

Welcome! Witamy! Fáilte! Nabata! Merhaba! Malignang pagdating! Benvenuto!



Welcome to St Thomas of Canterbury church, Cross Street, Gainsborough

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SAT 15th	5.30 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary and confessions <i>Molly Tellum RIP (Mary & Maura)</i>
SUN 16th <i>Third Sunday of Advent, year C</i>	9.00 am	<i>Mary Lenanton RIP (Danny Ferry)</i>
MON 17th <i>Feria</i>	9.30 am	Eucharistic service
TUES 18th <i>Feria</i>	10.00 am	Eucharistic service
WED 19th <i>Feria</i>	10.00 am	<i>Mary Lenanton RIP (Mary Walsh)</i>
SAT 22nd <i>Feria</i>	5.30 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary and confessions <i>Swainston & Barrack families (Doris)</i>
SUN 23rd <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent, year C</i>	9.00 am	<i>Brendan Holland (Yvonne & James Holland)</i>

Eucharistic Ministers 15th/16th December—R Spencer/M Peet 22nd/23rd December—M Laming / J McCay Christmas Day—P Newby	Readers 15th/16th December—A Cody / A Richards 22nd/23rd December—V McCormick / A Bond Christmas Day—T Bond
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Offertory Procession 15th/16th December—C&J Gray / A Sandall, C Creighton 22nd/23rd Dec—A Cody, A Smithson / K Byrne, D Pilkington Christmas Day—A Richards / Clara	Flowers No flowers during Advent Christmas flowers—the team
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Children's liturgy 17th Dec—Sharon 23rd Dec—Helen	WALK WITH ME: booklets are now on sale at £1.	Church cleaning 15th Dec—C Collinson / N Langley
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MASS ON THE INTERNET Our cathedral has live streaming of all Masses and liturgies at the main altar. Website:	Weekend Mass times in Scunthorpe Saturday: 5.30 pm Winterton 6.00 pm St Bernadette's, Ashby Sunday: 9.00 am Holy Souls, Scunthorpe 11.00 am St Bernadette's, Ashby 11.15 am St Norbert's, Crowle 6.30 pm Holy Souls, Scunthorpe
"Comfort, comfort my people" (Is 40,1). How does the Lord give comfort? With tenderness." Pope Francis	
Please remember in your prayers Marie Briscoe, Mary Lenanton and Tom McPartlan who have died recently, and please pray for the sick of our parish.	

GRAND CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW This will take place next week, 23rd December, after the 9am Sunday Mass. The Christmas Draw tickets come in books of 5 at £1 per ticket. This is the last week to take book/books and sell as many tickets as possible. When taking book/books please give your name and how many book/books you are taking. 1st prize is £100, 2nd prize is a Christmas Hamper and 3rd prize is a bottle of Brandy. **If you have sold your raffle tickets please return the ticket stubs to the church. If you haven't yet got your raffle tickets please get them.**



MISSIO WORLD MISSION SUNDAY We raised £241.29 for the World Mission Sunday appeal. This money has gone to Sister Karlo and her fellow Little Sisters of Jesus who help Menja families in Ethiopia grow and sell coffee for food, they help pregnant women deliver their children safely, and they educate the youth.

WELCOME We welcome Fr Frank Carvill again this weekend and we thank him for all his help in recent weeks.

Christmas Mass
There will be Mass in Gainsborough on Christmas Day at 11.00 am.

CHRISTMAS FOODBANK: Firstly thank you to all who have given so generously, especially with 'treats'. Any further Christmas-type treats will be taken to the Salvation Army on an ad-hoc basis until 1st January. Thank you again and a Merry Christmas.

Catholic chaplaincy in hospital
If you are going into hospital or a residential care home, please let Father Tom and the Chaplains know. Lincoln Hospital - St Hugh's, 01522 528961. Scunthorpe Hospital - Holy Souls' 01724 842197. It would also be appropriate to receive the Sacrament of the Sick beforehand.

IMPORTANT NOTICE Unfortunately due to the continuing incapacity of Fr Neil Peoples at Holy Souls we will have to adjust our Mass times from January 2019 onwards if there is no improvement in Fr Neil's condition. Currently we are having to rely upon supply priests to cover most of our weekend Masses and whilst this is possible in the short term it is not possible in the medium to long term. Therefore on the basis that Fr Neil is still incapacitated there will be one weekend Mass which will be at 11.15 a.m. on Sunday. There will be an additional weekday Mass on Friday, the time of which is yet to be arranged. St Bernadette's is also affected by the situation and their Sunday Mass will be moved to 9.30 a.m. More information will be made available nearer the time.

Ordination of Deacon Bishop Patrick has written to Fr Tom's Seminarian, Liam Carpenter, to inform him that he intends to ordain him to the Sacred Order of Deacons at St Bernadette's Church, on Friday 18th January 2019 at 7pm. All are welcome! Liam will remain as a Deacon on placement at St Bernadette's, but serving also, wherever there may be a need, in the Lindsey Deanery. Please continue to keep Liam in your prayers.

EVANGELIUM COURSE The course will re-start on Thursday 10th January 2019.

ATTENTION GOLFERS! We have been donated 100 lake golf balls, which were intended for the Grand Christmas Raffle. Instead of including these balls in the raffle we have decided to have them auctioned. Would interested parties please leave their name and how much they are bidding in a sealed envelope marked 'Golf Balls' and hand these envelopes into the sacristy. To avoid a tie please make your bids an uneven amount such as £3.12 or £5.36. The highest bid gets the balls.



CHRISTMAS POST BOX. The post box is now available for posting cards to parishioners only. Last posting date 22nd/23rd December. Please remember to put the person's surname on the envelope.

Parish Hall
If you would like to use the parish hall, please call John and Helen Carty on 01427 678430 or 07749446516

Last week's collection:
Envelopes*: £189.00
Loose: £106.79
Total: £495.79
Flowers: £187.41
*Please consider joining the Gift Aid scheme. It is never too late to join.

Repository
A few Christmas cards at 15p each and candles left. Other repository items are in the dining room.

STARS AVAILABLE FROM THIS WEEKEND - Have you put a star on the tree for a loved one? Minimum donation £1. Write your loved one's name on the reverse of the star and put it on the tree. Cards also available for 50p. Fr Tom will remember the names on the stars at the Christmas morning Mass.



Advent is the season of hope