



# Holy Souls' Catholic Church

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## Mass Timetable for week beginning "The Epiphany of The Lord"

Date	Feast	Time	Intention
Saturday 6th January 2018	Saturday before the Epiphany	9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 11.00-12.00 Confessions 5.30 pm Winterton 5.30 pm	Anthony Lisle RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Sacrament of Reconciliation Polish Priest's Intentions People of the Parish
Sunday 7th January 2018	The Epiphany of The Lord	<b>9.00 am</b> 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Margaret & Michael Hallahan RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Welfare of Ann Marie Hill
Monday 8th	The Baptism of The Lord	9.00 am	Betty Midgley RIP
Tuesday 9th	Feria	<b>8.30 am</b> 9.30 am Polish	John Spelman RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Wednesday 10th	Feria	12.00 noon	Patrick McEvoy RIP
Thursday 11th	Feria	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Francis Eije RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Friday 12th	Feria	<b>8.30 am</b> 9.30 am Polish	Brian Codd RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Saturday 13th January 2018	Our Lady	9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 11.00-12.00 Confessions 5.30 pm Winterton 5.30 pm	Alex Dunlop RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Sacrament of Reconciliation Polish Priest's Intentions Mayckj Family Deceased
Sunday 14th January 2018	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am</b> 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Betty Midgley RIP Polish Priest's Intentions People of the Parish
Adoration	Wednesday: 11.00 am to 12.00 noon; Saturday 4.30 pm to 5.15 pm		

**Please pray for:** all those who have died recently, may they rest in peace; for all those who are sick and house-bound; for all those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time; that Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.



**Please join us in the Parish Hall for tea and coffee after the 9.00 am Sunday Mass**

### Scunthorpe General Hospital

For the ministrations of a Catholic priest please contact Fr Neil Peoples or Fr Emmanuel Abbem on (01724) 842197

### Pope Francis 'Tweet of the Week':

'God walks along the dusty paths of our lives and responds to our longing for love and happiness by calling us to joy.'

## This Week

### First Holy Communion Course

Please pick up Sheet 5 this weekend.

### RCIA

Resumes this Tuesday at 7.30 pm. It is not too late to join in and you would be most welcome.

### Stitch & Chat

Resumes on Wednesday 10th January from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm. All welcome.

### Sick and Retired Priests Fund

A second collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Envelopes are available at the back of Church if you are able to gift aid your donation.

### Crosby Conversations

Crosby Conversation is a dialogue that offers us an opportunity to grow as people. A dialogue is different from a discussion or debate. The dialogue is a place to learn rather than a chance to win an argument or blame someone.

No matter how raw or sophisticated – the dialogue allows for all voices to be heard.

In a dialogue we suspend opinion, pre-arranged agendas and all forms of prejudice and seek to listen without judgement. When we truly listen from the heart – something new is created.

The next conversation takes place on Wednesday 17th January at 10.00 am in the Pakistan Islamic Centre, Parkinson Avenue. The topic is 'What is the future?'

### Open Churches for Christian Unity Week

Holy Souls will be open for other Christians to visit on Friday 19th January from 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm. We will be celebrating the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3.00 pm. All welcome.

### National Eucharistic Congress 2018

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has called a National Eucharistic Congress to take place in Liverpool from 7th to 9th September 2018. This will be a unique opportunity for the Church to gather and reflect on the centrality of the Eucharist in our Catholic faith. Bishop Patrick hopes that there will be a number of related events in the parishes, schools and chaplaincies of our Diocese. Fr Neil is part of the organising group for the Diocese; if you wish to know more please ask him.

### Used Stamps

A large bag of used stamps was gratefully received at the Hospice from Holy Souls. Please continue to put them in the little box by St Anthony's statue at the back of Church. Many thanks.

### And finally . . .

'The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 pm. The Congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.'

### Peoples' Ponderings

This week I came across an excellent talk by Bishop Robert Barron on Evangelisation. Bishop Robert is a superb speaker and I highly recommend looking up some of his videos on YouTube. This talk was a challenging one for me – to start with he pointed out that its highly unlikely that St Francis ever said, 'Preach the Gospel and use words if necessary' (one of my favourite quotes).

He challenged the idea that we can evangelise our society by just doing good deeds. He rightly pointed out that people of other faiths, and of no faith, help the poor, the needy and the lonely. So as important as these things are, and we must continue to do them, it will not really help with evangelisation on their own.

Looking at the Acts of the Apostles we see that at Pentecost the Holy Spirit gave the Apostles the confidence, and more importantly, the words to open people's eyes to the fact that Jesus Christ is the fulfilment of the Old Testament and the Saviour that we had been promised.

Today more people than ever have been to University or done further study, people have access to more and more information via the internet, with lots of that information being incorrect – especially regards the Church. Therefore, it is vital that we engage with intellectual arguments, we need to know our faith well. We have seen many people leaving the Church because they wrongly believe that the Church is against Science, against reason. As Archbishop Fulton Sheen said "There are not one hundred people in the United States who hate The Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be."

So during this year I hope that we can run some courses to help us all to grow in our understanding of the faith and following in the footsteps of the Apostles, we will seek the help of the Holy Spirit by doing the 'Gift' Course that was recommended by Bishop Patrick.

Fr Neil