



# The Catholic Parishes of Holy Souls' and St Bernadette's, Scunthorpe

Mass Timetable for week beginning  
Second Sunday of Advent - 4th December 2022



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Date/Of the Day	Holy Souls	St Bernadette's	St Norbert's	St Thomas'
Saturday, 3rd St Francis Xavier	4.00 to 4.25 pm ◆ Confession 4.30 pm Vigil ◆ People of the Parish	10.00 am ◆ Private Intention 10.30 am to 11.00 am ◆ Confession 6.00 pm Vigil ◆ Cyrus Thomas RIP	-	-
Sunday, 4th December 2022 Second Sunday of Advent	9.30 am ◆ David & Josie Till RIP 4.30 pm Polish ◆ Polish Priest Intentions	11.00 am ◆ Martin Carlon RIP 3.00 pm ◆ Syro-Malabar Mass	8.45 to 8.55 am ◆ Confession 9.00 am ◆ Ian Tonge RIP	11.00 to 11.10 am ◆ Confession 11.15 am ◆ TBA
Monday, 5th Advent Feria	5.00 pm Reception ◆ Lorenzo Giaquinto RIP	9.30 am ◆ Margaret Jackson RIP	-	-
Tuesday, 6th Advent Feria	9.30 am ◆ November Dead List 11.00 am Funeral Service ◆ Lorenzo Giaquinto RIP	8.00 am ◆ Elsie Grimes RIP 4.30 am Reception ◆ Anne Masterson RIP	-	-
Wednesday, 7th St Ambrose	-	12.00 Noon Funeral Service ◆ Anne Masterson RIP	10.00 am ◆ George Duffield RIP	-
Thursday, 8th - The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30 am ◆ Mary & Bernard Dooley RIP	7.00 pm ◆ George Foster RIP	-	-
Friday, 9th Advent Feria	-	6.00 pm ◆ Mrs Ellen Ward RIP	-	10.00 am ◆ TBA
Saturday, 10th Advent Feria	4.00 to 4.25 pm ◆ Confession 4.30 pm Vigil ◆ Susannah McHugh RIP & Bernadette Davock RIP	10.00 am ◆ Jim McBride RIP 10.30 am to 11.00 am ◆ Confession 6.00 pm Vigil ◆ People of the Parish	-	-
Sunday, 11th December 2022 Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	9.30 am ◆ Brosnan Family RIP 4.30 pm Polish ◆ Polish Priest Intentions	11.00 am ◆ Joe Murphy RIP	8.45 to 8.55 am ◆ Confession 9.00 am ◆ Kathleen Tonge RIP	11.00 to 11.10 am ◆ Confession 11.15 am ◆ TBA

For Polish Mass Times at Holy Souls Church, please see the Polish bulletin at the back of Holy Souls Church, the notice on the window as you enter from the car park at Holy Souls Church, or visit [www.facebook.com/parafia.polska.scun.link.grim](http://www.facebook.com/parafia.polska.scun.link.grim)

**Refreshments will be served in St Bernadette's Parish Centre after the 11.00 am Mass this Sunday**

**Contact Priest Details** - If you, or a member of your family is in hospital, or you would like a visit, please contact St Bernadette's Presbytery on 01724 844895.

## Fr Matthew's Catechism Advent and Love for the Poor

One of the important themes of Advent is love for the poor. We cannot prepare adequately for the Lord's coming without thinking of the Lord being present in the poor. There is a story that St Rose of Lima was rebuked by her mother for caring for the poor and sick at home. St Rose explained to her "When we serve the poor and sick, we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbours, because in them we serve Jesus." In the parable of the last judgment (Matthew 25: 31-36), we hear that Jesus at his Second Coming recognises the chosen ones because they are the ones who have fed the hungry, given water to the thirsty, welcomed the stranger, clothed the naked, visited the sick and the prisoner. In giving to the poor, they have already encountered the Lord in the poor, and so he recognises them and says "Come blessed of my Father! Take possession of the Kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world." (Mt 25 v.34).

Love for the poor is incompatible with immoderate love of money or its selfish use. The Church has since ancient times taught the doctrine of the universal destination of all goods, that is, the idea that the goods of creation are for the benefit of the entire human race, not simply for a few rich individuals. St John Chrysostom (344-407) taught this: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Homily on Lazarus). Pope St Gregory the Great (540-604) similarly explained "When we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice." Therefore, we should not either hoard wealth, or use it on luxuries, when we can help the poor in their basic needs.

In this season of Advent, the Church reminds us of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The spiritual works of mercy are ways in which we can assist our neighbour in his or her spiritual necessities. These are to counsel the doubtful; to instruct the ignorant; to admonish sinners; to comfort the afflicted; to forgive offences; to bear wrongs patiently, and to pray for the living and the dead. The corporal works of mercy are ways in which we can assist our neighbour in his or her bodily needs. These are to feed the hungry; to give drink to the thirsty; to clothe the naked; to shelter the homeless; to visit the sick; to visit the imprisoned and to bury the dead. Let us be on the look out to perform at least some of these corporal and spiritual works of mercy during this holy season of Advent. In doing so, we will prepare the way for the Lord's Second Coming both in our hearts and in this world. We will also receive many graces ourselves, and God will overlook our own sins because of our charitable works.

### In your charity please pray for

Lorenzo Giaquinto, Anne Patricia Masterson, Kathleen Farrell and all who have died recently, may they rest in peace. *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. Amen.* Please pray for their families at this difficult time; for those whose anniversaries occur at this time; for all who are sick and house-bound and those who have no family to support them. We remember all those who are in hospital or are having treatment, those whose treatment has been cancelled or postponed and those who are in nursing homes or being cared for.

### Fr Matthew's Installation as a Chapter Canon

Fr Matthew will be installed as a Canon on Wednesday, 7th December at 6.30 pm during vespers at St Barnabas Cathedral in Nottingham. All are welcome to attend. It is hoped that we will arrange a more local celebration after Christmas for those who would find this long journey difficult.

### Carols by Candlelight - St Barnabas Cathedral

Saturday 10th December at 4.00 pm. All welcome.

## Upcoming Second Collections

- ⇒ 10th/11th December 2022 - Poor and Needy parishes of the Diocese.
- ⇒ 15th January 2023 - Sick and Retired Priests Fund.
- ⇒ **St Bernadette's Diary Reminders**
- ⇒ **Monday, 12th December** - SVP Christmas lunch at Brigg Garden Centre.
- ⇒ **Wednesday, 14th December** - Ladies attending the St Bernadette's Ladies Guild Christmas Lunch at Lindsey Lodge Cafe need to be there by 11.45 am. If you are now unable to attend please let Sue or Suzanne know.

## Holy Souls - First Holy Communion Forms

Are available at the back of Church. Please complete and return by **31st December 2022 WITH a copy of the child's baptismal certificate. NB:** if you require a further copy of the baptismal certificate from either Holy Souls or St Bernadette's Churches a charge of £20 will apply.

## Stella Maris

In the run up to Christmas, Stella Maris would welcome any donations of boxes of chocolates to hand out to seafarers visiting our ports over Christmas. In addition to the woolly hats, warm clothes are also in demand as the weather turns colder. Any donations can be left in the Sacristy.

## Bingo Caller

St Bernadette's Parish Centre urgently require a bingo caller. If you can help, please contact Marie Gray at The Presbytery.

## Mary's Meals

From 1st November 2022 to 31st January 2023 donations made to **Mary's Meals** will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1,500,000. Today we face some of our greatest challenges yet in a world devastated by conflict, food insecurity and the cost-of-living crisis, which we know is affecting people here in the UK as well as in the countries where Mary's Meals works. With Double the Love donations will be matched and kindness will go even further - meaning Mary's Meals can reach even more desperately hungry children. There are many ways to get involved, to find out more visit [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

## SVP Christmas Collection

A total of £579.60 was raised by both parishes. Thank you for your generosity.

## Christmas Cards

are on sale in Holy Souls Church Hall after the Sunday Mass. Proceeds to Church funds.

## Christmas Masses

- Saturday, 24th - The Vigil of the Nativity of The Lord**
- 5.00 pm St Bernadette's
- 6.00 pm Holy Souls'
- 11.30 pm St Bernadette's
- 12.00 midnight (Polish) Holy Souls'
- Sunday, 25th - The Nativity of The Lord**
- 8.30 am St Bernadette's
- 9.00 am St Norbert's Crowle
- 10.00 am St Thomas' Gainsborough
- 11.00 am Holy Souls'
- 4.30 pm (Polish) Holy Souls'
- Monday, 26th - St Stephen**
- 11.00 am (Polish) Holy Souls'
- 12.00 noon St Bernadette's

*A list of all Christmas Mass times can be found at the back of both Churches*

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Sunday 18th December**
- 9.45 am to 10.15 am St Norbert's Crowle
- 12.15 pm to 12.45 pm St Thomas' Gainsborough
- Thursday, 22nd December**
- 6.00 to 7.00 pm Holy Souls'
- Friday, 23rd December**
- 6.00 to 7.00 pm St Bernadette's
- Saturday, 24th December**
- 10.30 am to 11.00 am St Bernadette's