

Masses & Services This Week

Saturday 4th October	Spalding: 4.30pm Mass: (People of the Parish)
Sunday 5th	Holbeach: 9.00am (Donor's Intention) Spalding: 11.00am Mass: (Mary Anne & Pat Burke RIP)
Monday 6th	Spalding: 9.30am Service of the Word & HC Rosary & Benediction led by Deacon Dennis <i>Church will close after Benediction</i>
Tuesday 7th <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	Spalding: Mass: 9.30am (Fr. Sean Carroll [Westminster] RIP) <i>Church will close at 5.00pm</i> PST 10.00am—12.00pm Coffee Morning PST 2.15 - 4.45pm 'Tools & Talk' Men's Group
Wednesday 8th	Spalding: 9.30am Mass: (Fabian & Santhanaraj RIP) <i>Church will close at 5.00pm</i> PST: New! TOM'S KITCHEN Café 11.30am to 2.30pm <i>Last orders for hot food, 2.00pm.</i>
Thursday 9th <i>St. John Henry Newman</i>	<i>Baby Loss awareness week begins today</i> Holbeach: 9.30am Mass: (For deceased babies & children) Spalding: 7.00pm Quiet Hour for deceased babies & children, <i>Fr. Jim available for prayer or a chat, just turn up and ask...</i>
Friday 10th <i>St. Paulinus & the Anglo-Saxon Saints of our Diocese</i>	Spalding: <i>Church will open at 9.30am</i> 6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.30pm Rosary & Benediction 7.00pm Mass: (Robert Neary's Intention)
Saturday 11th <i>St. Pope John XXIII</i>	JUBILEE OF CATECHISTS Spalding: 9.00am Rosary & Confessions 9.30am Mass: (Fr. Bernard Scholes [Westminster] RIP) 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Vigil Mass: (Eugene Cassidy RIP)
Sunday 12th <i>28th Sunday of the Year</i> Special '£1' collection	JUBILEE OF PRISONERS & PRISON WORKERS Holbeach: 9.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 3.00pm Rosary & Benediction (Confessions available) Spalding: 11.00am Mass: (Michael Joseph Neary RIP) <i>Church will close at 12.30pm</i>

Wishing you, and all you hold dear, every blessing throughout the coming week.

Fr. Jim



The Parish of
**OUR LADY OF
WALSINGHAM**
South Holland

5th October 2025	27th Sunday of the Year (C)	Psalter 3
Our Churches	The Most Holy Trinity, Foxes Low Road, Holbeach PE12 7PA The Immaculate Conception & Saint Norbert, St. Thomas's Road, Spalding PE11 2XX	
Website	www.stnorberts.org.uk (You may join us for Mass streamed live from Spalding)	
Our School	St. Norbert's Catholic Voluntary Academy School Tollgate, Spalding PE11 1TJ Tel. 01775 722889	
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This weekend CAFOD Harvest Fast collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend.

Next weekend Fr. Jim is asking if every person who can afford to do so will give **£1** (It has to be £1; or £2 per couple). This is an experiment, all will be revealed very soon! A friend in another diocese gave me this idea to try!

Parish Prayer List: Rosetta Le Compte, Jo Baguley, Mike van der Weyden, Grigorina Stoleru, Gabrielle Hopkins and Maria Dowling 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: Aison Philip, Kenneth Harbridge, Peter Kohut, Sofia Rumsey, Mary Anne Burke, Josephine Cooper, Marie Allen, Rose Rogan, Charles Whiffen, Neil Keane, Brian Bailey, Linda Kelman, Eileen Walton, Andrew Judd, Baby Austeja Svarlyte and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

Parish Notices

First Holy Communion Programme 2025/26 is now closed.

Baptisms: If you are considering having your child baptised in the parish, please do get in touch with Suzanne in the parish office, Suzanne's contact details are on the front of this newsletter.

By order of the Bishop, the following statement is to be published: Marriage is a lifelong vocation of a man and a woman to a community of life and love open to children, and, between the baptized, it is a Sacrament. Aware of the many pressures today which can endanger family life, the Church is constantly concerned to make sure that those of you planning to marry are prepared as well as possible. We would like to remind those who wish to marry of the following:

- It is important that a couple go to see their priest in good time before their wedding. Normally, at least six months' notice should be given.

to 2.30pm. Last orders for hot food by 2.00pm, please.

Country & Western Music Night: 22nd November, featuring Cole Jackson, tickets are already selling, just £5.00

Christmas Fair, 13th December, joint parish/project event.

PONTOON!

TEAM	MANAGER	Goals	Bank
MANCHESTER CITY	Seamus & Frances	16	£3
ARSENAL	Mary Miller	14	£3
LIVERPOOL	Bernard & Valerie	14	£3
CHELSEA	Cullen-Strong	13	£3
TOTTENHAM	Tony	13	£3
BRENTFORD	Peter Gibbs	11	£3
BRIGHTON	Clara	11	£3
AFC BOURNEMOUTH	Tracey	10	£3
CRYSTAL PALACE	Norma	10	£3
EVERTON	Gary	9	£3
FULHAM	Roger & Christine	9	£3
MANCHESTER UNITED	Maureen	9	£3
SUNDERLAND	Allan	9	£3
BURNLEY	Sue Gibbs	8	£3
LEEDS UNITED	Fr. Jim	8	£3
WEST HAM UNITED	Neil	8	£3
NOTTINGHAM FOREST	Daniel	7	£3
ASTON VILLA	Chris Hiley	6	£3
NEWCASTLE UNITED	Stuart Hiley	6	£3
WOLVES	Sims	6	£3

Some Dates for Your Diary...

9th The start of 'Baby Loss Awareness Week'.

11th **The Jubilee for Catechists**

12th **The Jubilee for Prisoners & Prison Workers**

14th **Fundraising for Outreach** 7.00pm. The next 'Mission Lab' is all about fundraising for parish projects. If you have a project in mind for your parish, or if you'd simply like to pick up tips for the future, Kristen, the diocesan fundraising manager, will help you realise your dream. Register at bit.ly/mission-lab

23rd *Are you hard of hearing or visually impaired?*

Come along to the PST Centre, between 10am & 12pm to find out hearing and sight loss and specialist equipment to assist you. Please see the poster in the back of the church.

25th **BINGO Extravaganza!** Weston Hills Village Hall, Broadgate, PE12 6DB. 7.00 to 10pm, bring your own drinks & snacks. £5 entry
To book, email: samathabradley@sholland.gov.uk; 01775 764694

26th **11.00am Mass to welcome new parishioners followed by shared table in the Hall - EVERYONE WELCOME!!**

Welcoming the Sacred Stranger : Saturday 1st November 11.45am – 3.45pm. The annual diocesan Justice and Peace Assembly will be held here in Spalding. Discover the people hidden in our midst: 11.45am Mass with Bishop Patrick McKinney; 1.00pm Lunch hosted by Project St Thomas; 1.45pm Hear stories of those touched by modern slavery and forced migration, and others unseen in both town and countryside - and help to shape action here in the diocese. Speakers from the Bishops' Conference, Santa Marta Group, Lincolnshire's agricultural chaplaincy, Project St. Thomas and a new Caritas initiative to support vulnerable incomers to the county. All are welcome! Find out more at bit.ly/sacred-stranger.

Project St. Thomas: We welcome our new volunteers...we would like to welcome more!!

Don't forget... Tom's Kitchen is open on Wednesdays from 11.30am

- Marriage preparation is carried out by the priest, often assisted by a group from the parish. Courses arranged on a Deanery basis are recommended.
- Catholics are reminded of their obligation to preserve their faith and to do all they can within the unity of their partnership to have all their children baptized and brought up in the faith and practice of the Catholic Church.
- Non-Catholic partners will be informed of this promise, but they are not asked to make this or any similar promise.
- Dispensation for a marriage between a Catholic and a non-Catholic to take place in a non-Catholic church can only be granted for a serious reason. Couples who wish to marry in a non-Catholic church should discuss the matter with their priest in good time before their wedding day to see whether a dispensation could be granted.

All couples marrying these days need the support of the local Church. In this way they will be strengthened in their preparation for marriage, in celebrating their marriage, and in living out their covenant with one another.

We wish to thank all those married people who show such constancy and fidelity to their vocation of marriage. May their example inspire those planning to marry in the Church.

Right Reverend Patrick McKinney

Bishop of Nottingham

Weddings: Please note that the Church requests that six months notice be given of your intention to marry, this includes those whose marriages are taking place outside of the UK.

Statement by Archbishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, and Bishop Bosco MacDonald, Lead Bishop for Marriage and Family Life, to mark Baby Loss Awareness Week: Baby Loss Awareness Week is a national initiative of remembrance taking place between the **9th and 15th of October**. It is an opportunity to pause and acknowledge the deep sorrow suffered by parents who have experienced the loss of a baby, especially through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, or stillbirth and infant loss. Each of these losses involves the

death of a small child and the parents need our compassion and support through their bereavement. It is an opportunity for prayer.

Many women and parents carry this painful loss silently. It is difficult to talk about, and the Church has also found this difficult. We invite parents to mark baby loss in meaningful ways: through prayer, memorials or liturgical remembrance and Mass. These acts help affirm the dignity and innocence of the child and support you in your journey of grief and healing. We are encouraging parishes to invite parents to pray in front of the Most Blessed Sacrament or light a candle for their children at any time. During this "Baby loss week", let us remember all babies who have died before birth or in infancy and the families who mourn them. May they find comfort in the hope of eternal life and in the tender mercy of God, who knows each child by name and holds them in His embrace. *Please look at the back page of this newsletter to discover when our churches are open for private prayer and special services.*

Mass Books: Last weekend's collection for the new Mass books raised £253, thank you. With previous donations, this amounts to £1,173. The books are costing us a little over £1,500 (including P&P). The books are now ordered; note that this is the first set of two volumes. The total cost of all 6 volumes is a staggering £9,000. The parish could not meet this expense without your support. Grateful thanks to all who have contributed.

The Welcome Club as a result of their Macmillan Coffee Morning raised "a little over" £250. Congratulations to them, and thanks to all who supported them.

Missio Red Box Appeal: Would all red box holders in Spalding bring their boxes to church for emptying, if you would like to have a red box at home, have a word with Sharon Amess.

Maureen has been the Red Box co-ordinator in Holbeach for many years and will not be able to collect boxes this year, could we have a volunteer in Holbeach to take this on? I'm sure Sharon will be on-hand to show any volunteer what is involved. Thanking you in anticipation. (Fr. Jim).

Parish November Dead List: We are now preparing our annual

November Dead List. All those who have died since November 2024 and October 2025 will be included on our parish banner. It does not matter where the person died, here or overseas, if you would like your relatives and friends remembered please send us their details; i.e. their full name and date of death. Thank you.

Parish November Dead List (We know this is incomplete, but this is what we have so far). Anne Grunwell, Carmen Ribeiro, Phyl Toal, Olivia Cabuya - On Lacey, Mary O'Rourke, Julie Bryant, Audrey Bretagne, Elwyn Davies, Marius Lunney, Eugene Cassidy and Margaret Long. May they rest in peace.

November Masses for the Dead: Envelopes for your November Masses should be available throughout October. You can place your November lists inside the envelope along with any offerings. The lists will be placed on the altars of both churches from the 3rd November and will remain there for the month of the Holy Souls. Many will know, that Masses in November are reserved for the Holy Souls, unfortunately Suzanne was unaware of this tradition and so accepted a number of Mass intentions, Fr. Jim will endeavor to say additional Masses whenever possible, but be assured your loved ones will be remembered in every Mass throughout the month.

Christmas Fair 2025: We are **collecting toys & teddies**; We are **appealing for Gifts for the Gift Stall**.

It's time to **re-think Baptism Preparation**. Join The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis for a Masterclass webinar on Infant Baptism Preparation on **This Tuesday, 7th October, at 7.30pm**. The session will explore the Catechetical Institute's Infant Baptism Preparation resource. The Masterclass will be perfect for catechists and baptism preparation volunteers. Unfortunately, we do not have any volunteers...yet! **So, this is the final call!** Registration is £5, (This will be refunded to any volunteers) via www.aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/masterclass-infant-baptism-preparation **Please get in touch with Fr. Jim before you book.**