



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

Mass Timetable for week beginning
Sixth Sunday of the Year - 12th February 2023



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Date/Of the Day	Holy Souls	St Bernadette's	St Norbert's	St Thomas'
Saturday, 11th <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	4.30 pm Vigil ♦ Mary & Bernard Dooley RIP	10.30 am to 11.00 am ♦ Confession 6.00 pm Vigil ♦ People of the Parish	-	-
Sunday, 12th February 2023 <i>Sixth Sunday of The Year</i>	9.30 am ♦ Santini Cifala RIP 4.30 pm Polish ♦ Polish Priest Intentions	11.00 am ♦ Kierien Gillen RIP	9.00 am ♦ Patrick (Pat) Sarsfield RIP	11.15 am ♦ TBA
Monday, 13th <i>Feria</i>	-	9.30 am CANCELLED	-	-
Tuesday, 14th <i>Sts Cyril, Monk & Methodius</i>	9.30 am ♦ Peter Tran Van Sau RIP	8.00 am CANCELLED	-	-
Wednesday, 15th <i>Feria</i>	-	-	10.00 am ♦ George Duffield RIP	-
Thursday, 16th <i>Feria</i>	9.30 am CANCELLED	9.30 am ♦ Michael Martinec RIP	-	-
Friday, 17th <i>Feria</i>	11.00 am Funeral Service ♦ Greta McHugh RIP	11.00 am Funeral Mass ♦ Diana Salmon RIP 6.00 pm ♦ Paddy Fitzpatrick RIP	-	10.00 am CANCELLED
Saturday, 18th <i>Our Lady</i>	4.30 pm Vigil ♦ Ron & Kathleen Stapleton RIP	10.00 am ♦ Joe Murphy RIP 10.30 am to 11.00 am ♦ Confession 6.00 pm Vigil ♦ Brendan Ladden RIP	-	-
Sunday, 19th February 2023 <i>Seventh Sunday of The Year</i>	9.30 am ♦ People of the Parish- 4.30 pm Polish ♦ Polish Priest Intentions	11.00 am ♦ Charlie McGinlay RIP	9.00 am ♦ Kenneth Maw RIP	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

The Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2023

For parishes
We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Pope Francis - Tweet of the Week

'Let's pray together for the peoples of Türkiye and Syria hard hit by the earthquakes that have caused thousands of deaths and injuries. I thank those who are working to provide relief, and I encourage everyone to offer their solidarity.'

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Our Lady of Lourdes

One of the most remarkable people I have ever met was a lady in a former parish. She wasn't remarkable for anything she had done. She was remarkable for something God had done for her. In the 1960's she was almost completely paralysed, and didn't have long to live. She was suffering from multiple sclerosis. Against her doctor's advice she decided to go on pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Nottingham Diocese. Those who have been on the pilgrimage will know that there are a number of processions and vigils, as well as silent prayer at the cave where Our Lady appeared to Saint Bernadette. The paralysed lady, Kath, was wheeled down to the Grotto as it is known for prayer. It was a rainy day, and by the time she had returned to the hospital her head scarf was very wet. She was left in the dormitory on her own, and suddenly needed to go to the toilet. Without thinking she got up out of the wheelchair, and walked to the bathroom. She took her headscarf off, and starting to swing it around in her hand. Then she suddenly realized she was walking. Just then a nurse came in and said, "Mrs Spencer, what do you think you're doing. That's very dangerous. Get back in that wheelchair at once!" Then she too stopped and realized what had happened. Kath describes how she was bundled down to the medical bureau and poked and prodded for hours by doctors. They couldn't understand how she could walk.

In thanksgiving for her miraculous cure Kath made a promise to Our Lady that she would go on the Diocesan Pilgrimage every year, and help with the sick, now that she was completely cured. She did this every year until in her late eighties old age made this no longer possible.

Yesterday was the memoria of Our Lady of Lourdes. The anniversary of the very first apparition of Our Lady to St Bernadette Soubirous. In all, in 1858, Our Lady appeared to St Bernadette eighteen times telling her to have a church built and to encourage people to come to Lourdes on pilgrimage, especially the sick. They were to pray the Rosary in procession, and to wash in the spring. Bernadette was only fourteen at the time. She hadn't really been brought up instructed in the faith. And Our Lady asked all this of her. Despite all the odds being stacked against her, she followed Our Lady's instructions, and now Lourdes is one of the largest pilgrimage destinations in the world.

May I take this opportunity to invite you on the Lourdes Pilgrimage this year. The message of Lourdes is for everyone. Whether we are sick or in good health. Whether we have serious problems or whether we don't. At some stage we will all have to come to terms with suffering and illness and life's problems, which unfortunately are part of everyone's lot. Not everyone in Paelstine at the time of Christ was cured by Jesus. Not everyone who goes to Lourdes is physically cured. In fact true miracles, which bear proper scientific investigation are quite rare. But everyone who goes to Lourdes in a spirit of faith comes under the maternal care of Our Lady in a special way. The problems of life seem lighter after the pilgrimage. Faith is strengthened, and the joy comes back into our lives in the light of God's presence. Sufferings are easier to bear. In the light of faith, they can be seen to have a purpose. They are part of the story of our salvation and that of the world. The effect of the pilgrimage is to be reminded that we are truly God's children, and we also have Mary as our Mother. Therefore we can go through life with faith, serenity and joy, accepting God's will for us.

Sts Cyril and Methodius - 14th February

These two brothers evangelised Moravia, Bohemia, and Bulgaria and are venerated as the "Apostles of the Slavs." They translated the liturgical books into the Slavonic language with the help of the Cyrillic alphabet, which they invented. St Cyril died in Rome where he had gone to seek the Pope's blessing. St Methodius, who died in 885, was consecrated a bishop and ended his days in Hungary, then known as Pannonia. St John Paul II named them co-patrons of Europe along with St Benedict. This feast reminds us of the great

task of evangelisation which is the responsibility of all of us each in our own sphere of influence.

In your charity please pray for

Diana Salmon, Greta McHugh, Leigh Moore, Martin Clarke, Gladys Holmes 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. 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.

St Bernadette's After Mass Refreshments

No tea or coffee will be served at St Bernadette's this Sunday.

Diary Dates

- ⇒ **Tuesday, 21st February** - SVP lunch in St Bernadette's Parish Centre, preceded by a Eucharistic Service in Church at 12 noon. Pie and peas will be served followed by fruit and ice cream. There will be bingo, raffle and a quiz. Please contact Sue or Lee - if you have not already done so at the last lunch - if you would like to attend.
- ⇒ **Monday, 27th February 2023** - St Bernadette's Finance Committee Meeting at 7.00 pm in the Parish Centre.

Vocations Weekend

The Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers (Betharram) invite you to a 'Come and See Weekend' to explore the Gift of Vocation to the Religious Life and Priesthood. The weekend will take place from Friday evening, 24th February, to after lunch on Sunday 26th February at Shallowford House Retreat Centre, Staffordshire, ST15 0NZ.

For more information please contact Bro Andrew Ferris SCJ (br.andrewscj@holyname.org.uk) or Fr Wilfred Joseph SCJ (wilfred15@hotmail.com)

Second Collections

- ⇒ 5th March 2023 - CAFOD Family Fast Day
- ⇒ 7th April 2023 - Good Friday Holy Places of Palestine.

Joel's Bar 2023

an Easter retreat for 16-28 year olds

will be held between Sunday 9th and Friday 14th April at Worth Abbey. Tickets are now on sale with bursary tickets available to those in financial difficulty. Visit @joelsbar on social media or joelsbar.co.uk for more information.

Calling Catholic Teachers working outside

Catholic Education

Wednesday 29th March, 7.00 to 8.30 pm on Microsoft Teams. Please see poster on the Church noticeboards or email julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk if you would like more information or to book onto the event.

Help Shape our Catholic schools, apply to be a Foundation Governor

We are seeking to recruit Foundation Governors for our local Catholic primary and secondary academies which are part of the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi Academy Trust. Being a Foundation Governor is immensely rewarding. It is a joy and a gift to contribute to the ministry of the Church by making our schools successful and ensuring that children are provided with a supportive environment within which they can learn and grow in their relationship with Jesus. If you are a practising Catholic and would like to know more please see the information leaflet in the Church porch or visit bit.ly/nottmfg

Lost Property

This weekend is your last chance to claim any lost property as this will be disposed next week.

Retiring Collection - Holy Souls Church

This weekend and next there will be a retiring collection for Canon Matthew in recognition of his recent installation as Chapter Canon.