

## Masses & Services this Week

<b>Saturday 5th August</b>	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Tony Faulkner RIP)
<b>Sunday 6th</b>	8.00am Mass: (Luke Bailey's Intentions) 11.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 4.00pm Pre-Baptism Programme (Part One)
<b>Monday 7th</b>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Mary Neary's Intention) Mission 2018: Prayer Team meeting after Mass <i>Canon Tim O'Sullivan</i>
<b>Tuesday 8th</b> <i>St. Dominic</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Peggy O'Hearn RIP) <i>The Little Company of Mary Sisters, The Cathedral</i>
<b>Wednesday 9th</b> <i>St Teresa</i> <i>Benedicta of the Cross</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Holy Souls) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00pm The Angellus & Benediction
<b>Thursday 10th</b> <i>St. Lawrence</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Dan Loughry RIP) <i>The Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, Leicester</i>
<b>Friday 11th</b> <i>St. Clare</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Anne van der Weyden RIP) <i>Fr. Hugh Davoren CSSp</i>
<b>Saturday 12th</b>	9.00am Mass: (Reg Brooks RIP) Confessions available after Mass 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (People of the Parish)
<b>Sunday 13th</b> <i>19th Sunday of the Year (A)</i>	8.00am Mass: (Thelma Hare RIP) 11.00am Mass: (Thierry Christian-Gnanakumar RIP) <sup>(04)</sup> 4.00pm Pre-Baptism Programme (Part 2) <i>Fr. John Martin</i>

**Christmas Fayre:** The Christmas Fayre Team are planning *an old fashioned JUMBLE SALE* on Saturday, 9th September in our Hall. It is hoped that this event will raise sufficient funds towards the 1st prize in the **Christmas Draw**. Please look through your possessions and see if there are any items you could part with. We will let you know nearer the day when and where to bring your contributions. We also need help (on a stall or serving tea and biscuits) please have a word with Anne Darragh or Joanna Shardlow. Thank you!

## PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

**6th August 2017 The Transfiguration of The Lord (A) Psalter 2**

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**Today: Pre-Baptism programme** commences this afternoon at 4.00pm in the Walsingham Chapel. Parents wishing to have their children baptised in the parish in the coming weeks and months must attend this programme, which concludes next Sunday at the same time.

**Changes to Weekday Mass Times:** We will continue to celebrate Mass at 9.30am on Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout August; there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays, concluding with Benediction at 12.00pm—please sign the list at the back of the church if you are available to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament—thank you.

**The Parish Office:** Unfortunately, Lynn is on sick leave. To book Masses or to make an appointment to see one of the clergy, ring Fr. Jim's direct line: 01775 722056 or email: [fr.jim@stnorberts.org.uk](mailto:fr.jim@stnorberts.org.uk)—alternatively, speak to any of the clergy—thank you.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2017/18:** Application forms are now available from the parish office, or the sacristy - these must be returned to the **parish office or handed to either Fr. Jim or one of the deacons only**. The Parents Meeting will take place on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm, and the programme for the children commences the following evening (Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September) at 5.00pm. Our lead catechist, Ruth Nester, would like to visit all families presenting their children for the sacraments of Reconciliation and first Holy Communion at home before the 11<sup>th</sup> September.

**JOURNEY OF FAITH** is a course that we offer each year for those wishing to know more about the Catholic Church and our faith. It is an ideal course for those who are Catholics, but feel they could benefit from a refresher; for those of other faiths who are interested in learning about our beliefs and practices, and for those who may be interested in becoming full members of the Church. We understand that your participation in this course does not necessarily mean that you are interested in joining the Church. If this course interests you, please have a word with Fr. Jim or one of the deacons as soon as possible.

**Deacon Paul** has chosen to take his day off on Sunday evening to Monday evening. If his diary is free, Deacon Paul is happy to visit you in your homes, so please feel free to invite him to visit. If you have a

Fr. Malachy Brett: Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, Mikelover to be Cathedral Dean and Parish Priest of St. Augustine's, Nottingham.

Fr. James Earley: (currently on sabbatical leave) to be Parish Priest of Christ The King, Alfreton & Clay Cross.

Canon Geoffrey Hunton: Cathedral Dean and Parish Priest of St. Augustine's, Nottingham to be Parish Priest of St. Mary's, Derby & Allestree.

Canon Edward Jarosz: Parish Priest of Holy Souls, Scunthorpe to be Parish Priest of Ss. Peter & Paul, Lincoln.

Canon Ka Fai Lee: Moderator of the Team Ministry serving the parishes of Aspley, Bilborough & Wollaton to be Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, Mikelover.

Monsignor Thomas McGovern: Parish Priest of Ss. Peter & Paul, Lincoln to be Parish Priest of St. Bernadette's, Scunthorpe and St. Thomas of Canterbury, Gainsborough.

Fr. Paul Nellikulam IC: Parish Priest of Mother of God, Leicester to be Parish Priest of St. Patrick's, Forest Town & St. Joseph's, New Ollerton.

Fr. Stanley Ofoegbu: Priest-in-Charge of St. Patrick's, Forest Town & St. Joseph's, New Ollerton to be Moderator of the Team Ministry serving the parishes of Aspley, Bilborough & Wollaton.

Fr. Gabriel Offor: Priest-in-Charge of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Gainsborough to be Parish Priest of Mother of God, Leicester.

Canon Timothy O'Sullivan: Parish Priest of St. Mary's, Derby to become Assistant Priest to Canon Geoffrey Hunton.

Fr. Neil Peoples: Assistant Priest St. Mary's, Derby to be Parish Priest of Holy Souls, Scunthorpe; St. Norbert's Crowle, and Ss. Joseph & Dymphna, Luddington.

**'The Prayer Team'** are meeting after the 9.30am Mass tomorrow (Monday) - even if you have not placed your name on the list and would like to become involved in the Prayer Team, please do come along to the meeting—the follow up meeting to this will be an evening meeting, which will hopefully suit more people.

**'The Visual Display & Artwork Team'** We are grateful to Mrs. Jenna Withers for volunteering to co-ordinate this group. Hopefully, Jenna will have an assistant and will also work alongside the Polish coordinators. The first meeting will take place in St. Norbert's School on Thursday, 7th September at 9.30am—again, if you have not put your name to this group, but would like to be involved, you will be able to contact Jenna directly—and there will be further meetings in the evenings for those who cannot attend the day time meetings.

Deacon Dennis has volunteered to lead weekly adoration before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for the success of the Mission—more details to follow.

Anita Kerry, Lynn Anderson (our parish administrator) and Fr. Jim will shortly begin work on our parish records.

Fr. Jim will be contacting those who volunteered to be part of the Publicity and the Printing and Photocopying teams in the coming days.

**Clerical Appointments:** Bishop Patrick has announced the following appointments which are effective from the 18th September 2017.

**Vicars General:** Canon Eddy Jarosz will replace Monsignor Tom McGovern as Vicar General for the counties of Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Rutland. Fr. Joe Wheat will replace Fr. John Guest as Vicar General for the counties of Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire.

Canon Michael Bell (Parish Priest of Sleaford) and Fr. Jim O'Hanlon (Parish Priest of Alfreton) are retiring.

**Parish Appointments:**

dog, we would politely request that 'he' or 'she' is *not* invited to form part of the welcoming committee! Deacon Paul respectfully requests that dogs be kept away during his visit.

**Deacon Sherman is returning!** Many of you will remember Deacon Sherman's visit last year. He will be with us from the 15th August to the 15th September.

**Going into hospital? Unable to get to Mass? Do you require a visit from Fr. Jim?** Sometimes Fr. Jim is the last person to know when a parishioner is unwell or requires the Sacrament of the Sick, Holy Communion or a pastoral visit. Please do not assume that someone has already informed Fr. Jim when a visit is needed. **Fr. Jim is on call 24 hours—and should be called for in danger of death, before any surgery. If Fr. Jim is away from the parish, or is unwell, we will arrange for another priest to attend.**

To contact Fr. Jim directly: Telephone: 01775 722056—option '2' or email: [fr.jim@stnorberts.org.uk](mailto:fr.jim@stnorberts.org.uk)

**Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners:** Jo Baguley, Eric Ormond, Allison Law, 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, Kuriakose Antony Thelekatt, Helen Henry, Philip Chandler, Maria Sharples, Fr. Oliver Martin O.Praem, Madge Rankin, Brian Stout, Mandy Beecham, Alison Merryman-Marx and Fr. Eamonn O'Hara.

**Please also remember:** Jill Tohill, Carlos Ortiz, Anslem Cichowski, Helen Stewart, Stella Richardson, Anne van der Weyden, Mary Fitzgerald, Olga Drobenko, Olga Kohut, Peter Dyderczuk, Mary Daly, Edna Strutt and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

**RED BOX (MISSIO) APPEAL:** Please can you bring your Missio red boxes into church to be emptied before the end of September 2017. As you know the old £1 coin will go out of circulation in October 2017. This is the reason for the early collection. Please hand them into the sacristy or to Sharon Amess. All emptied boxes will be left for you to collect from the Narthex window sill. Thank you once again for your ongoing support. I have many spare Missio red boxes that would like a home if anyone would like to start a collection please contact Sharon Amess 01775 760793.

**PARISH FINANCE:** Last weekend you gave: £591.58. The second collection for the Parish Maintenance Fund realised £293.06 – Thank you.

**Forthcoming collections in August:** 19th/20th August: Special Collection. 26th/27th August Maintenance Collection.

**Counters Rota:** Could you spare a few hours one Sunday? We are now preparing the new counter's rota for September to December. We do have some gaps. You normally would count the weekend collection in pairs, and help will be given – if you can help, please contact Fr. Jim or Deacon Dennis as soon as possible, please.

**Music & Hymns:** There are about 900 hymns in our hymn book – some old and loved, some unfamiliar. All are welcome to join us on Monday's at 2.00pm in church to learn new hymns and remind ourselves of the old. The first session will be on Monday, 7th August and will last no longer than an hour.

### August Diary Dates

- 6th The Transfiguration of the Lord**  
4.00pm Baptism Programme (Part One)
- 7th** 10.30am Mission 2018: Prayer Team Meeting after 9.30am Mass  
2.00pm Music & Hymns: come and sing/learn hymns old and new!
- 9th** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 9.30am Mass concluding with Benediction at 12.00pm.

- 13th 19th Sunday of the Year**  
4.00pm Baptism Programme (Part Two)
- 14th Parish Office Closed this Week**  
2.00pm Music & Hymns: come and sing/learn hymns old and new!  
7.00pm Vigil Mass of the Assumption
- 15th The Assumption of Our Lady – Holyday of Obligation**  
(Deacon Sherman Mitchell arrives today)  
9.30am Parish Mass  
7.30pm Polish Mass
- 16th** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 9.30am Mass concluding with Benediction at 12.00pm
- 20th 20th Sunday of the Year**  
12.30pm Baptism of Jozas Henrikas Kiveris
- 21st 9.30am Parish Office Re-opens today**  
2.00pm Music & Hymns: come and sing/learn hymns old and new!
- 23rd** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 9.30am Mass concluding with Benediction at 12.00pm
- 27th 21st Sunday of the Year**  
(Deacon Paul's final Sunday of his pastoral placement)
- 28th** 2.00pm Music & Hymns: come and sing/learn hymns old and new!
- 30th** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 9.30am Mass concluding with Benediction at 12.00pm
- 31st** Deacon Paul's final day in the parish.

**PARISH MISSION 2018:** We are now getting down to business! Clare and Kasia (The Sion Community) have encouraged us to make a start in preparation for their next visit, which they suggested could take place in October; by then, hopefully, we will have our logo and our parish prayer will be composed. Work will soon commence on compiling visiting lists. We will also be introducing various opportunities for us to pray for the success of the Mission. Unfortunately, Fr. Stan was still on holiday, and there was no representation from the Polish community – we hope, with Fr. Stan's return, more people will join together to work on the Mission.