

The mid-week Mass at St. Norbert's does not need to be pre-booked.

The Wednesday Mass will be on a first come first served basis. On arrival it will be necessary to provide a name and contact number which is required for NHS Test & Trace purposes. **(The Sunday Mass will still be by ballot.)**

9th May: Sunday Mass at St. Norbert's 9.00am: Limited number of places available.

Places at the Sunday Mass will be by a ballot. If you wish to enter the ballot please contact Jane by either by telephone (01724 711434) or email (jane.sarsfield@talk21.com) or Text message indicating how many seats you would like to reserve giving a name and contact details, any time **from Monday 3rd May to Wednesday 5th May**. You will be contacted on Thursday with the outcome. Only those whose names are drawn in the ballot can be admitted, and there will be a reserve list in case someone drops out.

Please do not just turn up unless you have been advised of a place at Mass.

To be followed at all Masses:

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

When you arrive at church please wait 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 a support bubble.

People must not mingle with anyone not in their own household or support bubble, either inside or outside, and should move on promptly on leaving church.

Face masks must be worn.

Candles should be pre-booked, and they will be lit by the stewards.

Please note: Distribution of Holy Communion at St. Norbert's is at the end of Mass.

Weekly Mass schedule for St. Bernadette's, Holy Souls and St. Thomas' Gainsborough can be found on St. Bernadette's website: www.stbernadettesashby.org

There are a number of School Vacancies in the Nottingham Diocese. All Vacancies can be located on the website here: <https://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/vacancies-and-recruitment/>

Home-help available: If anyone needs someone to clean their home please contact Dominika Stierek on 07871708431.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of May: The World of Finance.

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

If you don't already *contribute by either Standing Order or BACs please consider using one of these methods.*

Church Bank Details: St Norbert Crowle RCP
Account No: 00481239 Sort Code: 30-97-44

Pope Francis' Tweet of the Week:

There is no page of the Gospel on which there is no place for us. For us Christians, meditating is a way of coming into contact with Jesus. And in this way, only in this way, can we discover ourselves.

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 Fr. Matthew or Fr. Liam 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

As we slowly come out of lockdown and shielding is no longer a requirement, more of our congregation are requesting places at Sunday Mass.

This week there were 22 names in the ballot for 15 places. If you are free during the week please attend the Wednesday Mass so that those who work or go to school on weekdays can, through the ballot, have a better chance of a place at the Sunday Mass.

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

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MASS TIMETABLE				Mass Intention 
Date	Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration	
2nd May	Sunday	9.00am	Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)	Jean Jackson, RIP Bill & Family
3rd May	Monday		Sts. Philip & James, Apostles (Feast)	
4th May	Tuesday		English Martyrs (Feast)	
5th May	Wed'day	10.00am	Easter Feria	George Duffield's Intention
6th May	Thur'day		Easter Feria	
7th May	Friday		Easter Feria	
8th May	Saturday		Easter Feria	
9th May	Sunday	9.00am	Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)	Bob Everatt, RIP Everatt Family

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By request before either Sunday or Wednesday Mass.

The month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary



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

Thursday 6th May the 9:30am Mass at Holy Souls' is cancelled

We must keep on protecting each other.



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



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

First Reading

Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly

Second Reading

John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon:

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia

Fr. Matthew's Weekly Catechism: The importance of praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Now that we are coming out of lockdown we are privileged once gain to have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 10am Mass at Holy Souls on Saturdays. At the same time there is also the opportunity for confession for an hour until exposition ends at 11.30am. Praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament is one of my favourite forms of prayer. It allows us peace and quiet to be alone with Jesus Christ truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. During exposition we try to keep the church as quiet and still as possible, and even to say our prayers in the silence of our hearts. St. Teresa of Avila, the great doctor of the Church, the expert on prayer, teaches us that when we take the trouble alone and still with God, whether in front of the Blessed Sacrament or not, then if we persevere in this form of prayer we will be given a very special gift. This is the gift she calls "the prayer of quiet". This will happen automatically, without any effort on our part. At first, we will speak to God as a friend telling him what is on our mind, what our concerns are. Then gradually our prayer will open out from the words on our minds and in our hearts to a prayer beyond words, where God's heart speaks to our heart. This is the precious gift of the prayer of quiet. It will make all the difference to our lives. This is explained wonderfully in a story of the life of the Cure of Ars, St. John Vianney. In his parish there was an old man who he noticed coming into the church every day for an hour after he had finished all his work in the fields. The labourer would sit in silence for an hour or more in the dark church before going home. Fr. Vianney asked him what he was doing in the church for so long day after day. The man simply pointed to the tabernacle and said, "He looks at me and I look at him." St. John Vianney thus received a lesson in contemplation from a man who could neither read nor write.



"The month of May, with its profusion of blooms was adopted by the Church in the eighteenth century as a celebration of the flowering of Mary's maidenly spirituality.

With its origins in Isaiah's prophecy of the Virgin birth of the Messiah under the figure of the Blossoming Rod or Root of Jesse, the flower symbolism of Mary was extended by the Church Fathers, and in the liturgy, by applying to her the flower figures of the Sapiential Books-Canticles, Wisdom, Proverbs and Sirach.

"In the medieval period, the rose was adopted as the flower symbol of the Virgin Birth, as expressed in Dante's phrase, 'The Rose wherein the Divine Word was made flesh,' and depicted in the central rose windows of the great gothic cathedrals-from which came the Christmas carol, 'Lo, How a Rose 'ere Blooming.' Also, in the medieval period, when monasteries were the centers of horticultural and agricultural knowledge, and with the spread of the Franciscan love of nature, the actual flowers themselves, of the fields, waysides and gardens, came to be seen as symbols of Mary..." - John S. Stokes

Kindle the Fire - Saturday 22nd May 2021 at 4.00pm

Online prayer for the eve of Pentecost with Bishop Patrick, parishioners and Caritas volunteers from around the Diocese of Nottingham. Join us to mark the launch of our Diocesan Caritas. Find out how you can share in our common mission of justice and charity. Book your place today. You will be sent details of how to join up by Zoom a day beforehand. Please visit the dioceseofnottingham.uk website to book

Reflection: Looking at the story of Paul in the first reading, we are reminded that we can never predict how and where God will speak to us. It is not difficult to imagine the fear of the Jerusalem church when they heard that Saul was back from Damascus. Just as God was to be found in a crucified Messiah, why couldn't he now be working through Saul the Pharisee? Sometimes faith demands that we take risks because God would have us look for him in the most unexpected places. If we are attached to Jesus the true vine, then our faith will be nourished and we will remain in him.



Lord God, our heavenly Father, We thank you that you hear all our prayers and see all our actions. Even when we experience nothing but darkness and emptiness, help us to remember your love for us and your presence with us, that, rewarded in faith, we may continually seek to do your will. Amen.

