



**Welcome to  
Saint Bernadette's Church  
Mass Times and Intentions: 8<sup>TH</sup> December 2019  
SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT (A)**

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Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	6:00 pm	<b>Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Advent</b>	Elsie Grimes RIP
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	11:00 am	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	Pro Populo
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	5:00 pm	<b>Reception of Michael McGrory RIP</b>	-
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	12:00 pm	<b>Requiem Mass for Michael McGrory RIP</b>	-
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	9:00 am	<b>Mass at Holy Souls</b>	-
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	7:00 pm	<b>Deanery Penitential Service at Holy Souls</b>	-
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30 am	<b>Advent Feria</b>	Josephine McDonald RIP
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	9:00 am	<b>Mass at Holy Souls</b>	-
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30 am	<b>Saint Lucy</b>	Michael O' Driscoll RIP
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30 am	<b>Mass at Holy Souls</b>	-
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

Mass Time	Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Readers Rota
7 <sup>th</sup> : 6.00 pm Vigil Mass	J. Hilton, J. Myers, S. Calpin	A. O'Boyle, K. O'Boyle
8 <sup>th</sup> : 11.00 am Mass	A. Strong, C. Robertson, P. King	A. Metcalfe, D. Heighton
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

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open from Monday to Friday 9:00am – 9:00pm

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 £226.66  
Envelopes £113  
Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

**The Canon Comments**

**7<sup>th</sup> December/8<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

"Repentance" is an unattractive idea. It conjures up morose brooding over past sins and failures, a negative idea. This is not what John the Baptist proclaimed. His message was wholly positive. In Hebrew and Greek, the concept is a challenge of behaviour, a change of direction. John is calling them to change their ways, to change their scale of values, their whole direction of life. To reinforce his message, he wears the clothes worn by Elijah, the prophet who was to return to announce the final coming of the Lord. He proclaims his message in the desert, that apocalyptic landscape of the arid and bare Jordan Valley, below sea-level, where merchants would be crossing the Jordan on the road to the East. So, he makes a deliberate claim to be this final prophet and to be preparing a way for the Lord. We see Jesus as the Messiah, the loving Saviour, but John was not yet proclaiming Jesus. He was proclaiming the threatening and imminent arrival of the sovereignty of God, when rotten trees would be cut down and evil swept away to be burnt in unquenchable fire. If we are to be open to the arrival of the Kingship of God, we may need to look to our scale of values. Am I the only person who matters to me?  
**(HW) Canon Geoffrey**

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

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Lectio Divina  
Holy Souls Church Hall at 5:30 pm**

Deacon Sebastian invites you to this monthly meeting, the purpose of which is establishing a relationship with the true living Jesus Christ. We will learn to pray using the Holy Bible and our own words and our lives. There will be time for group discussion and individual prayer in presence of Jesus in the Holy Sacrament. It would be very helpful if you could you bring your own Holy Bible. If you would like to stop, calm down and hear His Word . . . you will be most welcome!

**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.

**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>

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be closed over the Christmas period from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 pm and will re-open on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December at 9:00 am.

Please pray for the sick and housebound in our parish. Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Michael McGrory RIP. Michael's mortal remains will be received into St Bernadette's Church on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 5:00 pm followed by a Requiem Mass on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 12:00 pm. 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 their families 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. The lady who co-ordinates the distribution of children's gifts has asked that we collect gifts the weekend of December 14<sup>th</sup> so that these can be sorted and delivered to the refuge prior to Christmas. 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 - Morning  
All are welcome. Many hands make light work.

**200 Club – December Draw**

Christmas Bonus £150	Ticket No: 3	D. Young
December 1 <sup>st</sup> prize £50	Ticket No: 98	K. Dolan
December 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize £25	Ticket No: 134	M. Martin

**Christmas Mass Schedule 2019**

<b>Holy Souls</b>	
Christmas Eve	7:00 pm 10:00 pm 12:00 am Midnight (Polish)
Christmas Day	9:00 am 4:30 pm (Polish)
<b>St Norbert's</b>	
Christmas Eve	4:30 pm
Christmas Day	9:00 am
<b>St Thomas'</b>	
Christmas Day	11:15 am
<b>St Bernadette's</b>	
Christmas Eve	6:00 pm 10:00 pm
Christmas Day	9:00 am