

St. Norbert's Wednesday Mass on the 12th May will be at 7.00pm celebrating the Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord. Places at this Mass will be by Ballot. If you wish to enter the ballot please contact Jane. You will be contacted Tuesday with the outcome. Only those successful in the ballot can be admitted.

16th 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 10th May to Wednesday 12th 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

Thy Kingdom Come – Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer wave between the feasts of Ascension (13th May) and Pentecost (23rd May). It is a time when Christians around the world are invited to pray for more people to know Jesus and answer the call to be his disciple. There are a collection of Catholic resources you can use on your own or with others in this time including: morning and evening prayer, praying with Our Lady resources, live streamed night prayer, resources to pray for those you know who aren't followers of Christ, and more! Further information here: www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/resources-catholic-church. Resources for children and families here: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/cheekypandas>

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.
This week there were 24 names in the ballot for 15 places.

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

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:
 We are all in the same boat and called to work together so that there will be no more walls that separate us, no longer others, but only a single "we", encompassing all of humanity

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



St Norbert's Parish Church. 20p

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MASS TIMETABLE				Mass Intention	Remain in My Love! 
Date	Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration		
9th May	Sunday	9.00am	Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)	Bob Everatt, RIP Everatt Family	
10th May	Monday		Easter Feria		
11th May	Tuesday		Easter Feria or The Martyrs of Nottinghamshire		
12th May	Wed'day	7.00pm	Vigil Mass - The Ascension of the Lord	Anne Platts' Intention. Karen	
13th May	Thur'day		The Ascension of the Lord (Solemnity)		
14th May	Friday		St. Matthias, Apostle (Feast)		
15th May	Saturday		Easter Feria		
16th May	Sunday	9.00am	Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)	Marie de Jesus Ortegon, RIP Melania Flack	

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: the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.

We must keep on protecting each other.

 HANDS  FACE  SPACE

STAY ALERT • CONTROL THE VIRUS • SAVE LIVES

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



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

First Reading:

Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. Stand up, he said, I am only a man after all! Then Peter addressed them: The truth I have now come to realise, he said, is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have? He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations

Second Reading:

1 John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon:

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Fr. Matthew's Weekly Catechism: Holy Water.

I, like every other Catholic have grown in my understanding and appreciation of my faith over the years. The regard I have for holy water is one example of this. I have always regarded holy water as a positive thing, and regularly used it to bless myself with, like most other Catholics. However, it was only when I first become a parish priest that I first experienced its true effectiveness. I was told to live in a presbytery where certain things happened which I could not explain. I do not want to go into details, but things really did go bump in the night. I concluded that there were two possibilities, either I was experiencing a problem with my mental health, and I should go and see a doctor; or there was a problem with the house of a spiritual kind. After about a month I decided I would bless the place with holy water, and if that didn't improve things, I would go and discuss my experiences with my doctor. That evening I blessed the house and sprinkled holy water. All I can say is that the nightly disturbances stopped instantly and never returned. By chance some time later I got talking to a man who had rented this house some years before. Without me saying anything he told me he and his wife had to leave because it was haunted, and he described exactly the same bangs and crashes that I had experienced! I told him of my own experiences and how I had blessed the place, and hadn't had any further problems. "Father," he said, "Just you wait till I tell my wife how you got rid of that ghost!"

Holy water is known as a sacramental. Although it is not therefore one of the seven sacraments instituted by Christ, it does have a long history in the Church going back to apostolic times. It is also a means of grace, and therefore a force for good in the world. It is blessed by an ordained minister, and it is used either in public liturgy for blessing, or in private devotion. All baptized people may use holy water to bless themselves or their homes. It is also common practice for priests to come and bless the homes of the faithful.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As many of you will be aware, on Friday 30th of April 2021, Bishop Patrick McKinney appointed me as Assistant Vocations Director for the Diocese of Nottingham. I will take up this new ministry towards the end of July and am delighted to be working closely with Fr Neil Peoples, the new Vocations Director.

In taking up this new appointment, Bishop McKinney has asked me to move to Nottingham on 1st September 2021. It is planned that I will spend 3 days a week promoting vocations around the Diocese and spend 3 days as Assistant Priest working with Canon Joe Wheat VG across the 3 parishes that make up the Catholic Community of East Nottingham. I shall reside at the Old Friary, the Diocesan House of Discernment, where I hope to provide pastoral care and accompaniment to, please God, the men that wish to discern the Lord's call to serve him as a priest.

I have been truly blessed in my three and a bit years in Scunthorpe, where, with your love, prayer, and support, I took my first steps as a 'baby priest'. It continues to be a privilege to accompany you on your journey of faith, be that in the celebration of Mass, Schools, hospitals, and to be present with you at both the highs and the low points of life in celebrating weddings, baptisms, and funerals. Thank you for generously allowing me to share in your lives. I hope there will be an opportunity for me to thank you personally nearer the time. I know that you will continue to generously support Fr Matthew, and whoever replaces me, across our 4 parishes and schools. For now, I ask that you please pray for Fr Neil and I as we take up our new appointments, and more importantly continue to ask the Lord to send labourers into his vineyard. **Fr Liam**

Neophytes Celebration - Normally on the 7th Sunday of Easter those who have been received into the Church at Easter (Neophytes) are invited to a Mass of thanksgiving at the Cathedral with Bishop Patrick. This year Bishop Patrick will lead a half an hour online service of celebration for Neophytes, please join him at 3:00pm on Sunday 16th May on his YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/BishopPatrickMcKinney

Being a Missionary Disciple Talks - You are called to be a missionary disciple... but what does that mean? The first talk exploring being a missionary disciple is on Thursday 13th May at 7pm 'The Ascension & the Great Commission' will be given by Canon Christopher Thomas (General Secretary of the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales). This talk will explore the importance of the Ascension and how we can live out Jesus' final instructions to us. The second talk 'Pentecost & Mission' will be given by Pippa Baker (A Catholic Missionary, Speaker & Musician) on Wednesday 19th May at 7pm. This talk will examine the significance of Pentecost for us and how the Holy Spirit equips us for mission in our every day lives. To register visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk