



St Norbert's Parish Church.

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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.)

20th June: 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 14th June to Wednesday 16th June. 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

Next Sunday two of our young people, Joseph O'Mara and Lily Dyson, will be making their First Holy Communion. To allow for their families to attend this important occasion there will be a reduced number of places available at the 9.00am Mass.

This week there were 21 names in the ballot for 16 places.

Mass Intention: If you want an intention for a particular date please make your request earlier rather than later. Write the details on an envelope and include your donation. Place the envelope in the Offertory basket as you enter church.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of June 2021: The Beauty of Marriage –Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

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.



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: Perseverance is the gift of God by which all His other gifts are maintained. Let us pray that, as individuals and as Church, we might persevere in doing good, and not to lose sight of what counts.

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

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MASS TIMETABLE				Mass Intention
Date	Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration	
13th June	Sunday	9.00am	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	November Dead List
14th June	Monday		Feria	
15th June	Tuesday		Feria	
16th June	Wed'day	10.00am	Feria or St. Richard of Chichester	George Duffield's Family
17th June	Thur'day		Feria	
18th June	Friday		Feria	
19th June	Saturday		Feria or Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
20th June	Sunday	9.00am	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	Intention for the children making their First Holy Communion.

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

The month of June is dedicated to The Sacred Heart of Jesus



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

Next Week: Second Collection for the Day for Life



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



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Theme: I make low trees grow.

The Lord says this: From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.

The word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

It is good to give you thanks, O lord.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Theme: Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Mark 4:26-34

Theme: It is the smallest of all the seeds; yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon:

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
only this do I seek: to live in the house of
the Lord all the days of my life.

Fr. Matthew's Weekly Catechism: The life of St. Norbert. Feast day 6th June.

St Norbert is the patron of our parish and school situated in Crowle, which was established by priests of the order he founded known as the Premonstratensians or Norbertines. St. Norbert was born in Xanten, Germany, in 1080, into a noble family. His father was Count of Gennep, and his mother was related to the Counts of Lorraine. Although he received minor orders in the Church as a young man, and was appointed to a canonry, this was a matter of income and official position. He had no desire to become a priest. All this changed when was riding his horse in the countryside one day. There was a violent thunderstorm. His horse threw him, and he lay unconscious on the ground. This was his Road to Damascus moment. When he came round his first words were "Lord what do you want me to do?" An inner voice replied, "Turn away from evil, and do good. Seek peace and pursue it."

St. Norbert's conversion was as dramatic and complete as that of St. Paul. As soon as possible after his mystical experience, he went on a forty-day retreat in the Abbey of Siegburg, near Cologne. He then prepared to be ordained as a priest. His ordination was in 1115. However, he was ordained to the diaconate and priesthood on the same day which is against the law of the Church. After his ordination St. Norbert gave away all his estates and possessions, except for a mule, a missal and some vestments, and forty silver pieces. He then went to visit Pope Gelasius II, who was living in exile in France. There he confessed his misdeeds, and the irregularity of his ordination, and asked the Pope for advice and penance. In response the Pope gave him permission to preach the Gospel wherever he chose.

-St. Norbert set out barefoot in the bitter cold and snow to preach. He was soon joined by Hugh of Fosse, the chaplain to the Archbishop of Cambrai.

In 1119 St. Norbert was given permission to found a community in the Diocese Laon. He established himself in a lonely valley called Premontre in the Forest of Coucy, with some thirteen disciples. Numbers soon increased. On Christmas Day 1121 forty made their profession in the fledgling community. They wore a white habit, and kept the rule of St. Augustine with some additional regulations. The new order gained several influential disciples, both men and women. Noble people left the order their estates for new foundations. When the Order had eight abbeys and two nunneries, St. Norbert obtained formal approval of the Pope Honorius II for the Premonstratensians.

In 1126 St Norbert was unexpectedly nominated bishop of Magdeburg. Unfortunately, when he arrived at the bishop's palace the porter refused to let him in thinking he was a beggar, he was so poorly dressed. Despite his new office, Norbert continued to practice the austerity of a monk, living only on bare necessities. He started to reform his diocese instructing wayward clergy to repent, and stop neglecting their parishes. He also dealt with those who had stolen church land and property. His reforms of the life of clergy were a challenge to those who had a very worldly outlook. He told priests, "You are not a priest for yourself; you are a mediator between men and God." Such reforms made him enemies, and he narrowly escaped assassination on two or three occasions. Once he was trapped in a tower of his Cathedral for two days by an angry mob, threatening to kill him. He was only saved by troops of the Count of Magdeburg.

St. Norbert was also a major player in international politics. It was largely due to his influence that the German Emperor Lothair raised an army to help Pope Innocent II, who was living in exile, to return to Rome. The mission was successful, and in recognition of his services to the papacy St. Norbert was made primate of all Germany.

St. Norbert died in 1134, after a life of action and contemplation. His body was carried to Magdeburg, where it lay in the church of his Order. After the city became Lutheran in 1627, Norbert's relics were taken to the Premonstratensian abbey of Strabov in Bohemia. St. Norbert was canonized by Pope Gregory in 1582.

-St. Norbert was a contemplative first and foremost. It was in prayer that he found his zeal for apostolate. He had a great love for the Blessed Sacrament and preached against those who denied the real presence. He is often depicted holding an olive branch owing to his role as a peacemaker in the Church and in politics. His order still continues to this day almost nine hundred years after he died.



Today we reflect on the church as the kingdom of God, the seed that was sown by the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit. The whole life of Jesus, we can say, is a parable, leading us into the mystery of God's generous and merciful dealings with us. As we come to appreciate the 'Kingdom' Jesus announced, and see him caring for God's people in their needs, we come to know the commitments which shaped his human existence. In fact, he himself said he was the seed that must fall into the ground and die to produce God's final harvest.

Lord Jesus, we give you thanks for your word that has helped us to see more clearly what is the will of the Father. Let your Spirit enlighten our actions and give us the strength to be able to do what your word had allowed us to see. Let us, like Mary your Mother, not just listen to the your Word, but also to put it into practice. Amen

