

## Masses & Services This Week

<b>Saturday 10th May</b>	<b>Spalding:</b> 4.30pm Mass: (People of the Parish)
<b>Sunday 11th</b>	<b>Holbeach:</b> 9.00am Mass: (James Powell & Mary King RIP) <b>Spalding:</b> 11.00am Mass: (Sebastian Parise RIP) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 1.00pm <i>The church will close at 1.00pm</i>
<b>Monday 12th</b>	<b>Spalding:</b> 10.00am Service of the Word & Holy Communion, followed by the Rosary & Benediction <i>The church will close after Benediction</i>
<b>Tuesday 13th</b> <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	<b>Spalding:</b> 9.30am Mass: (Peter Borst RIP) Followed by The Rosary & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. <i>The church will close at 1.00pm</i>
<b>Wednesday 14th</b> <i>St. Matthias</i>	<b>Spalding:</b> 6.00pm Rosary & Adoration <b>7.00pm Parish Mass for the Intentions of Pope Leo XIV</b>
<b>Thursday 15th</b>	<b>Spalding:</b> 9.30am Mass: (Margaret Barclay RIP) <i>The church will close at 1.00pm</i> <b>Holbeach: 7.00pm PPC Meeting</b>
<b>Friday 16th</b>	<b>Holbeach:</b> 10.00am Mass: (Priest's Private Intention) Rosary <b>Spalding:</b> The church will open at 4.00pm today for private Prayer 6.00pm Rosary & Benediction 7.00pm Mass: (Sick & Housebound Parishioners) <i>The church will close after Mass</i>
<b>Saturday 17th</b>	<b>Spalding:</b> 9.00am Rosary & Confessions 9.30am Mass: (Priest's Private Intention) 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Vigil Mass: (Leo & Mary)
<b>Sunday 18th</b> <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>Holbeach:</b> 9.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) <b>Spalding:</b> 11.00am Mass: (Lena & Mario Martino RIP) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 1.00pm



## The Parish of OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM South Holland

**11th May 2025**

**4th Sunday in Eastertide (C)**

**Psalter 4**

<b>Our Churches</b>	The Most Holy Trinity, Foxes Low Road, Holbeach PE12 7PA  The Immaculate Conception & Saint Norbert, St. Thomas's Road, Spalding PE11 2XX
<b>Website</b>	www.stnorberts.org.uk (You may join us for Mass streamed live from Spalding)
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# Habemus Papam!



Pope Leo XIV

**Statement from Bishop Patrick:** *Following the election of Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Patrick McKinney, Bishop of Nottingham, issued the following statement:*

“I am overjoyed to hear of the election of Pope Leo XIV, the first American Pope, but also a missionary religious, an Augustinian, who has spent many years ministering in Peru and travelling widely. I wish to assure the new Pope of my prayers and good wishes, and that of Catholics throughout the Diocese of Nottingham, as he begins his ministry as the successor of St Peter. His rich and varied experience will be a huge blessing to the Catholic Church and to the wider world. May God bless and guide him.”

The first Augustinian Pope, Leo XIV is the second Roman Pontiff - after Pope Francis - from the Americas. Unlike Jorge Mario Bergoglio, however, the 69-year-old Robert Francis Prevost is from the northern part of the continent, though he spent many years as a missionary in Peru before being elected head of the Augustinians for two consecutive terms.

hopefully she and Sarah Drew will resume visiting schools at the end of the month.

**Vanessa Browning & Anne Judd** have stepped down from HIHO - both have been involved with that first project since it was first launched almost three years ago. We thank both Vanessa and Anne for their tremendous work and commitment over those years.

**Council Community Lottery:** Thank you for your support! Tracey's target was to sell 50 tickets by the end of May - well we beat that target last Tuesday! To date, **we have sold 53 tickets**, which means that Project St. Thomas has raised an amazing **£1,378.00!!** Remember, anyone over 18 can join, it costs £1 a week and the top weekly prize is £25,000 plus a number of smaller prizes. Tracey's overall target is to sell 200 tickets, which would mean that the Project will potentially gain £5,200 over 12 months.

**Local businesses are supporting PST:** Local supermarkets have been supporting PST/HIHO since we started nearly three years ago; Lidl donate food items every day. **On Tuesday, 3rd June we are launching our third project in partnership with the Co-Op, a Community Coffee Morning** within our project Centre. You will be, of course, invited to attend to make new friends and to get involved, but we also need volunteers to make cakes, serve cakes, put the kettle on and so on. ***Would you like to help us?*** Sign up on the volunteering sheets at the back of church.

**Volunteers:** Since last weekend we have **11** new volunteers, thank you! **But, we need more!** We need: **Drivers/collectors** of surplus food from local supermarkets. **Volunteer cooks** to prepare Sunday meals in our project centre. (The more volunteers we can get, means we can start a rota, ensuring everyone gets a break. We may need cooks on other days and at other times too). **Volunteers** to wash, sort, and label clothes and other donations. **'Servers'** to serve our visitors and our guests - on various times and days as we expand our service. (We also need volunteers to make cakes that we can serve). We need support for our proposed youth activities. **If you can offer any time at all, Tracey will be pleased to hear from you.**

**Would your business or place of work like to sponsor PST?** Please, get in touch with Tracey, email: [project.stthomas@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:project.stthomas@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or Mobile 07719 189528— thank you.

Professor David Paton. All are welcome. For more information call 07757 815 625.

Let us Join Bishop Patrick on the **Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to Walsingham** on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June**. From 11:30am there will be youth activities in the Anglican Shrine. The opening liturgy will be at 12:45pm with the procession to the Catholic Shrine. At 3pm there will Divine Mercy and youth Stations, ending with Mass at 4pm.

### Parish Notices

**Jubilee Hog Roast** will be taking place in the grounds of Holy Trinity Church on the afternoon of **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June**. You may have already read about this somewhere...There will be an open-air Mass at 1:15 p.m. then the hog roast will begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at both churches.

**Jubilee Prize Draw:** No event on this scale would be complete without a Raffle. Roger Lan is appealing for a maximum of 12 quality prizes—the first prize is yet to be determined and a list will soon appear at the back of our churches all donations and contributions gratefully received, thank you.

**Project St. Thomas:** Fr. Jim writes: *This Tuesday will be the 4th anniversary of the death of Peter Borst, we will be offering Mass for the happy repose of his soul. I am quite sure he would be very happy to see that progress is now being made. There is so much going on with Project St. Thomas, we could fill this newsletter if we were to share everything that is happening at this time, here is a resume...*

**Comings & Goings:** The committee are delighted to welcome back **Anthony Grunwell** as our Chairman. The committee was unanimous in wanting Anthony to return and he has very kindly agreed.

**Tracey Carter** produced a proposal for the Diocese to consider which will hopefully see PST quickly gather momentum. Tracey's focus over the next twelve months will be to develop the project and to manage improvements to the centre building.

**Emily Bates** is co-ordinating our BrightBites project, visiting local primary schools across South Holland. Emily takes over from Sue Bellamy and

The new Bishop of Rome was born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, to Louis Marius Prevost, of French and Italian descent, and Mildred Martínez, of Spanish descent. He has two brothers, Louis Martín and John Joseph. He spent his childhood and adolescence with his family and studied first at the Minor Seminary of the Augustinian Fathers and then at Villanova University in Pennsylvania, where in 1977 he earned a Degree in Mathematics and also studied Philosophy. On September 1 of the same year, he entered the novitiate of the Order of Saint Augustine (O.S.A.) in Saint Louis, in the Province of Our Lady of Good Counsel of Chicago, and made his first profession on September 2, 1978. On August 29, 1981, he made his solemn vows. The future Pontiff received his theological education at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. At the age of 27, he was sent by his superiors to Rome to study Canon Law at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum). In Rome, he was ordained a priest on June 19, 1982, at the Augustinian College of Saint Monica by Archbishop Jean Jadot.

**A Parish Mass for Pope Leo:** There will be a Parish Mass for the Pope's intentions in Spalding, this Tuesday evening at 7.00pm - all are welcome.

**A Prayer for Pope Leo XIV:** Faithful God, You guide us on the path of life and your goodness is our constant companion. Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV, in his service of the Church. Fill him with the power of your Spirit, the peace of your presence and the compassion of Christ. May he walk with you, in wisdom and humility, and lead us, together with all God's people, to embody your love for the world. Amen.

**Pope Francis, Book of Condolence:** The book of condolence will be closed in Spalding after the 4.30pm Mass this weekend and will be available in Holbeach today (Sunday) and then it will be taken to St. Norbert's School this week for the staff and children to sign after which it will be closed.

**Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is 'Good Shepherd Sunday'** traditionally it is a day of prayer for clergy and Religious, a day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood. This weekend we have a message from our own diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. Neil Peoples.

On this **Good Shepherd Sunday**, please keep in your prayers Michael and Lukas currently at Saint Mary's College Oscott and for Markanthy who will be starting Valladolid in September. This weekend's collection is proposed

to be spent on making the chapel at The Briars a focus of prayer for vocations in the Diocese. Thanks for your continued prayers.

**Please Pray for the happy repose of the souls of Audrey Bretagne** (of Sutton St. Edmund) & **Alwyn Davies** (of Spalding). Audrey's funeral service takes place this Thursday at the Surfleet crematorium at 1.00pm. Alwyn's funeral will take place in St. Norbert's on Friday, 6th June (the time is yet to be confirmed). May they rest in peace.

**Parish Prayer List:** We also pray for Rosetta Le Compte, Jo Baguley, Mike van der Weyden, Grigorina Stoleru & Wayne Delahoy have requested the support of our prayers at this time. Sadly we can no longer publish our parish prayer list without the expressed consent for those requesting our prayers, for which forms are now available. Please, keep all our sick and housebound parishioners in your prayers - thank you.

**Please also pray for:** Phyllis Kelman, Michael Keogh, Mindaueas Mockus, Gina Wildman, Tony Faulkner, Pelagio Malacas (snr), Frank Loughlan, Walter Batiuk, Peter Kohut, Doreen McGonigle, Peter Borst, Danny Hirrell, Elvis Posiakinas, Jeremiah Barry, Monsignor Tony Philpot and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

#### **This Week:**

Suzanne returns from holiday this Tuesday, the office will be open at the usual time (9.30am to 4.00pm).

Tuesday evening a Mass to pray for the intentions of Pope Leo XIV in St. Norbert's at 7.00pm.

**Thursday:** 7.00pm meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council in the Walsingham Hall in Holy Trinity, Holbeach. Apologies that the minutes of the last meeting have not been circulated, we will circulate them on Tuesday when Suzanne returns to all those for whom we have email addresses. We do have some vacancies, we need at least two more volunteers to represent Spalding pastoral area. ***If you are interested, please see Fr. Jim or just come along and observe a meeting before volunteering.***

**The Parish Finance Committee** are due to meet soon, we will finalise a date when Suzanne returns this week.

**Mass for those who have died since Easter 2024:** Our annual Mass for those who have died since last Easter will take place in St. Norbert's, Spalding on Wednesday, 21st May at 7.00pm, the following will be remembered: Pope Francis, Rex Collingwood-Storey, Fr. Billy Molloy, Theresa Swiderska, Eileen Finnegan, Jeannie Barnett, Dick Day, John Coyle, Fr. Christopher Hogan, Thomas Curley, Colin Youel, Aison Philip, Guiseppi (Joe) Ferraro, Anne Miners, K. V. Thomas, Anne Grunwell, Carmen Ribeiro, Phyllis Toal, Geoff Goodman, Olivia Cabuya-On Lacey, Mary O'Rourke, Oisín Gruddy, Imelda George, Margaret Barclay, Audrey Bretagne & Alwyn Davies.

We realise some names are missing, this is because we do not have the details to hand, let us have the names and dates of death of anyone who has died since last Easter and we will gladly include them.

**The Annual Mass for Deceased Children** will take place in St. Norbert's, Spalding on Wednesday, 28th May at 7.00pm. We do have a list of names of children who have died over the years and if you would like a child to be remembered by name in this Mass, send an email to Fr. Jim and he will add the name to the list. (jim.burke@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Fr. Jim** will be taking some time off over the coming weeks, the diary is quite full at the present time and he hasn't been able to take a regular day off or take some days away. He is hoping to take his holiday in July and is going to look for a supply priest during that time, so he will have a complete break, *and so will you!*

Fr. Jim also hopes to attend the Diocesan Clergy Conference from the 10th to the 12th June.

The **Leadbeater Bill** is due to return soon to the Commons for its final reading and vote. If passed, this Bill will threaten the lives of many old and vulnerable people, and have a permanent impact upon how we view end of life care. But there is still time to oppose it, and many MPs are unsure about which way to vote. On **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.30pm, in Cathedral Hall, Nottingham (NG1 5AE) there will be a presentation on practical actions we can take to oppose the bill. Speakers will be Alithea Williams of SPUC and