



**The Catholic Parishes of Holy Souls' and  
St Bernadette's, Scunthorpe and St Norbert's, Crowle  
Mass Timetable for week beginning  
23rd Sunday of the Year - 10th September 2023**

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Date/Of the Day	Holy Souls	St Bernadette's	St Norbert's
<b>Saturday, 9th September</b> <i>Feria</i>	-	<b>5.15 to 5.45 pm</b> Exposition and Confessions <b>6.00 pm (Vigil)</b> Derek Haith RIP	-
<b>Sunday, 10th September 2023</b> <i>- Twenty-third Sunday of The Year</i>	<b>10.00 am</b> Nicola Niland RIP <b>4.30 pm Polish</b> Polish Priest Intentions	<b>11.15 am</b> Peter Middleton RIP	<b>8.30 am</b> David Lyons RIP
<b>Monday, 11th</b> <i>Feria</i>	<b>1.30 pm School</b> Mass at St Augustine Webster School All welcome to attend	<b>9.30 am</b> Peg & Joe Collins RIP	-
<b>Tuesday, 12th</b> <i>Feria</i>	<b>9.30 am</b> Winnie & Frank Mongan RIP	-	-
<b>Wednesday, 13th</b> <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	-	-	<i>Please note earlier time - 9.00 am</i> Ken & Eve Bridges RIP
<b>Thursday, 14th - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>	-	-	-
<b>Friday, 15th</b> <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass followed by Exposition and Confessions</b> Monsignor Bell RIP	<b>6.00 pm</b> Kevin McGuane RIP	-
<b>Saturday, 16th September</b> <i>Sts Cornelius &amp; Cyprian</i>	-	<b>5.15 to 5.45 pm</b> Exposition and Confessions <b>6.00 pm (Vigil)</b> George Taylor RIP	-
<b>Sunday, 17th September 2023</b> <i>24th Sunday of The Year</i>	<b>10.00 am</b> O'Connell Family RIP <b>4.30 pm Polish</b> Polish Priest Intentions	<b>11.15 am</b> Stephen McGuane RIP <b>3.00 pm</b> Syro-Malabar Mass	<b>8.30 am</b> David Lyons RIP

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)

**Pope Francis - Tweet of the Week**

The Lord does not look for the centre-stage, but for the simple heart of those who desire him and love him without ostentation, without wanting to tower above others.

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

**For people living on the margins**  
We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

**Safeguarding Representatives**

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**Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator:**  
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**Canon Matthew's Catechism**

**Why do we use incense at Mass?**

At some Masses on important occasions, we use incense. This has a long history going back to Old Testament times, when incense was offered to God in the Jerusalem temple, along with the animal sacrifices (see Exodus 30: 1-10). God gives Moses a recipe for making the incense: "Take these aromatic substances: storax, onycha and galbanum, these and pure frankincense in equal parts; and blend them into incense... This incense shall be treated as most sacred by you." (Exodus 30: 34-36). John the Baptist's father, Zechariah, was a priest of the Jewish religion. He was taking his turn in the temple when the angel Gabriel appeared to him informing him, he was to have a son. The temple duty he was performing at the time was the evening offering of incense. As he did so his actions echoed Psalm 141:2: "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering." It would also make sense that the first Christians used incense in the Holy Eucharist, many of them were Jews, and they would have seen the Eucharist as the fulfilment of temple worship. In the Book of Revelation St John has a vision of the worship of heaven. He understands the worship of heaven to be a completion of Jewish temple worship in which incense is used in great quantities (see Rev. 5:8). From the fifth century onwards, we know that Christians used incense in the Mass. This was a symbol of prayers rising to God just as the sweet-smelling smoke of incense rises. It is also used as a symbol of sanctifying and purifying being used in blessings and consecrating holy ground. Each time incense is used in Mass it signifies the presence of the divinity. The altar is incensed as a symbol of Christ, then the Book of the Word of God, then the offerings which will become the eucharist, then the priest and people, and finally the Holy Eucharist after it is consecrated. Each incensation signifies the presence of God in different ways.

**Education Sunday**

Education Sunday is when Catholic Church congregations commemorate their predecessors of the 19th century, many of whom were living in poverty, paying for schools to be built. Our parishioner forebears and their Bishops rightly saw education as the principal means of handing on the faith and improving the spiritual, moral, social and cultural lives of children and young people. Their sacrifices helped re-establish the 2,175 Catholic schools and four universities that we celebrate in church on 10 September. Established by the Bishops in 1848, Education Sunday is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in the liturgical calendar of England and Wales. In the 175 years since then the Catholic Church has become the country's largest provider of secondary schools and second-largest provider of primary schools. Catholic education is by far the largest charitable activity of the Church here, and we give thanks for the many thousands of teachers, lecturers, academics, support staff, leaders, governors, advisers and others who have found their vocation in Catholic education, and without whom this would be impossible. Catholic schools continue to be true to their mission... For this success to continue, however, the help of the whole Catholic community remains essential. As throughout history, all Catholics need to be prepared to support, promote and defend Catholic education. There are many ways to do this: in prayer for vocations to Catholic education; asking your diocese about becoming a school foundation governor; or encouraging a young person to become a teacher in a Catholic school. Catholic education is indeed a tremendous achievement to be celebrated - happy Education Sunday. *Extracts taken from "The Foreward" by Paul Barber, Director of the Catholic Education Service.*

**Pastoral Letter.** In our pastoral letter today, Bishop Patrick is seeking to appoint new foundation directors and governors for our Catholic Multi-Academy Trusts and schools. If you would like to know more about these rewarding voluntary roles, please contact Peter Giorgio (Director of Education) by emailing Julie Sweeney ([julie.sweeney@nottinghamdes.org.uk](mailto:julie.sweeney@nottinghamdes.org.uk)) or by telephoning 01332 293833.

**Petition.** Ahead of Education Sunday the Catholic Union is encouraging people to sign an open letter to the Education Secretary calling for the **50 percent cap on faith-based admissions to new free schools to be lifted**. The cap is preventing the Catholic Church in England from taking part in the free schools programme. The letter is available to sign at [www.catholicunion.org.uk](http://www.catholicunion.org.uk)

**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. 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 Parish Centre**

This Sunday 10th - SPANNED meeting at 3.00 pm.

**SPANNED Annual Mass**

celebrated by Bishop Patrick, takes place at St Peter's Church, Leicester Road, Hinckley, LE10 1LW, on **Saturday 16th September** at 2.30 pm. All welcome. For more details contact Fr Frank Daly on 01455 634443 or email: [hinckleypriory@gmail.com](mailto:hinckleypriory@gmail.com)

**School admissions**

to Catholic Secondary Academies (Year 7) - children born between 01/09/2012 and 31/08/2013. The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is 31st October 2023. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you should also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school). You MUST also include the supporting evidence as required with this form, eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable; if you do not have the evidence contact the parish where your child was baptised for a copy certificate in good time but please note there may be a charge for this). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place.

**St Bernadette's Missio Red Boxes**

Can boxholders please hand them into the Sacristy; these will be emptied and returned in due course. Thank you.

**Our local Catholic Schools**

**Primary:**

- St Augustine Webster Catholic Voluntary Academy, Baildon Road, Scunthorpe, DN15 8BU. 01724 843722
- St Bernadette's Catholic Primary Voluntary Academy, Anne's Crescent, Scunthorpe, DN16 2LW. 01724 842382
- St Norbert's Catholic Primary Voluntary Academy, Fieldside, Crowle, Scunthorpe, DN17 4HL. 01724 710249

**Secondary:**

- St Bede's Catholic Voluntary Academy, Collum Avenue, Scunthorpe, DN16 2TF. 01724 245151