



## Saint Bernadette's Church

28<sup>th</sup> June – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020

### Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul

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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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#### From Canon Geoffrey - 28 June Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul

**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 last week, 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. **Initially, Holy Souls', Frodingham Road will open soon for individual prayer.** Currently, it is the easiest of our four churches to open safely while maintaining ease of cleanliness and social distancing. A Health & Safety Assessment has been prepared to be checked in accordance with Diocesan and Government requirements; stewards have been recruited and a deep clean of the church has been undertaken along with other various jobs. It is now a matter of getting permission from the Diocese.

**Work has also commenced at St Bernadette's in preparation for opening for prayer there. Therefore, we are looking for volunteer stewards for St Bernadette's.** 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.

**I am aware of the statement regarding the opening of churches from 4 July, which is very good news!** However, at the time of writing we are awaiting detailed guidance from the Government and Diocese as to what has to be in place and what, if any restrictions there may be.

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, 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

## Proposed Mass schedule commencing on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020

The following Mass schedule is proposed for the celebration of public masses following the government's permission to re-open our churches for Divine Worship.

### Holy Souls:

Saturday: 09.30 & 18.00  
Sunday: 09.00, 11.00, 19.00  
Monday: 19.00,  
Tuesday: 09.30, 19.00  
Wednesday: 09.30  
Thursday: 09.30, 19.00,  
Friday: 09.30, 19.00

### St Bernadette's:

Sat: 09:30 & 18.00  
Sunday: 9.00, 11.00, 19.00  
Monday: 09.30, 19.00  
Tuesday: 09.30, 19.00  
Wednesday: 09.30, 19.00  
Thursday: 19.00  
Friday: 09.30, 19.00

Sadly, at this time it will not be possible to celebrate public masses at St Norbert's or St Thomas of Canterbury owing to social distancing requirements.

The above proposed schedule is subject to the necessary permissions from the Bishop of Nottingham. Owing to the need for social distancing measures, numbers at these masses will be limited, and **it will be necessary to pre-book spaces for any given Mass preferably by email ([stbernadettesashby@gmail.com](mailto:stbernadettesashby@gmail.com)) or by telephone 01724 844895.** Please be as generous as you can in allowing as many parishioners as possible the opportunity to attend mass once a week until the government restrictions are further relaxed.

**It is a requirement that we have a minimum of 2 (ideally 3) stewards present at every mass to ensure that sanitisation and social distancing requirements are observed.** At present we do not have sufficient numbers of stewards to cover the proposed number of public masses – without extra stewards we will not be able to celebrate every mass! **Healthy parishioners over the age of 70, provided they are confident in keeping themselves safe and that their church can provide them with appropriate safety equipment, can now serve as stewards.**

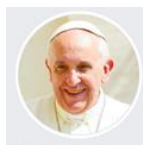
The wearing of Facemasks is permitted by those who wish to wear them. A supply of such masks will be made available by Stewards. There will not be an Offertory Collection taken at mass, but it will be possible to leave your offerings on the way in, or out of Church.

In addition to these proposed celebrations of Holy Mass, Confession will be available for 30 minutes prior to the celebration of each public mass.

The Bishop's Conference has further mandated some changes to the ways in which we are able to participate at Mass, and the mode in which we are able to receive Holy Communion at this time. This information will be made available once the guidance has been formalised prior to the commencement of public masses on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020

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.



### Pope Francis Prayer Intention July 2020

#### Our Families

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

**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