



## Saint Bernadette's Church

21<sup>st</sup> June – 27<sup>th</sup> June

### Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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#### Parish Centre rooms to hire

If you would like to book the Parish Centre hall or one of the three meeting rooms

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Reflection: **Matthew 10:26-30**

This whole chapter of Matthew brings together and sums up what Jesus has to say to his apostles about his teaching in the face of hostility and persecution. Jesus himself was fearless in proclaiming his message. He "taught with authority", as the gospel constantly tells us. His disciples are sent out to do the same. We do not often meet with real persecution, though it still may yet happen. The martyrs of communist Russia or Vietnam lived many years of peaceful Christianity before unexpectedly facing martyrdom. The monk martyrs of Algeria did not reckon on martyrdom when they went to Algeria. The only preparation for martyrdom can be fidelity and prayer. More often we face mockery for holding to Christian principles, and that can be too difficult to bear. We can be accused of narrow-mindedness, lack of appreciation of human values, blind obedience, sentimentality, naivety, and a host of other hurtful slurs. Jesus did not promise that the Father would prevent the sparrows falling to the ground! Nor is it always easy to respond to slurs with patience and generosity as well as truthfulness which Jesus would have shown. "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar", said St Francis de Sales. **(HW)**

#### Live Streaming of Masses and Devotions in the Nottingham Diocese

For details visit the St Bernadette's website at :

<https://www.stbernadettesashby.org/livestreamingofmasses>

For details of daily live streaming of masses by Canon Geoffrey and Fr Liam visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/stbernadettesashby/>

**Monday – Saturday 9:00am**

**Sunday 11:00am**

#### Diocese of Nottingham

Walsingham Pilgrimage - Virtual

20<sup>th</sup> June 2020

11:00am - 12:30pm

To view this event visit:

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/event/diocese-of-nottingham-pilgrimage/>



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.

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.**



**Pope Francis** @Pontifex · Jun 17

To pray means to intercede for the world, to remember that despite all its frailties, it always belongs to God. #GeneralAudience #Prayer

575

4.6K

26K



**From Canon Geoffrey**

**To all Parishioners.** I do hope you are all keeping well and safe. Please continue to remember in your daily prayers those who are working hard to keep us all safe and I think you would all agree with me that this is a lot of people to pray for and give thanks to God for! We continue to experience and hope that you have been able to take advantage of it.

**Fr Liam and I continue to celebrate mass each day,** and I endeavour to “broadcast” via St Bernadette’s Facebook page! Usually Mass on weekdays and Saturdays is at 9.00am and Sundays at 11.00am. Please join us if you can.

**As I mentioned on Sunday, the Government has announced that churches and other places of worship can open for individual prayer** in line with social distancing legislation and guidance from Monday 15th June 2020.

**This decision does not mean that communal acts of worship, such as Mass or Exposition can be celebrated while the church is open; this is strictly for private and personal prayer.**

**I am hoping, initially, that Holy Souls’, Frodingham Road will open for individual prayer.** Currently, it is the easiest of our four churches to open safely whilst maintaining ease of cleanliness and social distancing. Work has commenced to make this possible, but there are various factors to be dealt with before we can open the Church. E.g., a Health & Safety Assessment has to be prepared and checked in accordance with Diocesan and Government requirements; stewards have to be recruited; a deep clean of the church undertaken; along with other various conditions to keep people safe.

**If you are considering volunteering as a Steward,** it would be a hugely valuable service to the community as we endeavour to minimise the risk of infection spread and make the church as safe as possible for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. You should be 18+, and under the of 70, in good health, not having any underlying health issues which would debar you and not caring for a member of your household who is self-isolating through age or illness or showing symptoms of Coronavirus. If you are interested in helping, please email St Bernadette’s email address: [stbernadettesashby@gmail.com](mailto:stbernadettesashby@gmail.com) and include your name, address and contact email and telephone number.

By volunteering, you are confirming that you meet legal requirements and guidance concerning your own vulnerability. Training will be provided on how we keep the church clean and safe for volunteers and those who come into our churches.

Once I have an idea of how many can assist with this, I will then decide regarding as to what periods Holy Souls’ will be open for individual private prayer and on what date.

Unfortunately, **at the moment,** our other three churches do not fulfil all the conditions so cannot open at the moment. Until we can open for private prayer or to pray together, we can still pray at home and access some of the live-streamed Masses. I will give attention to our other three churches and decide as to how we can safely open them also for individual private prayer.

**Over the past months we have been asked about the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation,** several times we have heard confessions in the car park of St Bernadette’s through a car window, keeping strictly to social distancing requirements. **On Saturday morning (20<sup>th</sup> June), from 10.00am, should the weather permit,** a priest will be available in the car park to hear confessions - ***through a car window, keeping strictly to social distancing requirements.***

In the meantime, please keep safe and well and do continue to support each other through prayers and acts of love and concern.

With every blessing to you all

Canon Geoffrey & Fr Liam

**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:**

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