

**16th September: Wednesday 10am Mass at St. Norbert's:-**

**Attendance** will be by pre-booking only. Please do not just turn up unless you have booked a place at Mass. This is due to a limit on the numbers permissible in the church.

**Booking** can be made from 9.00am Monday 14th September by email to jane.sarsfield@talk21.com or by telephone on 01724 711434. It is on a first come first served basis, and a waiting list system will be in place. Please provide name, contact telephone number and number attending. (This information is recorded for NHS Test and Trace purposes.)

**Social distancing is set at 2m** please observe this as you arrive and leave church.

**When you arrive at church** you may be asked to wait outside until invited to take a seat. Stewards will assist in arriving and leaving church so that people are kept safe. Those from different households must not share a pew unless they are in the same bubble. Face masks must be worn.

**Please arrive in time** to allow for this managed arrival to take place and for Mass to start on time.

**Candles** should be pre-booked at the same time as booking a place at Mass, and they will be lit by the stewards.



# St Norbert's Parish Church. 20p

**PARISH CLERGY:** Rev. Canon Geoffrey Hunton, KHS, STB, BA  
 Father Liam Carpenter and Deacon Sebastian Grab  
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| MASS TIMETABLE |          |         |   |                      |
|----------------|----------|---------|---|----------------------|
| Date           | Day      | Time    | Liturgical Celebration                                  | Mass Intention       |
| 13th Sept      | Sunday   | No Mass | 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)                        |                      |
| 14th Sept      | Monday   |         | The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)                |                      |
| 15th Sept      | Tuesday  |         | Our Lady of Sorrows (memorial)                          |                      |
| 16th Sept      | Wed'day  | 10.00am | St. Cornelius (memorial)                                | People of the Parish |
| 17th Sept      | Thur'day |         | Feria or St. Robert Bellarmine (optional memorial)      |                      |
| 18th Sept      | Friday   |         | Feria   |                      |
| 19th Sept      | Saturday |         | Feria or St, Theodore of Canterbury (optional memorial) |                      |
| 20th Sept      | Sunday   | No Mass | 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)                        |                      |



**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Tuesday's at 9.30am.

**An Appeal for More Volunteer Stewards/  
 Cleaners for St. Norbert's:**

One of the main requirements for holding Mass at St. Norbert's is that there are sufficient stewards/cleaners present.

**Please consider volunteering** to act as Steward/Cleaner (open to both male and female). You should be 18+, and under the age of 70, in good health, not having any underlying health issues which would debar you, not caring for a member of your household who is self-isolating though age or illness or showing symptoms of Corona-virus.

If you are over 70 with no underlying health issues and wish to volunteer please contact Helen Condliff.

**If you are interested in helping, please contact either Jane on 01724711434 / email: jane.sarsfield@talk21.com or Helen Condliff on 01427753642 / email: hcondliff@gmail.com providing your name and a contact number/email.**

Please remember in your prayers Josie Till who died recently. She was a longstanding member of our parish who worked tirelessly for the church for many years. Please also remember Josie's family and friends in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

Rejoice in hope,  
 be patient in tribulation,  
 be constant in prayer.  
*Romans 12:12*

**An Act of Spiritual Communion:**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



**Pope Francis' Tweet of the Week:**

Today, in the tragedy of a pandemic, in the face of the many false securities that have now crumbled, in the face of so many hopes betrayed, in the sense of abandonment that weighs upon our hearts, Jesus says to each one of us: "Courage, open your heart to my love".

**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 by ringing **01724844895**. 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 Canon Geoffrey on 01724 844895 to arrange a visit.

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

The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows.

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

**The Annual CTS Sunday Missal is now available:** it is a beautiful Sunday Missal, with major feasts and seasons introduced with the words of Pope Francis. Masses and readings for all Sundays & Solemnities (UK & Ireland) are presented in calendar order. This volume runs from the First Sunday of Advent 2020 to Christ the King 2021. Cost £7.95 each. If you would like one ordered please let Jane know by leaving a message on 017247 711434.

**DIARY OF EVENTS - AT A GLANCE: 2020:**

- 13th Sept - Home Mission Sunday-Second Collection
- 14th Sept - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 15th Sept - Our Lady of Sorrows
- 20th Sept - First Mass count to be taken
- 24th Sept - Our Lady of Walsingham
- 27th Sept - Day of Thanksgiving for the Harvest and for the Fruits of Human Work

**Mass Online :** St. Barnabas Cathedral: www.churchservices.tv/nottinghamcathedral

Using the tab **SCHEDULE** a list of live streamed services can be found for a number of different churches including Walsingham.



# 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

**First Reading:** Ecclesiasticus 27:30 - 28:7  
*Theme: Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord. **R/. Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

**Second Reading:** Romans 14:7-9  
*Theme: Alive or dead we belong to the Lord.*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;  
you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 18:21-35  
*Theme: I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all

that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'  
The Gospel of the Lord. **R/. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Communion Antiphon:** O God, how much we value your mercy!  
All mankind can gather under your protection.

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Reflection Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9

The wise old scribe Ben Sira was on the staff of the Temple at Jerusalem (or at any rate moved in these circles), which is why his book is usually called "Ecclesiasticus". He clearly has the greatest love and respect for the Temple and the Law of God. He gathered together and reflected on the wisdom of the ancients, aware all the time the Lord God is the source of all true wisdom. Most of his proverbial wisdom accords with that elusive quality common sense, but it is none the worse or less important for that! Here he already looks forward to the message of today's Gospel parable; the quality of God which we know best is the divine mercy and forgiveness. The very meaning of the divine name revealed to Moses on Sinai is "God of mercy and compassion", and this echoes again and again down the scriptures. We are made in the image of God, and our glory is to imitate in our own poor, human way, this divine forgiveness. Once we see love and forgiveness as our divine mode of living our whole relationship with other people changes. The last few lines give us a good, common sense summary of the foolishness of quarrelling. **HW**

My sincere thanks to all who have worked so hard, preparing for the reopening of our churches.

From week commencing 14 September Masses will now be celebrated across all four churches. Initially there will be a one weekday mass celebrated at St Norbert's starting at 10.00am on Wednesday 16 September 2020, and at St Thomas' from Friday 18 September also at 10.00am. I realise, many people would prefer to attend Mass on a Sunday; however, as we are all aware the Sunday Obligation for the moment has been suspended. May I encourage those who can, to go to a weekday mass instead of a Sunday mass thus enabling those who work etc., to attend at a weekend. I am conscious, that **at the moment** I am not a position to offer a Sunday mass at either Crowle or Gainsborough. I **realise, also that this isn't ideal**. This does concern me, however, both Fr Liam and I are endeavouring to provide masses, particularly at a weekend in those churches with the large permitted capacities. I will, look at this again over the coming weeks.

As from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September there will not be a 9.30am morning mass at St Bernadette's, however, there will be an evening mass at 6.30pm.

With every good wish and blessing to you all, **Canon Geoffrey**

The Schedule of Masses from Saturday 12th September is as below

|                              | Holy Souls:                                    | St Bernadette's:           | St. Thomas' | St. Norbert's  |
|------------------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 12th Sept: Saturday:         | 9.30am, 6.00 pm                                | 6.00 pm                    |             |                |
| 13th Sept: Sunday:           | 9.00am, 11.00am,<br>4.30pm (Polish),<br>7.00pm | 9.00am, 11.00am,<br>7.00pm |             |                |
| 14th Sept: Monday:           |  | 9.30am                     |             |                |
| 15th Sept: Tuesday:          | 9.30am   |                            |             |                |
| <b>16th Sept: Wednesday:</b> |  | 9.30am                     |             | <b>10.00am</b> |
| 17th Sept: Thursday:         | 9.30am   |                            |             |                |
| 18th Sept: Friday:           |  | 6.30pm                     | 10.00am     |                |

**To pre-book seats for Saturday and Sunday Masses Online:** <https://massbooking.uk>