



The Church of The Holy Souls'

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Mass Timetable for week beginning "Third Sunday of Advent"

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Intention
Sunday 15th December 2019	Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday	9.00 am	Holy Souls' St Norbert's St Bernadette's St Thomas' Holy Souls Holy Souls	Brosnan Family RIP
		9.00 am		TBA
		11.00 am		TBA
		11.15 am		TBA
		4.30 pm Polish		Polish Priest's Intentions
6.30 pm	Peter Nguyen Ngoc Hoi RIP			
Monday 16th	Advent Feria	9.30 am	St Bernadette's	TBA
Tuesday 17th	Advent Feria	9.30 am Polish 9.30 am Requiem 10.00 am School	Holy Souls St Bernadette's St A-W School	Polish Priest's Intentions TBA School Mass
Wednesday 18th	Advent Feria	9.30 am 10.00 am	St Bernadette's St Thomas'	TBA TBA
Thursday 19th	Advent Feria	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish 10.00 am School	Holy Souls Holy Souls St Norbert's Sch	Patricia Mendrek RIP Polish Priest's Intentions School Mass
Friday 20th	Advent Feria	9.30 am Polish 9.30 am 10.00 am	Holy Souls St Bernadette's St Thomas'	Polish Priest's Intentions TBA TBA
Saturday 21st December 2019	Advent Feria	9.00-9.20 am 9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 5.30 pm 6.00 pm	Holy Souls Holy Souls Holy Souls Winterton St Bernadette's	Confessions Holy Souls Polish Priest's Intentions Polish Priest's Intentions TBA
Sunday 22nd December 2019	Fourth Sunday of Advent	9.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 11.15 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Holy Souls' St Norbert's St Bernadette's St Thomas' Holy Souls Holy Souls	Nicola Niland RIP TBA TBA TBA Polish Priest's Intentions Peter Nguyen Ngoc Hoi RIP

Pope Francis 'Tweet of the Week':

'The human person is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at any stage of his or her development. If this conviction falls, there is no solid and permanent foundation for the defence of Human Rights.'

Please pray for:

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

John the Baptist was expecting a Messiah of judgement, who would cut down the rotten tree and burn the useless chaff. When in prison, he hears that Jesus is not doing this, he is puzzled and sends messengers to ask if Jesus is really the Messiah. Jesus sends back the message that he is fulfilling the prophet Isaiah - the passage we hear in the first reading. Jesus' concept of the task of the Messiah was healing, not punishment. He goes and seeks out those who need healing, both physical and moral. He does not wait for sinners to repent before gathering them in; he makes the first advance. Then he turns to praising the Baptist. It is a fascinating speculation whether Jesus was himself once a disciple of John the Baptist. After all, John says he did not recognise Jesus until he saw the Spirit coming down on him. He also says that Jesus, who came after him, had passed before him. This is a typical position of a rabbi, leading his disciples, and suggests that John had been Jesus' rabbi, then became his disciple. Jesus was fully man, and even he needed to learn as all human beings do. (HW)

Canon Geoffrey

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)
Boxing Day (26th)	11.00 am (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
Boxing Day (26th)	9.30 am

'Extra' Sacrament of Reconciliation

Holy Souls

Sunday, 15th December	after 6.30 pm Mass
Friday, 20th	6.00 pm
Saturday, 21st	7.00 pm

St Bernadette's

Wednesday, 18th December	after 9.30 am Mass
Friday 20th December	after 9.30 am Mass

Second Collection

A second collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend for Poor and Needy Parishes of the Diocese.

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. It will then resume after the Christmas break on Monday, 6th January 2020. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic is welcome and invited to contact Claude Barnett on 01724 855993. Further dates are: 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).

St Bede's Carols by Candlelight

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

Macmillan Coffee Evening

Many thanks to all who helped, donated and supported this event in any way. The sum raised will be announced next week. **Please note:** the next Macmillan Coffee Evening is planned for Thursday, 18th June 2020, please make a note in your diary.

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.

Thank You

We have received a thank you letter on behalf of the Humber Seafarers Service for the donation of knitted hats from the Parish. Many thanks to all those who have been knitting away; please keep up the good work for this much needed and worthwhile cause which helps seafarers from all over the world coming into our local Ports. Completed hats can be left in the Sacristy.

Money Matters - 8th December

Loose plate	£427.10
Envelopes	£152.60
Total	£579.70

Thank you for your continued generosity