



# The Church of The Holy Souls'

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## Mass Timetable for week beginning "Second Sunday of Advent"

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Intention
Sunday 8th December 2019	Second Sunday of Advent	9.00 am	Holy Souls'	Rosemary Hornsby RIP
		9.00 am	St Norbert's	TBA
		11.00 am	St Bernadette's	TBA
		11.15 am	St Thomas'	TBA
		4.30 pm Polish	Holy Souls	Polish Priest's Intentions
Monday 9th	Immaculate Conception of Our Lady	6.30 pm	Holy Souls	Bernard and Mary Dooley RIP
		12.00 noon Requiem	St Bernadette's	TBA
Tuesday 10th	Advent Feria	9.00 am	Holy Souls	Peter Nguyen Ngoc Hoi RIP
		9.30 am Polish	Holy Souls	Polish Priest's Intentions
		10.00 am	St Norbert's	TBA
Wednesday 11th	Advent Feria	7.00 pm	Holy Souls	Deanery Penitential Service
		9.30 am	St Bernadette's	TBA
Thursday 12th	Advent Feria	10.00 am	St Thomas'	TBA
		9.00 am	Holy Souls	Patricia Mendrek RIP
Friday 13th	St Lucy	9.30 am Polish	Holy Souls	Polish Priest's Intentions
		9.30 am	St Bernadette's	TBA
Saturday 14th December 2019	St John of The Cross	10.00 am	St Thomas'	TBA
		9.00-9.20 am	Holy Souls	Confessions
		9.30 am	Holy Souls	Tom & Hilda Riley RIP
		10.30 am Polish	Holy Souls	Polish Priest's Intentions
Sunday 15th December 2019	Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday	5.30 pm	Winterton	Polish Priest's Intentions
		6.00 pm	St Bernadette's	TBA
		9.00 am	Holy Souls'	Brosnan Family RIP
		9.00 am	St Norbert's	TBA
		11.00 am	St Bernadette's	TBA
		11.15 am	St Thomas'	TBA
		4.30 pm Polish	Holy Souls	Polish Priest's Intentions
		6.30 pm	Holy Souls	Peter Nguyen Ngoc Hoi RIP

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

'The word 'Advent' means coming. The Lord is coming. This is the root of our hope: the certainty that God's consolation comes to us amidst the troubles of the world. Not a consolation of words, but of His presence among us.'

### Please pray for:

John Senior and all those who have died recently, may they rest in peace; for their families at this difficult time; for those whose anniversaries occur at this time; for all who are sick and housebound.

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for December 2019. Universal:** that every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

Scunthorpe General Hospital ~ please contact the Clergy (01724 844895) if you, or a loved one, is in Hospital and would like a visit.

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

## The Canon Comments

"Repentance" is an unattractive idea. It conjures up morose brooding over past sins and failures, a negative idea. This is not what John the Baptist proclaimed. His message was wholly positive. In Hebrew and Greek, the concept is a challenge of behaviour, a change of direction. John is calling them to change their ways, to change their scale of values, their whole direction of life. To reinforce his message, he wears the clothes worn by Elijah, the prophet who was to return to announce the final coming of the Lord. He proclaims his message in the desert, that apocalyptic landscape of the arid and bare Jordan Valley, below sea-level, where merchants would be crossing the Jordan on the road to the East. So, he makes a deliberate claim to be this final prophet and to be preparing a way for the Lord. We see Jesus as the Messiah, the loving Saviour, but John was not yet proclaiming Jesus. He was proclaiming the threatening and imminent arrival of the sovereignty of God, when rotten trees would be cut down and evil swept away to be burnt in unquenchable fire. If we are to be open to the arrival of the Kingship of God, we may need to look to our scale of values. Am I the only person who matters to me? (HW)

Canon Geoffrey

### John Senior RIP

Many of you may remember John Senior who was a parishioner here at Holy Souls. His funeral will take place on Tuesday, 12th December, 11.30 am, at St Mary's, Brigg, followed by internment at Brigg Cemetery. Thereafter a celebration of John's life will be held at the Sutton Arms, Scawby, to which all who knew him are invited. May he rest in peace.

### Advent Treasure Map

'Squares' on sale at a £1 each; now available at the back of Church. Please buy a square or two and help raise funds for the Parish coffers.

### Advent Preparation

\* James Longden will be leading a choir practice each Sunday morning after the 9.00 am Sunday Mass; please do support this initiative.

\* **A thought for Advent** and in preparation for Christmas for the retired of our Parishes, why not consider coming along to a weekday Mass?

### RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA course continues on Monday at 7:30 pm at St Bernadette's Parish Centre. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic is welcome and invited to contact Claude Barnett on 01724 855993. Further dates are: 16th December, 6th January 2020, 13th January, 20th January, 27th January, 3rd February, 10th February, 17th February, 24th February, 2nd March, 9th March, 16th March, 23rd March, 30th March and 6th April (Holy Week).

### Deanery Penitential Service

Next Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>, 7.00 pm, at Holy Souls'.

### Macmillan Coffee Evening

Next Thursday, 12th, 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall. Donations of raffle prizes as well as items suitable to make up a Christmas Hamper would be most welcome and gratefully received. Please contact Michael McInerney on 01724 271531 or 07867 981230.

### Lectio Divina Exposition and Blessing

Deacon Sebastian will be leading meetings once a month in the Church Hall at 5.30 pm; the purpose of which is establishing a relationship with the true living Jesus Christ. We will learn to pray using the Holy Bible and our own words and our lives. There will be time for group discussion and individual prayer in presence of Jesus in the Holy Sacrament. It would be very helpful if you could you bring your own Holy Bible. If you would like to stop, calm down and hear His Word . . . you will be most welcome! The dates are: 14 **December 2019**, 11 January 2020, 8 February 2020, 14 March 2020, 4 April 2020, 2 May 2020, 6 June 2020 and 4 July 2020.

### St Bede's Carols by Candlelight

On Tuesday 17th December, 6.30 pm, at St Bernadette's Church. All welcome.

### Gifts for The Forge

Donations of gloves, scarves, hats, socks, single deodorants, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, razor blades, aftershave and

other such practical items would be very much appreciated to help the homeless and less fortunate members of our communities. These can be left in the Sacristy - thank you.

### Stitch'n'Chat

In the Parish Hall on Wednesdays from 1.30 to 3.30 pm. All welcome.

### Used Postage Stamps

These can be left in the box at the back of Church and when we have sufficient they will be sent to Lindsey Lodge Hospice. If you can cut a one centimetre border (approx) around the stamp that would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

## Christmas Mass Schedule 2019

### Holy Souls', Scunthorpe

Christmas Eve	7.00 pm
	10.00 pm
	12 midnight (Polish)
Christmas Day	9.00 am
	4.30 pm (Polish)

### St Norbert's, Crowle

Christmas Eve	4.30 pm
Christmas Day	9.00 am

### St Thomas', Gainsborough

Christmas Day	11.15 am
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### St Bernadette's, Scunthorpe

Christmas Eve	6.00 pm
	10.00 pm
Christmas Day	9.00 am

## Money Matters - 24th November

Loose plate	£434.42
Envelopes	£192.50
Total	£626.92

Thank you for your continued generosity

## Money Matters - 1st December

Loose plate	£405.25
Envelopes	£217.00
Total	£622.25

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