



**Welcome to  
Saint Bernadette's Church  
Mass Times and Intentions: 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT (A)**

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| Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> December  | 6:00 pm  | <b>Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent</b>  | Pro Populo                  |
| Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December    | 11:00 am | <b>Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday</b>   | Joe Murphy RIP              |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December    | 9:30 am  | <b>Advent Feria</b>                              | Susan Hoban RIP             |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December    | 4:00 pm  | <b>Reception of Brenda Adair RIP</b>             | -                           |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December   | 9:30 am  | <b>Requiem Mass for Brenda Adair RIP</b>         | -                           |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December | 9:30 am  | <b>Advent Feria</b>                              | Dvevasia Muthupunnackal RIP |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December  | 9:00 am  | <b>Mass at Holy Souls</b>                        | -                           |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December    | 9:30 am  | <b>Advent Feria</b>                              | Betty & Denis Mulhern RIP   |
| Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> December  | 9:30 am  | <b>Mass at Holy Souls</b>                        | -                           |
| Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> December  | 6:00 pm  | <b>Vigil Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> | Fr. Aiden Gilman RIP        |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December    | 11:00 am | <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>                   | Pro Populo                  |

| Mass Time                             | Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Readers Rota               |
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| 14 <sup>th</sup> : 6:00 pm Vigil Mass | P. Hayne, J. Lowden, R. Harmer             | M. Sutherland, J. Myers    |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> : 11:00 am Mass      | S. Dalton, H. Gill, K. Newman              | N. Benny, N. Benny         |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> : 6:00 pm Vigil Mass | T. K. O'Boyle, V. Parulis, D. Sidaway      | L. Robertson, C. Robertson |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> : 11:00 am Mass      | N. Riley, S. Strong, M. Strong             | I. Norman, S. Hughes       |

**The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is closed for the Christmas holiday and will re-open on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December at 9:00 am**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturdays: 5:20pm - 5:50pm**

If you or a member of your family is in hospital or in a residential care home, please let one of the priests know if you would like a visit or contact St. Bernadette's Presbytery on 01724 844895

**Teas and Coffees are served in the Parish Centre after Sunday Mass.** Please do come along and get to know another parishioner!

Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the coming of The Christ Child at Christmas. Why not consider coming to Confession this Advent to cast out our sin so that The Christ Child may enter in.

**Last weekend's collections**  
Standing Orders £650 (weekly average)  
Loose plate £273.80  
Envelopes £141.50  
Thank you.

**Second Collection 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> December**  
For the Poor and Needy Parishes

**The Canon Comments  
14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

John the Baptist was expecting a Messiah of judgement, who would cut down the rotten tree and burn the useless chaff. When in prison, he hears that Jesus is not doing this; he is puzzled and sends messengers to ask if Jesus is really the Messiah. Jesus sends back the message that he is fulfilling the prophet Isaiah – the passage we hear in the first reading. Jesus' concept of the task of the Messiah was healing, not punishment. He goes and seeks out those who need healing, both physical and moral. He does not wait for sinners to repent before gathering them in; he makes the first advance. Then he turns to praising the Baptist. It is a fascinating speculation whether Jesus was himself once a disciple of John the Baptist. After all, John says he did not recognise Jesus until he saw the Spirit coming down on him. He also says that Jesus, who came after him, had passed before him. This is a typical position of a rabbi, leading his disciples, and suggests that John had been Jesus' rabbi, then became his disciple. Jesus was fully man, and even he needed to learn as all human beings do. **(HW)**  
*Canon Geoffrey*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

In addition to the usual confession times and the two recent Penitential Services there will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the following days and times in the lead up to Christmas.

**Holy Souls**  
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 6:30 pm**  
(Father Liam will be in attendance to hear Confessions during Mass)

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 6:00 pm**  
**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 7:00 pm**

**St Bernadette's**  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December after 9:30 am Mass**  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December after 9:30 am Mass**

**Getting Married in 2020**

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>



**St Bede's Carol Service at St Bernadette's Church**  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30 pm**  
Please join us for an evening of carols by candlelight.

Please pray for the sick and housebound in our parish. Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Brenda Adair RIP. Brenda's mortal remains will be received into St Bernadette's Church at 4:00pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December followed by a Requiem Mass on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30 am. Please also pray for Brenda's family and friends at this difficult time. Please pray for our deceased family and friends, particularly those who have died recently and those whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.

**Children's Gift Appeal  
14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> December**

Traditionally at St. Bernadette's children have brought gifts for less fortunate children to the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. This year we are supporting those families living at the Women's Refuge in Scunthorpe. Canon Geoffrey has kindly agreed that any child (or adult) who would like to bring in a gift to be donated to a less fortunate family may do so at this weekend's Masses. It is helpful if the gift is wrapped and labelled for either boy or girl and what age the gift is appropriate for. These will then be taken by a St. Vincent de member to the local co-ordinator who will see that they are received by a family in need. Many thanks for your continued generosity and support.  
**St. Vincent de Paul Conference (St. Bernadette's)**

**Church Cleaning for Christmas**  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 10:00 am**  
All are welcome. Many hands make light work.

**A thought for Advent** and in preparation for Christmas for the retired of our parishes, why not consider coming along to a weekday mass?

**Christmas Mass Schedule 2019**

**Holy Souls**

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| Christmas Eve | 7:00 pm & 10:00 pm         |
|               | 12:00 am Midnight (Polish) |

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| Christmas Day                    | 9:00 am           |
|                                  | 4:30 pm (Polish)  |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> December | 11:00 am (Polish) |

**St Norbert's**

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| Christmas Eve | 4:30 pm |
| Christmas Day | 9:00 am |

**St Thomas'**

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| Christmas Day | 11:15 am |
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**St Bernadette's**

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| Christmas Eve                    | 6:00 pm & 10:00 pm |
| Christmas Day                    | 9:00 am            |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> December | 9:30 am            |