



Saint Bernadette's Church

Mass Times: Sunday 12th July

15th Week of Ordinary Time (A)

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From Canon Geoffrey

This past weekend for the first time since 20th March public masses have once again been celebrated at Holy Souls' and St Bernadette's, Scunthorpe. My sincere thanks to a small, but dedicated group who have spent many hours, burnt midnight oil preparing documentation, photographic evidence, deep-cleaning and rearranging furniture so that we were in a position to obtain the necessary permissions in line with Government and Diocesan Directives to open these two Parish Churches.

Each of the ten masses celebrated this weekend have required teams of volunteer stewards and cleaners of at least a minimum of two people, preferably three, to ensure that the churches could be made not only accessible, but primarily safe and secure for people to attend. Over the weekend approximately 8 hours have been spent cleaning after the masses so that they were available for the next mass.

Cardinal Nichols and Bishop Patrick acknowledged that initially not all Parish Churches would be able to open immediately for Public Worship. That is true. Currently, St Thomas of Canterbury, Gainsborough, and St Norbert's, Crowle, along with many other Parish Churches and Chapels throughout the Diocese have not opened **as of yet**, be it for private prayer or Public Worship.

We are still governed by a variety of restrictions, not least the directive from the Diocese that we are to maintain a 2 metre social distancing policy inside our Churches, that there should be separate entrances and exits and sufficient stewards and cleaners present. I am aware it has been suggested that Church Halls could possibly be used. However, we have not received any indications as to when they will be allowed to open be it for liturgical events or social events.

Please be assured I am aware of the needs of our all our parishes, but we must tread carefully, and ensure that we are guided and governed by the need to have safe and accessible Churches whereby we can celebrate the Mass and Sacraments in an environment that meets current regulations.

May I make an appeal – please consider volunteering as a steward or cleaner. You should be over the age of 18, have no underlying health problems, be isolating or caring for someone who is isolating. Full training and induction will be given.

The proposed Schedule of Masses from Saturday 11th July 2020 is as below, however, this will be dependent on sufficient stewards and volunteers being available.

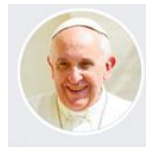
Mass Times Week Commencing Saturday 11th July 2020

Saint Bernadette's Church	Time
Saturday 11 th July	9:30am
	6:00pm
Sunday 12 th July	9:00am
	11:00am
	7:00pm
Monday 13 th July	9:30am
Tuesday 14 th July	No Mass
Wednesday 15 th July	9:30am
Thursday 16 th July	No Mass
Friday 17 th July	9:30am

Holy Souls' Church	Time
Saturday 11 th July	9:30am
	6:00pm
Sunday 12 th July	9:00am
	11:00am
	7:00pm
Monday 13 th July	No Mass
Tuesday 14 th July	9:30am
Wednesday 15 th July	No Mass
Thursday 16 th July	9:30am
Friday 17 th July	No Mass

2020 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reflection: Matthew 13:1-23

Like any good teacher, Jesus uses pictures – or parables. Ever heard of the one about the elephant and wasp? Or electricity like a toy train going round a room? Anyway, for the next three weeks we have some of these pictures, to show us what Jesus is trying to do. This first one is rather sad. Whatever he does seems to fail: seed pecked up by birds, scorched by the sun, choked by thistles. What are my pecking birds, my scorching sun, my choking thistles which annihilate the seed Jesus sows in me? Different for everyone of us. But some, just a little of the seed bears a fantastic harvest. There must be something I can show to the Lord with pride and gratitude: "Look, this is the seed you gave me; it has grown developed, and here is your harvest". Jesus, too, reflected on his mission to establish his Father's sovereignty on earth. Jesus too got depressed and wondered if he was getting anywhere. It was only when he had failed utterly, alone, deserted and tortured, that his perseverance won the crown. Jesus doesn't want the successful. He wants the failures as his followers – and that is where the harvest lies. **(HW)**



Pope Francis Prayer Intention July 2020

Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

Please pray for the sick and housebound in our parish.

Please pray for our deceased family and friends, particularly those who have died recently and those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Getting Married

For couples hoping to marry in this church (or another Catholic church) at least 6 months' notice is required prior to the marriage date. For more information please contact your Parish Priest. Couples also need to attend an obligatory one day marriage preparation workshop *'Preparing Together'*

For further information and details of future workshop dates and venues telephone: 0800 389 3801 or visit the website: <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk>

Thank you to all parishioners who have donated to their respective parish by standing order, cash, or BACS, this is very much appreciated! Please note all our accounts are held with Lloyds Bank Limited. The details are:

<p>St Bernadette's Scunthorpe RCP</p> <p>Account Number 00801306 Sort Code 30-97-44</p>	<p>Holy Souls' Scunthorpe RCP</p> <p>Account Number 00207099 Sort Code 30-97-44</p>
<p>St Thomas' Gainsborough RCP</p> <p>Account Number 36893460 Sort Code 30-97-44</p>	<p>St Norbert's Crowle RCP</p> <p>Account Number 00481239 Sort Code: 30-97-44</p>