



# The Church of The Holy Souls'

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## Mass Timetable for week beginning "Fifteenth Sunday"

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Intention
Sunday 12th July 2020	Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00 am	Holy Souls'	Private Intention
		9.00 am	St Bernadette's	-
		11.00 am	Holy Souls'	Private Intention
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		4.30 pm Polish	Holy Souls'	Polish Priest's Intentions
		7.00 pm 7.00 pm	Holy Souls' St Bernadette's	Private Intention -
Monday 13th	Feria	9.30 am	St Bernadette's	-
Tuesday 14th	Feria	9.30 am	Holy Souls'	Down of Mary for Advance- ment of Religion in England
Wednesday 15th	St Bonaventure	9.30 am	St Bernadette's	-
Thursday 16th	Feria	9.30 am	Holy Souls'	Clarke Family Deceased
Friday 17th	Feria	9.30 am	St Bernadette's	-
Saturday 18th July 2020	Our Lady	Times to be announced	TBA	TBA
Sunday 19th July 2020	Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	Times to be Announced	TBA	TBA

*Sadly, at this time, it will not be possible to celebrate public Masses at St Norbert's or St Thomas of Canterbury owing to social distancing requirements*



### Pope Francis 'Tweet of the Week'

'Faith makes us walk with Jesus on the roads of this world, in the certainty that the power of His Spirit will bend the forces of evil, subjecting them to the power of God's love.'

### 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 July 2020:

Universal Prayer intention - *Our Families*. We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reflection: Matthew 13:1-23

Like any good teacher, Jesus uses pictures – or parables. Ever heard of the one about the elephant and wasp? Or electricity like a toy train going round a room? Anyway, for the next three weeks we have some of these pictures, to show us what Jesus is trying to do. This first one is rather sad. Whatever he does seems to fail: seed pecked up by birds, scorched by the sun, choked by thistles. What are my pecking birds, my scorching sun, my choking thistles which annihilate the seed Jesus sows in me? Different for everyone of us. But some, just a little of the seed bears a fantastic harvest. There must be something I can show to the Lord with pride and gratitude: "Look, this is the seed you gave me; it has grown developed, and here is your harvest". Jesus, too, reflected on his mission to establish his Father's sovereignty on earth. Jesus too got depressed and wondered if he was getting anywhere. It was only when he had failed utterly, alone, deserted and tortured, that his perseverance won the crown. Jesus doesn't want the successful. He wants the failures as his followers – and that is where the harvest lies. (HW).

Canon Geoffrey

This past weekend for the first time since 20<sup>th</sup> March public masses have once again been celebrated at Holy Souls' and St Bernadette's, Scunthorpe. My sincere thanks to a small, but dedicated group who have spent many hours, burnt midnight oil preparing documentation, photographic evidence, deep-cleaning and rearranging furniture so that we were in a position to obtain the necessary permissions in line with Government and Diocesan Directives to open these two Parish Churches.

Each of the ten masses celebrated this weekend have required teams of volunteer stewards and cleaners of at least a minimum of two people, preferably three, to ensure that the churches could be made not only accessible, but primarily safe and secure for people to attend. Over the weekend approximately 8 hours have been spent cleaning after the masses so that they were available for the next mass.

Cardinal Nichols and Bishop Patrick acknowledged that initially not all Parish Churches would be able to open immediately for Public Worship. That is true. Currently St Thomas of Canterbury, Gainsborough, and St Norbert's, Crowle, along with many other Parish Churches and Chapels throughout the Diocese have not opened *as of yet*, be it for private prayer or Public Worship.

We are still governed by a variety of restrictions, not least the directive from the Diocese that we are to maintain a 2 metre social distancing policy inside our Churches, that there should be separate entrances and exits and sufficient stewards and cleaners present. I am aware it has been suggested that Church Halls could possibly be used. However, we have not received any indications as to when they will be allowed to open be it for liturgical events or social events.

Please be assured I am aware of the needs of our all our parishes, but we must tread carefully, and ensure that we are guided and governed by the need to have safe and accessible Churches whereby we can celebrate the Mass and Sacraments in an environment that meets current regulations. May I make an appeal – please consider volunteering as a steward or cleaner. You should be over the age of 18, have no underlying health problems, be isolating or caring for someone who is isolating. Full training and induction will be given.

The proposed Schedule of Masses is shown in the Reminder on the download section. Bookings, preferably via email to St Bernadette's (stbernadettesashby@gmail.com), or telephone St Bernadette's between 11.00 am and 1.00 pm (please leave a message if needs be). Thank you all for your patience and co-operation at the moment. Once things begin to settle a little I will then have an opportunity to consider the best way forward for St Thomas' and St Norbert's.

With every good wish and blessing to you all

Canon Geoffrey

## CAFOD's response to coronavirus in Asia and the Middle East

In the Middle East, our local experts are using your donations to continue their vital peacebuilding work and ensuring that legal advice can be given online. Volunteers and priests are delivering emergency food parcels to vulnerable families in the West Bank and we are also reaching out to Bedouin communities with health equipment and information. £6 could buy a hygiene pack for a family. Staff and volunteers are also already in vulnerable communities:

- \* They are spreading essential health messages through village posters, socially-distanced visits to families and giving out PPE.
- \* In Myanmar, local experts are working alongside health departments and the Church to provide safe places for people to quarantine themselves and to help set up track and trace systems.
- \* In Bangladesh they've moved quickly to give cash to the poorest families – led by widows, or those living with disabilities - to buy life-saving food and PPE during the crisis

Please support this work which is saving lives. Thank you:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal>

## Banking Details for our Parishes

Thank you to all parishioners who have donated to their respective parish by standing order, cash, or BACS, this is very much appreciated! Please note all our accounts are held with Lloyds Bank Limited.

### Holy Souls' Scunthorpe RCP

Account Number 00207099  
Sort Code 30-97-44

### St Thomas' Gainsborough RCP

Account Number 36893460  
Sort Code 30-97-44

### St Bernadette Scunthorpe RCP

Account Number 00801306  
Sort Code 30-97-44

### St Norbert Crowle RCP

Account No: 00481239  
Sort Code: 30-97-44