

**HYMNS for Sunday — 09/12/2018** (Play list 64) 

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**St. Norbert's Carol Service** will be held on Tuesday the **18th December** at 6.00pm. It will be led by St. Norbert's School followed by a Festive Supper (including a drink) in the school hall. Tickets are £6 for adults and £3 for children. Money raised split between the Parish and school PTA.

**Fr Neil - Back update:** At the time of writing this, I am feeling a lot better. The exercises from the physio appear to be doing the trick. I hope that the worst of the sciatica attack has now passed. Thank you for your prayers, support and understanding over the past month or so.

As the Parish Lunch has been postponed, free mince pies will be served with tea and coffee, in the hall after Mass on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December**, all welcome. 

**Parish Finances:- 02/12/18**

Thank you for your offerings.

Weekly Envelopes	: £ 103.00
Standing Orders	: £ 140.77
Loose Plate	: £ 27.50
Quota Envelopes	: £ 13.00
Quota Loose Plate	: £
“ Standing Orders	: £ 8.31
Bulletins	: £ 4.06
Miscellaneous (including Hall Rents):£	
<b>Total</b>	<b>: £ 296.64</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	<b>: £</b>

**Next Week:** Second collection for Poor & Needy Parishes

This year's **Walk with Me (Advent Booklet-£1)** is available at the back of Church.

**Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome** - The booking forms are now available, the £200 deposit is required by 1<sup>st</sup> February. We will have a meeting on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm** in St Bernadette's parish hall.

**Macmillan Christmas Coffee Evening.** Holy Soul's Parish Hall, Tuesday 11th December 2018 at 7. pm. Raffle, Bingo, Cake Stall & More. Tickets are £2. Please telephone Michael for further information on: 01724271531 / 07867 981230

**The stars are coming out again for Christmas!**  If you wish to add an intention onto the stars that will decorate the Church this year, please fill out the forms at the back of Church or see Lynne Crewe.

**FOODBANK DONATIONS:** **Thank you for all the generous donations.** Next collection will be March 2019

**Pope Francis' Tweet of the Week:** Advent is a time for renewing the faith, for purifying it, so that it can be more authentic.

Articles for inclusion in the Newsletter by **Wednesday midday** please. Either ring Jane on 01724 711434 or email: jane.sarsfield@talk21.com

**ROTAS:-**  
**READERS**  
 09/12: Pam Tonge  
 16/11: Pat McHale  
 Co-ordinator: Jane - 01724711434

**COUNTERS**  
 09/12: Margaret & Kevin  
 16/12: Alicia & Alan Keen  
 Co-ordinator: Maureen - 01724710610

**TEA & COFFEE**  
 09/12: Diana & Steve Dillon  
 16/12: M. Massie & H. Fowler  
 Co-ordinator: Kate - 01724711572

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  
 Lynne Crewe & Margaret Daniels

**CHURCH CLEANING (2 Wkly)**  
 10/12—Pauline Garrity & Pauline Carney  
 24/12—Kate Ogle & Alicia Keen  
 Co-ordinator: **Pauline - 01724489517**

**Church Hall, Liturgy Room**  
 Margaret Daniels & Leah Shipley

**CHURCH HALL:**  
**Bookings:** Bill Flanagan-01427874557  
**Keys:** Ray & Margaret Bassindale

**Hospital:**  
 If you wish to receive a visit from a priest while in hospital, or know someone who wishes to receive a visit, you must explicitly request this. The clergy do not have access to patient lists produced by the hospital

If you are housebound, unable to attend Mass, and would like to receive Holy Communion please contact Father Neil on 01724 842197 to arrange a visit.

Please remember in your prayers all those in our parish who are sick or housebound, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

# St Norbert's Parish Church



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**PARISH NEWSLETTER No: 2 - 2018/2019 (Sunday Year: C, Weekday: Year 1)**

MASS TIMETABLE 				
Date	Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration	Mass Intention
9th Dec	Sunday	11.15am	2nd. Sunday of Advent (C)	The Hasselby Family Elizabeth Hasselby
10th Dec	Monday		Advent Feria or St. Augustine Webster, Eustace White & Comps.	
11th Dec	Tuesday	10.00am	Advent Feria or St. Damasus I, pope	Maddie's Intention Karena
12th Dec	Wed'day		Advent Feria or Our Lady of Guadalupe	
13th Dec	Thur'day		St. Lucy	
14th Dec	Friday	10.00am	St. John of the Cross	Anita & John Williams' Intention Tom & Hilda Sarsfield
15th Dec	Sat'day		Advent Feria	
16th Dec	Sunday	11.15am	3rd. Sunday of Advent (C)	George Duffield's Intention

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** On Request

The month of December is dedicated to The Immaculate Conception

**Today:** there will be a Retiring Collection for flowers to decorate the church for Christmas.

**The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of December: Evangelization - In the Service of the Transmission of Faith** that people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

**DIARY OF EVENTS - AT A GLANCE: 2018:**

- 9th Dec - Bible Sunday
- 14th Dec - Penitential Service, St. Mary's Brigg, 7.00pm
- 16th Dec - Second Collection for Poor & Needy Parishes
- 16th Dec - Mince Pies & Tea/Coffee in the hall after Mass
- 18th Dec - Carol Service led by St. Norbert's School, 6pm
- 19th Dec - Isle Community Choir Christmas Concert, St. Norbert's School, 7.00pm
- 20th Dec - End of Term Mass 10.00am



## Second Sunday of Advent (C)

### First Reading:

Baruch 5:1-9

*Theme: God means to show your splendour to every nation.*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord.

**R/. Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm:

What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

### Second Reading:

Philippians 1:4-6.8-11

*Theme: Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

**R/. Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight,  
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

### Gospel Reading:

Luke 3:1-6

*Theme: All mankind shall see the salvation of God.*

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

*A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R/. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Communion Antiphon:

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,  
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

**Deanery Penitential Services:**  
14<sup>th</sup> Dec: St. Mary's Brigg at 7pm  
21<sup>st</sup> Dec: St. Bernadette's at 7pm  
**St. Norbert's Christmas Masses:**  
24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Vigil Mass 4.30pm.  
25<sup>th</sup> Dec, Mass 11.15am  
**Holy Souls Christmas Masses:**  
24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Vigil Mass 7.00pm,  
Midnight Mass 10.00pm.  
25<sup>th</sup> Dec. Mass of Christmas 9.00am.  
No evening Mass

At the Wednesday General audience, Pope Francis began a new cycle of catechesis, which will focus on the Lord's Prayer. The Holy Father said that, although Jesus prayed like other people do, there was also a profound mystery about His prayer to His Father. That is why His disciples asked Him, "Lord, teach us to pray." Jesus does not want to keep His intimacy with His Father to Himself, but "came precisely in order to introduce us into this relationship with the Father." We too must make our own the prayer of the disciples: "Lord, teach us to pray." Pope Francis concluded his first reflection on the prayer of Jesus with the advice to repeat often, during Advent, the prayer of the disciples: "Master, teach us to pray." If we do this, he said, then God will certainly not let our prayer go unanswered.

**Diaconate Ordination of Liam Carpenter** - after a positive meeting with Bishop Patrick last week, we are delighted to announce that Liam will be ordained to the Sacred order of Deacons on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in St Bernadette's Church.** Liam has extended a welcome to you all! Please continue to keep him in your prayers. Liam will remain as a Deacon on placement at St Bernadette's, but serving also, wherever there may be a need, in the Lindsey Deanery.

### Peoples Ponderings: Looking at the Mass - Homily.

After we have heard the readings from Holy Scripture, the challenge is then laid down to the Priest or Deacon to say a few inspiring words. Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium* states what the homily shouldn't be; *'The homily cannot be a form of entertainment like those presented by the media, yet it does need to give life and meaning to the celebration. It is a distinctive genre, since it is preaching situated within the framework of a liturgical celebration; hence it should be brief and avoid taking on the semblance of a speech or a lecture.'* (EG138)

Even though it may not seem it sometimes, I do try to spend time reflecting on the readings and putting together my homily. It is in many ways my reflections on the scripture of the day, it may strike accord with those listening, sometimes it may not. However, I am always conscious that when the homily works well, it is often when I have had less to do with it and instead have been successful in letting the Spirit guide my words. I would ask that you maybe in addition to your prayer that the homily is not too long, you could also pray that the words I speak will help bring people to a closer relationship with God, for that is all I can hope that they do! **Fr. Neil**

**Reflection:** Each year as the Advent season comes round and we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we need once more to hear the challenging call of John the Baptist. It is a time to look at what is important and what is not important, to prepare our hearts, straighten the pathways, and make it an easy road and ride for God Himself to embrace our hearts. Like John the Baptist, each one of us has a mission to communicate the Spirit of Christ and his message of hope, love, freedom and peace to others.

**Prayer:** Father, just as you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus, help me to clear the path in my heart, too. Show me the distractions in my life that block me from all-out worship of you this Advent. Give me the strength to ask for forgiveness and to then change my ways. Amen.

