



**The Catholic Parishes of Holy Souls' and
St Bernadette's, Scunthorpe and St Norbert's, Crowle**
Mass Timetable for week beginning
33rd Sunday of the Year - 19th November 2023

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Date/Of the Day	Holy Souls	St Bernadette's	St Norbert's
Saturday, 18th <i>Feria</i>	-	6.00 pm (Vigil) Walsh Family Deceased	-
Sunday, 19th November 2023 33rd Sunday of The Year	10.00 am Antoni Brzozowski RIP 4.30 pm Polish Polish Priest Intentions	11.15 am Prendergast Family Deceased 3.00 pm Syro-Malabar Mass	8.30 am Anne Platts RIP
Monday, 20th <i>Feria</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, 21st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30 am Service of Word and Holy Communion	-	-
Wednesday, 22nd St Cecilia	-	-	-
Thursday, 23rd <i>Feria</i>	-	-	-
Friday, 24th - St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	-	6.00 pm Service of Word and Holy Communion	-
Saturday, 25th <i>Feria</i>	-	6.00 pm (Vigil) Mary Hoban RIP	-
Sunday, 26th November 2023 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	10.00 am Davide Madeo RIP 4.30 pm Polish Polish Priest Intentions	11.15 am Bernard McDade	8.30 am Private Intention

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

Pope Francis - Tweet of the Week

'This month revives the memory of the faithful departed in us. We know our prayers for them reach heaven, and in this way we can accompany them even there, consolidating the bonds that unite us for eternity. Let us pray for them!'

The Pope's Prayer Intention for November 2023

For the Pope.

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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Canon's Catechism

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin

Today we recall the consecration of the Church in Jerusalem dedicated to the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin. It was built to commemorate the commitment Our Lady made. During her childhood she dedicated herself completely to God. Through the grace of the Immaculate Conception Mary enjoys the greatest participation in the life of grace of any creature. This feast has been celebrated in the West since the fourteenth century.

Throughout her life God watched over Our Lady with a singular predilection. At the same time Our Lady was a normal child, who grew up like other children in her neighbourhood. St Luke is very diligent in examining all the sources that can offer personal information on the people he describes. In the case of Mary's childhood, unfortunately he omits any mention of specific facts. Our Lady, probably out of humility, never mentioned to him anything about her earliest years. There was probably little in them of extraordinary interest. The apocryphal gospels relate that she lived day and night in the temple, where the angels brought her sustenance and conversed with her. This is probably just pious clap trap. In reality Our Lady's early life probably resembled our own more than we think.

The feast we celebrate today does not have its origin in the Gospel, but in ancient tradition. The Church has never accepted that she lived day and night in the temple as a child. But at the heart of today's celebration is the belief that Our Lady made a personal oblation of herself to God during her early youth. Moved by the Holy Spirit she consecrated her life to God. Mary's complete dedication of herself in this way was efficacious, and continued to grow as her life went on. Whilst the Second Council of Constantinople clarified for us that it is false to say that Jesus made progress in virtue by good works, the same cannot be said of Our Lady. She grew increasingly in holiness during the course of her earthly life. She corresponded with the motions of the Holy Spirit and continually grew in sanctity. Mary's union with God intensified as the great events of her life unfolded: the Incarnation of her Son; her Co-redemption with him on Calvary; and finally her Assumption into heaven. This is because, despite the grace of being immaculately conceived, she was, above all, a free and ordinary human being. Our own sanctity and that of the saints augments incrementally in a similar fashion.

Today is a good opportunity to renew our own dedication to the Lord. Every advance in our union with God necessarily entails more frequent recourse to the Holy Spirit, the Divine Guest in our soul. So let us turn to him to guide and help us in our struggle for holiness. Let us also ask Our Lady today that there may be many, who, as our Mother Mary did from the time of her youth, follow the inspirations of the Holy Spirit, and give their entire lives over to the Lord's service.

In your charity please pray for

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.

Upcoming Second Collections

Sunday, 19th November Flower Collection
 (NB: St Bernadette's only)
 Sunday, 10th December Poor and Needy Parishes
 Sunday, 14th January 2024 Sick and Retired Priests

World Day of the Poor

This Sunday, 19th November, is **World Day of the Poor**, and Pope Francis has issued this message:

"The World Day of the Poor, a fruitful sign of the Father's mercy, comes for the seventh time to support the journey of our communities. It is an appointment that the Church is progressively rooting in her pastoral, in order to discover more and more the central content of the Gospel. Every day we are committed to welcoming the poor, yet this is not enough. A river of poverty flows through our cities and gets bigger and bigger until it overflows; that river seems to overwhelm us, so much so that the cry of the brothers and sisters asking for help, support, and solidarity is growing louder and louder. For this, on the Sunday before the feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we gather round his Canteen to receive again from him the gift and the commitment to live poverty and to serve the poor."

St Bernadette's Parish Centre Events

- **Refreshments and chat** - every week after the 11.15 am Sunday Mass.
- **Confirmation Classes** - every Friday night from 7.00 to 8.00 pm.
- **Bible Study Group** - every Monday from 7.30 to 9.00 pm. Please bring your own bible.
- **SPANNED meeting** - Sunday, 26th November at 3.00 pm.

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary

Voluntary Academy

Open Morning Monday, 20th November, from 9:30 am to 11.00 am. This is an ideal opportunity to visit our academy if your child is starting school in September 2024. Find out more: bit.ly/BNS2024

Blessing of Graves

Sunday, 26th November, 3.00 pm at Brumby Cemetery.

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.

Collections

If you usually give by envelope or loose plate, you may wish to consider paying by bank transfer or setting up a standing order on a weekly or monthly basis. To do this you can complete a standing order form (available at the back of Church) or online through your banking app.

If you are a UK taxpayer your gift to the Church, when given with the benefit of a Gift Aid Declaration greatly increases the value of your donation.

A message from Bishop Patrick McKinney

Bishop Patrick was delighted to be able to visit St Norbert's, Holy Souls' and St Bernadette's recently and to spend time with parishioners.

Bishop Patrick was shocked and saddened to hear of the proposed huge loss of jobs in the steelworks in Scunthorpe and wishes to convey to parishioners his concern and his prayers for all who will be affected by the announcement.

Parish Census Forms

For the parishes of Holy Souls and St Bernadette's, census forms are available at the back of each church; please place the completed form in the envelope provided and hand it in to the Sacristy or Canon Matthew by 30th November.