

Masses & Services this Week

Saturday 19th May	3.30pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Patrick Murphy RIP)
Sunday 20th	8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 11.00am Mass: (Mario & Lena Martino RIP) <i>Confessions available after this Mass</i>
Monday 21st	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Bridget & James O'Gara RIP) 7.00pm PPC Meeting
Tuesday 22nd	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Wednesday 23rd	6.00pm Mass: (Vicky Bergin RIP) Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary 7.00pm Meeting for Flower Arrangers
Thursday 24th	9.00am Mass: (John D'Souza RIP)
Friday 25th	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Deceased spouses of the Over 60's Club members)
Saturday 26th	9.00am Mass: (Private Intention) (Confessions) 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Vigil Mass: (Eugene Campbell RIP)
Sunday 27th <i>Most Holy Trinity</i>	8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) <i>Confessions available after this Mass</i> 11.00am Mass: (Francesco Pola RIP) <i>The Baptism of Karina Iliunina</i>

GOSPEL ACTION

Bless yourself slowly first thing every morning as a reminder that the good you do that day is undertaken with the help of the Spirit given to you in baptism and is carried out. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

With our prayers and good wishes,

Fr. Jim & Deacon Dennis

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

20th May 2018

Pentecost (B)

Psalter 4

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In 1922 archaeologists discovered the 3,000-year-old tomb of the boy King Tutankhamen near Luxor, Egypt. Inside was a fabulous treasure and also some grains of wheat for the pharaoh on his journey to the after-world.

Legend has it that these grains were planted and had sprouted. Botanists scoff, yet this wheat is supposedly sold today under the brand name 'Kamut', the Egyptian word for 'wheat'.

Pentecost is the fulfilment of Jesus' promise that after his Ascension the Father would send the Holy Spirit. His assurance is filled with hope, like the grains of wheat placed in the Egyptian tomb 1,000 years before Jesus.

The harvest from the Holy Spirit has sprouted inside millions of lives through each generation. Non-believers scoff, yet this faith is alive today, and guaranteed to yield a great harvest of faith.

Today is Pentecost – a word that means Fiftieth Day the last day of Easter. This is the day we remember and celebrate the promise of the Risen Jesus to send us the Holy Spirit. Let us together claim this promise and ask for the Holy Spirit to inspire and heal our community and our world.

We pray for the Church...for young people...for their formation in the faith...for those whose faith is weakened by adversity or indifference.

For those who most need our prayers... for the very poor, the very old and the very young...for all those whose lives are threatened.

For the Sion Community and the success of our parish mission.

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners: Mary Bull, Pat McGilloy, 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,

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

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@stnorbets.org.uk

NEW DAWN PILGRIMAGE /CONFERENCE - WALSINGHAM

The annual conference is 30th July – 3rd August, you can attend a day or the whole week. The programme includes: Morning prayer and praise, Daily Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Healing Service, Prayer Ministry, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Mile walk with Mass in the Priory grounds and international speakers for various workshops. There is a vibrant Children's and Youth Ministry. Perfect follow up to our Parish Mission. See the website www.newdawn.org.uk for more information and registration details or phone Anne Judd 07531604959

PENTECOST SUNDAY: CHRIST'S BODY ON EARTH

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Since our baptism, the Holy Spirit has been forming us into the Body of Christ; we continue Christ's life of love in our world.

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, which is now taking place in church, *not* in the school grounds.

There will be a Mass (hopefully) prepared by our young people **next Sunday**, (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!!! *No volunteers yet!*

The Mission Prayer Team are organising their final prayer service before the Mission begins. They will be praying for the success of the Mission and for the Sion Community who are leading us through the entire Mission. The final services take place on Monday, 28th May at 7.00pm and on Tuesday, 29th May at 1.30pm – everyone welcome.

Accommodation still required for one gentleman from the 16th to the 20th June – can you help, please contact Mary Hurst (contact details are given at the end of the Mission information).

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.

Thank you: Fr. Jim wishes to acknowledge the generous gift of £100 towards the cost of our Mission.

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.

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, Mike van der Weyden, Alison Merryman-Marx, Fr. Eamonn O'Hara, Canon Michael Bell, Maddie Scott & Laurence Connell.

Please Pray for: Antonio Fernando Araujo Pacheco, whose funeral will take place at the Surfleet Crematorium tomorrow (Monday) and for Deacon Dennis' sister, Imelda, whose Requiem Mass is taking place in London on Tuesday. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.*

Please also remember: Desmond Slay, Peter McCullough, Des Quinn, Peter Melia, Richard Gherardi, Jean Ball, Francesco Pola 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: Last week you gave: £818.89. The second collection for the Catholic Communications Network realised £122.25 – Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

Counter's Rota – This week's counters: Norma & Rosetta; **next week:** Teresa & Martin.

This Weekend:

Meat Raffle: Thanks to all who supported the meat raffle last weekend, realising £80 which we will donate towards the parish mission expenses. The raffle will take place after the 4.30pm Mass this weekend – the prize is a £30 voucher to be redeemed at Bennett's Butchers, Winsover Road.

We will start collecting again next weekend, the prize will be vouchers for the value of £30 to be redeemed at Simpson's Butchers in the town centre – good luck!

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 we celebrate **next Sunday**. Fr. Jim will be available for Confessions **after the 11.00am Mass this weekend**; at the usual times next weekend (Saturday after the 9.00am Mass and from 4.00 to 4.20pm, before the 4.30pm Mass); in addition to this, he will also be available for Confession after the 8.00am Mass next Sunday.

Important Notice: It has come to our attention that the red fire safety attendance record folder has gone missing. It is part of our health and safety requirements to have one and for all meetings on the premises and for the attendees to sign in. We have made a new one and it is situated in the sacristy in the usual place. **This time the folder is yellow.** It needs to be returned after each meeting. If you are having a meeting and do not know where it is, please ask Judy Flynn, Maggie Groombridge, Deacon Dennis or Fr Jim.

If you require any more information, please contact Judy Flynn on 07774 260853. Thank you for your co-operation.

This Week: Please note the changes to our usual programme this week, this is due to the funeral of Dennis' sister in London and a clergy deanery meeting on Thursday.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will take place tomorrow evening. We do have some vacancies, and so we welcome any enquiries from parishioners. These meetings are open to all parishioners, but only elected members can actually vote on matters—if you would like to come along to a meeting you will be made most welcome. The meeting commences at 7.00pm in the Walsingham Chapel.

Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
2. Apologies
3. Matters arising from the previous minutes
4. Cluster Reports

5. Membership of the PPC
6. Mission Update
7. Julia's Fund
8. Update re the Methodist Chapel
9. AOB
10. Date of next meeting
11. Closing Prayer

FLOWER ARRANGING: We have a meeting for those who have volunteered to form a rota, this will take place this Wednesday at 7.00pm. Mary King has kindly offered to oversee the rota, and would like to meet all who have volunteered—this should be a quick meeting for everyone to meet and exchange contact details. Fr. Jim also intends to attend this meeting.

Some volunteers have asked for help (for a demonstration) as to 'what to do' - Mary has agreed to give help to those who require it, and she will meet those who have requested this help after the short meeting. Thanks to those who have volunteered, it is much appreciated.

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.

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

Help Required: The parents of this year's first Holy Communion group would like some assistance on First Holy Communion Sunday (ideally about three volunteers would be needed) to serve teas and coffee after the 11.00am Mass on the 3rd June in the hall and to tidy away afterwards. If you can help, please contact Maria Mendoza on 07809 487474—Thank you

PARISH MISSION 2018

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