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## The Divine Infant of Prague Catholic Parish, Syston

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SEPT. 2018	Time	Place/ Parish	MASS INTENTIONS OFFERED	LITURGY OF THE DAY Divine Office
Sat 15	6.30pm	Syston	Codling family RIP (Walling)	
Sun 16	9.00am 11.00am	Sileby Syston	Mr & Mrs Joseph McKee (Golden Wedding) John Monteiro RIP	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year
Mon 17	7.00pm 7.30pm	Syston	Padre Pio Mass – Sick and Housebound	St Robert Bellarmine
Tues 18	9.30 am	Syston	Mass – Private Intention	
Wed 19	7.30pm	Barrow	Service of Word and Sacrament	
Thu 20	9.30 am	Syston	Teachers and Staff of English Martyrs School (In thanks) – Patrick and family	
Fri 21	9.30 am	Sileby	Sick and Housebound	
Sat 22	6.30pm	Syston	People of the Parish	
Sun 23	9.00am 11.00am	Sileby Syston	Priests of the Deanery Wendy – Thanksgiving (Aideen)	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year

**Barn Dance, Church Hall:**  
**Saturday, 6th October 2018,**  
**7.30-11.00 p.m.**

Hi all,  
 we will be holding our annual fundraising event to raise money to bring our two "Friends of Chernobyl Children" girls, Anastasia & Palina, to Leicester in July 2019 for a 2-week visit - cost to bring each girl is £465. Please come along and enjoy a fun night's entertainment, excellent buffet meal included. Cost: Adults £10, Children £5 (aged 5-16) and any children aged 5 or under free. (Please bring own drinks). Tickets for sale after Masses from Sept.15th onwards. Thanking you again for your continued support, Brian & Silvia.

**Fr. Denis:** We thank Fr. Denis for the many times he has been with us over the last five months. We are grateful to him and the other priests who have been with us. Next week we welcome Fr. John St. John as Parochial Administrator and pray that his time with us will be fruitful and rewarding.

My name is Fr John St John. I have been a priest for just over six years. I left school at the age of sixteen to work in the building trade as a bricklayer a trade I practiced for over twenty years. I thought about training for the priesthood since my early twenties, but the life seemed so far removed from the life I lived that I kept putting off reasons to attempt the training. In the meantime, I carried on working and I did extra studies in evening school after work to obtain A levels.

When I reached my late thirties the thought of the priesthood would not go away so I decided to go forward to try my vocation. I was accepted to train for the Diocese and initially spent my first year of training in Valladolid in Spain to study spirituality. From there I was sent to Rome to study at the Pontifical Beda College where I spent three productive years and obtained my degree in theology here.

After being ordained a Deacon I asked Bishop Malcolm if I could work in a parish in England to gain pastoral experience and I was sent to Oscott College in Birmingham to finish my final year. I was ordained in 2012 to the priesthood. I am looking forward to working with you all in the parishes here at Syston and Sileby.  
 God bless to all of you ... Fr John  
**Fr. Peter:** We give special thanks to Fr. Peter for ensuring that we have had priests each weekend over the past months and thanks to him for being with us on a Thursday.

**Rosmini Centre. Saturday 22nd**  
 September talk by Fr. Antonio Belsito is **postponed until 3rd November.**  
 Apologies from Fr. Antonio.

**We pray for the sick,** the housebound in our parish and all those who may feel lonely or distressed at this time.

**We pray for the sick: O God Listen in kindness** to our prayers for our brothers and sisters who are sick and grant that all who are oppressed by pain, distress or other afflictions may know that they are united to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. **Lord, may your Mother pray for us... Hail Mary**

**Seniors Afternoon Tea 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in the hall.**

**Closed Draw:** August winners: £125 S.Ellul, £50 P.Walling, £25 N.Jephson. Please note all half-yearly subscriptions now due, cheques payable to Syston RC Parish Church. New numbers available.

**Security Church and Hall:** If you are the last person leaving the Hall or the Church please make sure that all windows are closed, and all doors shut and locked.

Thank you to all who volunteered last Saturday to help with the Ride & Ride.

### LaLast week's collection

Gift Aid	£152.50
Rearsby	£ 35.00
Loose	£240.05
Rearsby	£ 68.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>£427.55</b>

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Catholic Education £88.30  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this week**  
**for Home Missions**

**SPUC Appeal letter:** Have you written your letter to your MP? It is not too late. For advice and suggestions, please take one of the SPUC documents at the back of church.