



The Catholic Parishes of Holy Souls' and St Bernadette's, Scunthorpe and St Norbert's, Crowle  
**Mass Timetable for week beginning First Sunday of Advent - 3rd December 2023**

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Date/Of the Day	Holy Souls	St Bernadette's	St Norbert's
<b>Saturday, 2nd December</b> <i>Feria</i>	-	5.15 to 5.45 pm Exposition and Confessions 6.00 pm (Vigil) Tess & Tommy McCarthy RIP	-
<b>Sunday, 3rd December</b> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00 am Josie Till RIP	9.30 am Polish Mass Polish Priest Intentions 11.30 am (Note: new time) Gladys Holmes RIP 3.00 pm Syro-Malabar Mass	8.30 am Tom & Hilda Sarsfield 63rd Wedding Anniversary
<b>Monday, 4th</b> <i>Advent Feria</i>	-	9.30 am St Bernadette's School In Thanksgiving	-
<b>Tuesday, 5th</b> <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.30 am Katie & John Hyland RIP	-	-
<b>Wednesday, 6th</b> <i>Advent Feria</i>	-	-	10.30am TBA
<b>Thursday, 7th</b> <i>St Ambrose</i>	-	11.30 am Funeral Service Lorna Martin RIP	-
<b>Friday, 8th</b> <i>Immaculate Conception</i>	9.30 am Mass Mary & Bernard Dooley RIP	6.00 pm Elsie Grimes RIP	-
<b>Saturday, 9th</b> <i>Advent Feria</i>	-	5.15 to 5.45 pm Exposition and Confessions 6.00 pm (Vigil) John & Sadie Calpin RIP	-
<b>Sunday, 10th December</b> <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00 am Charles Nwokolo & Family In Thanksgiving	9.30 am Polish Mass Polish Priest Intentions 11.30 am (Note: new time) Julia & James Neary RIP	8.30 am TBA

For Polish Mass Times at Holy Souls Church, please see the Polish bulletin at the back of Holy Souls Church, or visit [www.facebook.com/parafia.polska.scun.link.grim](http://www.facebook.com/parafia.polska.scun.link.grim)

**Pope Francis - Thought of the Week**

'The Church is not a place for the perfect and the privileged. It is a community of disciples that bears witness to Jesus whom by grace they have come to know. We intercede for all, praying, loving and sacrificing ourselves for the world'.

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for December 2023**

**For persons with disabilities**  
We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation"

**Safeguarding Representatives**

**St Bernadette's:** Janice Moran/Barbara Faulds 07513 725545  
**Holy Souls':** -  
**Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator:** Rachaël Campion 01159 539849

**Canon Matthew - The First part of Advent**

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. During the first part of Advent up, to and including 17th December, the Church asks us to consider the last things, death, judgement, heaven and hell, the end of the world and the second coming of Our Lord. It is a wonderful time of year to take spiritual stock of ourselves, to make a good confession and to prepare ourselves spiritually for our encounter with Jesus Christ at the end of our lives. I have put on a couple of talks in St Bernadette's Parish Centre, to help us spiritually in these ways. While the rest of the world is busy with a slightly premature celebration of Christmas, let us not forget the true spiritual meaning of this part of Advent. The two comings of Our Lord are both very joyful events which we can prepare for with great anticipation.

**In your charity please pray for**

Lorna Martin 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 housebound and those who have no family to support them.

**Sunday Mass Car Parking - St Bernadette's Church**

Can drivers please be mindful when parking their cars to avoid double parking and blocking access to the car park and Church. In the event of an emergency the fire brigade and ambulance service will need to be able to get on site quickly. Drivers are also politely asked not to park in front of the 'keep clear' notice near the Church. Thank you.

**Christmas Mass Times**

You may, by now, have noticed that Christmas Day is on a Monday. Therefore Sunday and this, the greatest celebration of the year, follow each other. All the Sunday Mass times will be as usual on 24th December, but the Masses will be simple said Masses without music as on a weekday and without a homily. This will enable us to fulfil our Sunday obligation and hopefully allow time for everything else which is going on at this time of year (as well as conserve my voice for all the Christmas Eve and Day Masses!)

**The Christmas Day Mass times are as follows:**

Christmas Eve	4.30 pm	Holy Souls
	6.00 pm	St Bernadette's
	11.30 pm	St Bernadette's
Christmas Day	8.00 am	St Bernadette's
	9.30 am	St Norbert's
	11.00 am	Holy Souls

**Advent Talks**

Canon Matthew will be giving two Advent talks to help set the scene of Advent part one this year. These will be on the theme "An Introduction to Catholic Eschatology." Eschatology is about the last things. The first talk will be on Thursday 7th December from 7.00 to 8.30 pm, "An Introduction of Catholic Eschatology Part One: Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell." The second talk is at the same time on Thursday 14th December "An Introduction to Catholic Eschatology Part Two: The Resurrection, the Second Coming and the End of Time." Both talks are in St Bernadette's Parish Centre. *Please bring a Bible.*

**St Bernadette's Parish Centre Events**

- ◆ **Refreshments and chat** - every week after the 11.30 am Sunday Mass.
- ◆ **Bible Study Group** - every Monday from 7.30 to 9.00 pm. Please bring your own bible.
- ◆ **Confirmation Classes** - every Friday night from 7.00 to 8.00 pm.

**Scunthorpe Festival of Trees**

**2nd/3rd and 8th-10th December.** Over fifty Christmas trees are on display at Old Brumby United Church  
**Advent Carol Service at St Paul's Church, Ashby**  
**Sunday 3rd December at 3.00 pm.** St Paul's Church is a member

of the Ashby, Bottesford and Riddings Ecumenical Group and invites parishioners to this service.

**Advent Mass - St Bernadette's Academy**

**Monday, 4th December at 9.30 am** to celebrate the start of the Advent Season. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

**Holy Souls' - PPC Meeting**

**Monday, 4th December** in the Sacristy at 7.00 pm.

**St Norbert's Christmas Social**

**Tuesday, 5th December** from 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm in St Norbert's Parish Hall. Entertainment by Emma Kelsey. Tickets £10 each to include hot turkey roll and stuffing, mince pie, tea and coffee. You are welcome to bring your own "bottle". Tickets available from Jane on 01724 711434.

**'Synod and Synodality'**

**Wednesday 6th December.** Caritas Leicester and Leicestershire invite all who are interested to St Wilfrid of York in Coalville (LE67 3JB) for an evening of reflection and discussion on the Synod and Synodality. Facilitated by Fr Jonathan Cotton, it is a chance to talk about the Synod on Synodality and what it means for us. The evening will last from 7.00 pm until 9.00 pm.

**Christmas Fair at St Bernadette's Academy**

**Friday 8th December from 3.15 to 5.30 pm.** Everyone is invited to come along for an enjoyable afternoon. Children will be able to visit Santa's Grotto and there will be a number of stalls, refreshments, raffle and tombola.

**Carols by Candlelight - St Bernadette's Church**

**Wednesday 20th December at 6.00 pm.** St Bede's Academy warmly invites parishioners to join them at this Carol Service.

**St Mary's Brigg - Advent Talks**

In the Church Hall - why we refer to Jesus as the Son of David and why David is important to the Christmas Story. Talks will be preceded by a 6.15 pm Mass and will include refreshments. Bring a friend!

- Talk 1 Tuesday, 12th December at 7.00 pm.
- Talk 2 Tuesday, 19th December at 7.00 pm.

**Bishop Patrick - Message to our Volunteers**

'I would like to thank you for your time and commitment to volunteering in your parish. Over the years your work has made a most valuable contribution to the smooth running of your parish. As part of our safeguarding practice, we are required to follow the safer recruitment process and keep basic details of all volunteers in the Diocese'. Bishop Patrick

We are very grateful to our team of volunteers who give their time in many roles within our Church communities. These include our flower arrangers, cleaners, greeters, readers, choir, gardeners, fundraisers, collectors, counters, helpers with teas and coffees, to name but a few. We are compiling a register of volunteers and kindly ask that you complete a 'Volunteer Registration' form which is available at the back of our Churches. Please place it in an envelope marked 'For the attention of the Parish Safeguarding Representative' and hand it into the Sacristy or Canon Matthew by 7th January 2024. Thank you.'

**Upcoming Second Collections**

Sunday, 10th December Poor and Needy Parishes  
 Sunday, 14th January 2024 Sick and Retired Priests