

**23rd 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.

**Distribution of Holy Communion at St. Norbert's will be at the end of Mass:**

After the prayer and its response "Behold the Lamb of God...Lord I am not worthy," the priest should hold up the Host to the Congregation and say audibly "The Body of Christ" to which the people should respond "Amen". In the same way, he elevates the chalice and says, "The Blood of Christ" and again the people respond "Amen". The priest receives Holy Communion then immediately cleanses his paten and chalice. He then holds a reverent silence before the Prayer after Communion, giving the Blessing and dismissal. At this point, the priest puts on his face covering, cleanses his hands with hand sanitiser. He will then move to the rear of the church for the distribution of Communion. People should wait in their pews until instructed by the stewards to move to the priest for Holy Communion. **After receiving Communion immediately exit the church. Please do not congregate outside the doors to avoid causing a backlog of people trying to vacate the church.**

**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).

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.**



We fly to Thy protection,  
O Holy Mother of God.  
Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen.

**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.



**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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**PARISH NEWSLETTER No: 43 - 2019/2020 (Sunday Year: A, Weekday: Year 2)**

MASS TIMETABLE					
Date	Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration	Mass Intention	Ordinary Time
20th Sept	Sunday	No Mass	25th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)		
21st Sept	Monday		St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist (Feast)		
22nd Sept	Tuesday		Feria		
23rd Sept	Wed'day	10.00am	St. Pius of Pietrelcina	Jean Jackson, RIP	Jane
24th Sept	Thur'day		Our Lady of Walsingham (memorial)		
25th Sept	Friday		Feria		
26th Sept	Saturday		Feria or Sts. Cosmas & Damian or Our Lady's Saturday		
27th Sept	Sunday	No Mass	26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)		

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

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	<b>The Annual CTS Sunday Missal is now available:</b> 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.
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**DIARY OF EVENTS - AT A GLANCE: 2020:**

- 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
- 27th Sept - Second Mass Count to be taken
- 27th Sept - Distribution of CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Envel
- 29th Sept - Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

**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.

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

The revelation of God's love for us seems madness. Every time that we look at the cross, we find this love. The crucifix is truly the great book of God's 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



# 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

## First Reading:

*Theme: My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.  
Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.  
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,  
to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.  
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

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

## Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is close to all who call him.

## Second Reading

*Theme: Life to me is Christ.*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

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

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessings on the King who comes,  
in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!  
Alleluia!

## Gospel Reading

*Theme: Why be envious because I am generous?*

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Philippians 1:20-24.27

Matthew 20:1-16

## Communion Antiphon:

You have laid down your precepts  
to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Reflection

Isaiah 55:6-9

This is the triumphant conclusion of the second major section of the Book of Isaiah: God's ways are utterly different from human thinking. In many ways it is comforting to think that God is not like ourselves. One reason why we cling to God is to be liberated from ourselves and to be brought into his marvellous light, living a life freed from restrictions, frustrations and self-centeredness that surrounds and penetrates us. Obviously God does not have our faults of selfishness, laziness, malice, lust, and greed. More than that, not being bodily or limited in any way God does not plan or think like ourselves. God does not think things out, with "Yes" and "No", working in concepts or sentences. God does not laboriously plan what to do weighing consequences, advantages and disadvantages! Even our life is always tinged with self-interest and concern for ourselves. God's love is entirely generous and outgoing, a limitless cascade of love, deluging and penetrating each of us. **HW**

Ten years ago this week, from 16 to 19 September 2010, Pope Benedict XVI made a highly successful Apostolic Visit to Great Britain. A decade on from that journey, the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, Vincent Nichols reflects on those four days, describing them as "remarkable in many, many ways." The Cardinal recalls the many highlights that stand out in his mind. One in particular, he writes, "was the drive down the great road approaching Buckingham Palace - The Mall - decorated on either side with papal flags and Union Jacks. Packed with people on both sides. It was a sight I thought I would never see. A warm, rapturous welcome to the Pope of Rome in this country, which has, for the last 400 years, struggled with its understanding of its relationship to the Catholic Church." Another memory for Cardinal Nichols was the Pope Benedict's presence in Westminster Abbey standing with the Archbishop of Canterbury." For Cardinal Nichols, another great highlight of this journey was Pope Benedict's speech to politicians, peers and religious leaders in Westminster Hall, "when he called for a proper dialogue between the world of reason and politics and the world of religion, of faith." The Archbishop of Westminster writes that Pope Benedict's visit ten years ago, "built on the impact of the visit of Pope St John Paul II, which shifted the perception of the presence of the Catholic Church in this country." In the reflection, Cardinal Nichols thinks back to the end of this Apostolic visit, and recalls the words of one commentator who said, "he appeared as everybody's favourite grandfather." "We saw his courtesy," notes the Cardinal, "his gentleness, the perceptiveness of his mind and the openness of his welcome to everybody that he met." Cardinal Nichols says he will be writing to the Pope Emeritus to thank him for his visit, and "to thank him for the gifts that he gave us, and thank him especially for his beatification of Cardinal John Henry Newman on that wonderful day in Cofton Park in Birmingham." That step, he writes, "has now been completed with the canonisation of Saint John Henry Newman, something which we know thrilled the heart of Pope Emeritus Benedict." Concluding his reflection, Cardinal Nichols describes Pope Benedict as, "through and through, a gentleman, through and through a scholar, through and through a pastor." He adds, the Pope emeritus is "through and through a man of God, close to the Lord and always His humble servant."



## The Schedule of Masses from Saturday 19th September is as below

	Holy Souls:	St Bernadette's:	St. Thomas'	St. Norbert's
19th Sept: Saturday:	9.30am, 6.00 pm	6.00 pm		
20th Sept: Sunday:	9.00am, 11.00am, 4.30pm (Polish), 7.00pm	9.00am, 11.00am, 7.00pm		
21st Sept: Monday:		9.30am		
22nd Sept: Tuesday:	<b>9.00am</b>			
<b>23rd Sept: Wednesday:</b>		9.30am		<b>10.00am</b>
24th Sept: Thursday:	9.30am			
25th Sept: Friday:		6.30pm	10.00am	

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