

## Masses & Services this Week

<b>Saturday 3rd March</b>	3.30pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (David Field RIP)
<b>Sunday 4th</b> <i>1st Sunday of Lent (B)</i>	8.00am Mass: (Holy Souls) 11.00am (Mario & Lina Martino RIP) 5.15pm Stations of the Cross <b>6.00pm</b> Mass: (People of the Parish)
<b>Monday 5th</b>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Private Intention) 7.00pm Meeting for Parents of our 1st Holy Communion Group in the Walsingham Chapel with Fr. Jim
<b>Tuesday 6th</b>	<b>8.00am</b> Mass: (Holy Souls) 7.00pm Meeting of the PPC & Finance Committees
<b>Wednesday 7th</b>	6.30am Mass: (Holy Souls) 6.00pm Mass: (Mary Anne Burke RIP) 6.30pm Stations of the Cross
<b>Thursday 8th</b> <i>The Chair of St. Peter</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer <b>9.30am Service of the Word &amp; Holy Communion</b> <b>7.30pm Lenten House Mass:</b> 8, Halmer Paddock, Spalding
<b>Friday 9th</b> <i>St. Polycarp</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Holy Souls) 7.00pm Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday 10th</b>	9.00am Mass: (Joe Sullivan RIP) (Confessions) 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Kathleen Bertolaso RIP)
<b>Sunday 11th</b> <i>4th Sunday of Lent (B)</i>	8.00am Mass: (Polly Capon—In Thanksgiving) 11.00am Mass: ('Our Mums') 5.15pm Stations of the Cross 6.00pm Mass: (Pat & Reg Brooks RIP) <sup>05</sup>

**CAR PARK:** Parishioners can use the car park when attending services—and at other times, but we simply ask that you inform us that you are parking there, and you will be given a permit to display on your front window screen. If in doubt, please ask!

*With our prayers and good wishes  
Fr. Jim & Deacon Dennis*

## PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

**4th March 2018**

**3rd Sunday of Lent (B)**

**Psalter 3**

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**This Weekend we welcome Monsignor Brian Dazeley**, who will be making an appeal on behalf of our Diocesan Sick & Retired Priest's Fund at the invitation of our parish finance committee.

**JULIA'S FUND:** Unfortunately, the retiring collection was not taken at three of our four Masses last weekend, and only £9.60 was taken. The retiring collection on the 1st Sunday of Lent was £80.75. We will ensure the plate is available after all Masses this weekend.

**Meat Raffle: *By popular demand!*** The meat raffle will continue. We were going to give this a rest during Lent with so many other collections and raffles being taken, but we were asked to keep it going! So our next draw will take place after the 11.00am Mass this morning. The prize: £30 meat vouchers redeemable at Hargraves Butchers, Pinchbeck. The next draw will take place on the 18th March after the 6.00pm Mass.

**EASTER BIG PRIZE DRAW: 1st Prize: Nespresso 'Lattissima Plus' Coffee Machine.** 2nd Prize: Amazon Wireless Speaker with Alexa Voice Recognition, 3rd Prize: Family Photoshoot with Veena Cornish, 4th 6 bottles of Wine....we have a total of 12 fantastic prizes. Tickets are £1 each or £5.00 per book – and they are on sale now!

All proceeds from the raffle and draw will go towards our parish mission expenses.

**EASTER EGG TOMBOLA:** This is always a popular event every Easter Sunday (1st April) where you donate an Easter Egg and then you buy a ticket and hope to win it, (or something similar!) back! The box is in the narthex waiting for you to fill it up! Thank you for your support. (Norma)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** This evening at 5.15pm.

*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

For a just distribution of this world's goods so that no one is hungry or without shelter or medical care.

For members of our community who are sick or who live with chronic pain... for those who love them and must witness their suffering.

**My heart is ready**, Yes! My heart is ready!  
Like a desert I am parched.  
My soul of sand soaks up the rain at once is dry again,  
And the inner fount of life is rank and deadly.  
In such abysmal straits, remind the self  
That we are loved, for all our self-despair;  
That Jesus Christ has sought us out,  
That care will open up the inner streams of health.  
God's love is real and God's affection never spent.

So, be watered, tended; be refreshed, this Lent.

(Harold MacDonald)

*Please take care on the icy roads...*

#### **IF YOU MUST SPEED, SING THESE HYMNS**

1. At 45 mph... "God will take care of me"
2. At 55mph... "Guide me O Thou Great Redeemer"
3. At 65mph... "Nearer my God to Thee"
4. At 75mph... "Nearer still Nearer"
5. At 85mph... "This world is not my home"
6. At 95mph... "Lord, I'm coming home"
7. At 100mph... "Precious memories"

*Please keep an eye on your elderly and/or housebound neighbours during this cold and icy weather – make sure they are OK and be prepared to help if needed – thank you.*

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!

**Thank you:** Fr. Jim wishes to acknowledge the gift of £20 towards the cost of the second prize in our Easter Draw – thank you!

**EASTER BIG PRIZE DRAW:** Thank you to those who have donated prizes – we have all the prizes we need, thank you! We welcome some contributions for the cost of some prizes – the Alexia Speaker and the six bottles of wine – all other prizes have been donated, thank you! These are great prizes.

*If you haven't got your tickets yet, or if you could help us by selling some tickets we will be very grateful. All proceeds will go towards our Mission expenses – thank you.*

**The Third Sunday in Lent:** The Parish Priest of a poor parish got a call from the Inland Revenue. Are you the Parish Priest? The voice on the telephone asked. "I am" he replied. "Do you know a Bob Weaver?" "I do." "Is he a member of your congregation?" "He is." Did he donate £10,000 to the church?" "He will," the parish priest answered.

In Jesus time, the temple was maintained with a tax charged to every Jew. But visiting Jews couldn't pay their temple taxes with Roman or other foreign coins. Only the ancient Jewish shekel could be used. As a result there was a brisk business in money-changing. The stalls of money-changers were set up everywhere in and around the temple precincts. When he came to pray, this scene was too much for Jesus.

In today's Gospel we witness Jesus' anger at those who were buying and selling in front of the temple. Some scholars think Jesus was so angry because the moneychangers were cheating the poor and that their love of money defied the first commandment, "You shall not have other gods besides me." Remembering those false gods we put before the one true God, let us ask for mercy and forgiveness.

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.

*Please also remember:* Brenda Nowlan, Joan Solkins, Margaret O'Keefe, Baby Vilte Ezerinskiene, John Wilson, Charles Stevens, William John, Kas Harawozatowice, Francis Hughes, Theodore Choma, Peter Halliday, Patricia Powney, Michael Nester, Maria Smith, Tony Brennan and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

**PARISH FINANCE:** Last weekend you gave: £677.46. Second collection for the Maintenance Fund realised £147.96 -Thank you.  
**Next weekend:** Second collection for CAFOD Family Fast.

**Financial Review:** If you require a leaflet there are plenty available in the Narthex – thank you.

**Counter's Rota** – This week's counters: Joe & Anna; **next week:** Katherine & Fr. Jim

**Pre-Baptism Programme:** We have not received any enquiries for Baptism, so the programme will not go ahead.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Fr. Jim will meet with parents of the children preparing for their first Reconciliation (Confession) and for their first Holy Communion tomorrow evening, (Monday, 5th March) at 7.00pm. We will be reflecting on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All parents are expected to attend.

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS:** The next meeting of the Union of Catholic Mothers will be our Annual General

Meeting. This will be on Tuesday 6th March at 2pm at St Norbert's Spalding. After the business meeting we will spend some social time together over tea, coffee and biscuits. All ladies are welcome to join us.

**SAFEGUARDING:** The Diocese of Nottingham requires that each parish and religious congregation has a Safeguarding Representative in place. The Safeguarding Representative has responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people and adults and for providing advice on child and adult safeguarding matters within the parish or congregation.

My name is Mary Hurst and I am the Safeguarding Rep for our parish. I provide the link between the parish and the Safeguarding Coordinator for the Diocese.

As Safeguarding Representative I have received relevant training and know who to contact if a concern or allegation is raised. In addition I have a key role in administering the safer recruitment process, including facilitating the DBS Disclosure process at local level.

My contact details are published every week on the front of the current newsletter, but here is my number again: 01775 680598, these details are also displayed on the parish noticeboard. You can also make an appointment to see me via the parish office, (01775 722056).

The Safeguarding Coordinator for the Nottingham Diocese is Mrs. Clare McKenzie who can be contacted at Family Care Nottingham, telephone: 0115 960 3010

## LENT 2018

**'EARLY BIRD' MASSES IN LENT** on Wednesday mornings throughout Lent at 6.30am followed by tea and toast in the Hall. Please, join us.

**LENTEN HOUSE MASS:** Our thanks to Delon, Deepa, Daniel & David for hosting last week's House Mass.

This week the House Mass will take place at the home of Ros & Gareth

Mullholland-Guillick, 'Gartef' 8, Halmer Paddock at 7.30pm – all welcome.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Sundays at 5.15pm, Wednesdays after the 6.00pm Mass & Fridays at 7.00pm.

## PARISH MISSION 2018

**Mission Newsletter:** If you did not get a copy last week, there are still some available – if you can't see them, just ask.

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

**VISITING:** We are looking for volunteers to accompany Sion Community visitors during the first week of the (church based) Mission. Volunteers will be trained for the visiting, there is not a necessity to be the speaker, prayerful listening is a valuable part of the visit. You can offer half a day, whole days or all six days, at your convenience. The more time you share has prayerful benefits to you the volunteer. Hopefully, with your local knowledge, it will mean that the Sion Community will be able to visit more homes in the parish. Please, help if you can.

**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.

Volunteering to take part in, or offering these services are an important, practical part in a successful Mission, successful for you personally as well as the Parish: prayer in action.

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