Easter Vigil</b> (English & Polish Community)
<b>Sunday 1st April</b>	8.00am Mass: (Natalina RIP) 11.00am Mass: (Francis Michie RIP)
<b>Monday 2nd</b>	<b>10.00am</b> Mass: (William George Porter RIP)
<b>Tuesday 3rd</b>	9.10am Morning Prayer <b>9.30am</b> Service of the Word & Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday 4th</b>	9.10am Morning Prayer <b>9.30am</b> Service of the Word & Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 5th</b>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Service of the Word & Holy Communion
<b>Friday 6th</b>	7.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions 7.30pm Mass: (Norah Bowler RIP)
<b>Saturday 7th</b>	9.00am Mass: (Maria Shearer's Intention) (Confessions) 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (People of the Parish)

**Wednesday Lenten Teas & Coffees** (after the 6.30am Mass) realised £55 towards the cost of our parish mission. Grateful thanks to all who contributed.

**Thank you:** Fr. Jim acknowledges the receipt of £100 given anonymously to Julia's Fund.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** will be celebrated at **Holy Trinity Church in Holbeach** next Sunday (8<sup>th</sup> April).

The programme is: 1:15-2:15pm Confessions, 2:15 Adoration and Rosary, 3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotions, 3:40pm Holy Mass. For more details ring 01406 423034 or visit the website [www.holytrinityparish.org.uk](http://www.holytrinityparish.org.uk)

**16th to 23rd June:** The Visiting Team will arrive. Hosts will meet their guests after the vigil Mass and take them to their accommodation. A cooked supper will be provided by the parish. Your guest will require a simple 'self-help' breakfast each day. They will be away by 7.30am and will not return until approximately 9.00pm. They will depart after the morning Mass on Saturday, 23rd June. We are looking for accommodation for 8 people.

**23rd June to 1st July:** The Celebration Team will arrive. This is a team of six people – including a priest and a deacon. I have already offered accommodation for the priest and another guest who may wish to stay in the presbytery during Mission Week. So we are looking for accommodation for a deacon and four other adults. The requirements are the same as above; and the team will depart after the closing Mass on Sunday, 1st July – can you help?

**Weekly Prayer Intentions:** This week: We pray for all those who no longer consider themselves part of our faith community, that through our efforts they may return and be welcomed as valued members of the Church.

Next Week: (8th April) We pray for all those who are fighting against disbelief, and for those searching for answers, that they be blessed with faith and experience the love of God within our community.

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

**LOOK, CHRIST IS ALIVE: IS HOPE DEAD IN YOU?** Jesus appeared. He was seen with their eyes, and wasn't recognised. The Master was walking with them along the way, and he himself was the way. And they weren't yet walking along the way; he found, you see, that they had wandered off the way....We, they said, were hoping that it was he that would redeem Israel. O my dear disciples, you were hoping! So now you're no longer hoping? Look, Christ is alive; is hope dead in you? Certainly, certainly, Christ is alive. Christ, being alive, found the hearts of his disciples dead, appearing to their eyes, and not appearing. He was at one and the same time seen, and concealed.

us to reclaim an additional 25p for every £1 you donate *at no cost to the tax payer*. Please do consider joining the scheme. If you wish to receive details of how to pay your offering by Direct Debit or by a Standing Order, please contact Katherine in the parish office and she will give you all the information you will need. Telephone: 01775 722056 (option '1' or email: admin@stnorbets.org.uk – thank you.

**Counter's Rota** – This week's counters: Fr. Jim & Anita; **next week:** Fr. Anita.& Betty. 15th April: Joe & Anna.

A new rota has been produced, please make sure you have a copy – thank you.

**NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: 'ADOREMUS'** which is taking place in Liverpool from the 7th to 9th September in Liverpool, Deacon Dennis or Fr. Jim will be contacting those who expressed a wish in attending the congress shortly – and there may be a couple of extra places available. Bishop Patrick has requested us to preach on the importance of the Eucharist in the life of the Church in the coming weeks – we are working on this now, and we would like to offer more opportunities for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, not only for the success of the congress, but also for the success of our parish mission – but, we can only achieve this with your help. More details soon.

**PARISH MISSION:** *Fr. Jim writes:* 'I would like to try and sort out accommodation for the Sion Team for the duration of the Mission. Here are the requests for us all to consider.

**10th to 15th June: SCHOOL MISSION** – We are seeking accommodation for five adults (one male and four females). They will require Bed & Breakfast. They will have a meal in the school each day, and we are happy to provide them with an evening meal in the presbytery each evening (maybe some volunteers may prepare a meal and bring it to the presbytery?) I am happy to offer accommodation to the male team member. Can you help? They will be leaving on the 15th June.

## CALLS TO WORSHIP EASTER

At the break of dawn, a bird sings.  
The long night of darkness is over.

The stone is rolled away.

The tomb is empty.

The sun begins to shine.

The Son has risen!

It's a morning of glory,  
Of love overcoming death,  
Of women spreading Good News,  
Of men turning to despair.

It's a morning of joy,  
For Easter has come again.

Love is stronger than death,  
And we lift our voices in song.

*Today* we proclaim the impossible. One who walked among us, one who was put to death as a criminal and whose death was witnessed by disciples and strangers; this one has been raised and lives again. Christ is risen. We believe in the impossible.

*Today* we proclaim that God is God of the whole world and that the salvation won by Jesus Christ is salvation for all. Let us remember our duty as believers and pray for the whole world.

That all Christians who celebrate Christ's resurrection at Easter may live lives full of faith, hope and love all year round.

Let us remember those for whom we are especially concerned and who have asked for our prayers.

*Fr. Jim writes:* Thank you and happy Easter to you all. To our altar servers, our collectors, readers and Eucharistic ministers, to our choir with our organists and musicians who have enhanced our

celebrations. To our Sacristan, Sharon, and her helpers, to those who clean our church; polish the brasses; to Maggie and Katherine in the presbytery, to Justyna, Anna & Monika who arranged the flowers, again many thanks.

Thanks to Fr. Daniel and the Polish singers, readers and helpers.

Thanks to Deacon Dennis for his constant, help, support and ministry.

Finally, and not least, yourselves, who come to worship here in The Immaculate Conception & St Norbert's. You are loyal to us. You are generous, attentive, and supportive at all times – 'Thank you'.

May you all have a happy Easter and may the joy of the resurrection be yours.

With my love and prayers.

Fr. Jim

**TODAY! EASTER BIG PRIZE DRAW! After the 11.00am Mass this morning.** All proceeds from the raffle and draw will go towards our parish mission expenses. Here is the list of prizes:

**1st. NESPRESSO Lattissima Plus Coffee Machine**

2nd Amazon 2nd Generation Speaker with Alexa Voice Recognition

3rd Family Photoshoot with Veena Cornish

4th 6 Bottles of Wine – 3 X Shiraz & 3 X Pinot Grigio

5th Waitrose Hamper

6th £30 Meat Voucher

7th Bottle of Remi Martin Brandy

8th Bottle of Whisky

9th Bottle of Champagne

10th Cut & Style at Image International, Spalding

11th £20 Voucher towards a meal at The Crystal Inn Chinese Restaurant, Spalding.

12th Family Boat Tickets courtesy of Spalding Water Taxis

Grateful thanks to those who have donated or contributed to these fantastic prizes.

**Also today! EASTER EGG TOMBOLA:** This is always a popular event every Easter Sunday where you donate an Easter Egg and then you buy a ticket and hope to win it back!

*And if all of this is not enough, we also have a **Cake Stall!*** Grateful thanks to Norma and her helpers for arranging these events.

***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, Fr. Dominic O'Connor, Canon Michael Bell, Fr. Tom Breslin, Maddie Scott, Laurence Cornell, Andrew Hopkins (snr) & John Baguley.

***Please also remember:*** All those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.* (Full list will be published in the next edition of the newsletter)

**PARISH FINANCE:** Last weekend you gave: £774.84. Second collection Julia's Fund: £282.42 -Thank you.

*The second collection taken at the Easter Masses is your personal gift to Fr. Jim.*

**NEW ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE** For those who are members of our planned giving/Gift Aid scheme, your new envelopes are available; **you should start using them next Sunday**

**If you are willing to join the planned giving/Gift Aid scheme** please take one of the extra sets of boxes and put your contact details on the list provided. If you are a tax payer, the government allows