



The Catholic Parishes of Holy Souls' and St Bernadette's, Scunthorpe

Mass Timetable for week beginning
Seventh Sunday of Easter – 16th May 2021



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Date	Feast	Time	Mass Time	Intention
Saturday 15th May	Easter Feria	10.00 am 10.30-11.30 am 6.00 pm Polish 6.00 pm Vigil	Holy Souls' Holy Souls' St Bernadette's	Maureen Rubano RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation Polish Priest's Intentions John & Annie Jackson
Sunday 16th May 2021	Seventh Sunday of Easter	9.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 11.15 am 4.30 pm Polish	Holy Souls' St Norbert's St Bernadette's St Thomas' Holy Souls'	People of the Parish Maria de Jesus Ortegón RIP Alegamma Joseph RIP TBA Polish Priest's Intentions
Monday 17th	Easter Feria	9.30 am	St Bernadette's	Intentions of Mary Murry
Tuesday 18th	Easter Feria	No Mass 11.00 am Polish	Holy Souls' Holy Souls'	- Polish Priest's Intentions
Wednesday 19th	Easter Feria	No Mass	St Norbert's	-
Thursday 20th	Easter Feria	9.30 am 11.00 am Polish	Holy Souls' Holy Souls'	Mary & Andrew Dooley RIP/Clarke Family Deceased Polish Priest's Intentions
Friday 21st	Easter Feria	10.00 am 6.00 pm	St Thomas' St Bernadette's	TBA Richard Arthur Crowther RIP
Saturday 22nd May	Easter Feria	10.00 am 10.30-11.30 am 6.00 pm Polish 6.00 pm Vigil	Holy Souls' Holy Souls' Holy Souls' St Bernadette's	Peter Tran Van Phu RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation Polish Priest's Intentions Peter Griffen RIP
Sunday 23rd May 2021	Pentecost Sunday	9.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 11.15 am 4.30 pm Polish	Holy Souls' St Norbert's St Bernadette's St Thomas' Holy Souls'	Intentions of Frances Wattam Private Intention People of the Parish TBA Polish Priest's Intentions

Father Matthew's Weekly Catechism

The Coming of the Holy Spirit.

Next Sunday we will be celebrating Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the forgotten person of the Holy Trinity for many Catholics. We often leave focusing on the Holy Spirit to other Christian denominations due to our lack of understanding. One of the characters in the 1990's comedy series Blackadder once humourously referred to the Holy Spirit as "God's insubstantial friend." We may find such ignorance amusing, but it does make us think. What exactly is our own understanding of the nature and role of the Holy Spirit? We must remember that although the Holy Spirit is frequently represented in Scripture as fire, or as a powerful wind, he is a person. No less a person than Jesus Christ or God the Father, and no less divine than either of the other two persons of the Trinity.

Pentecost originated as a Jewish feast, one of the three great feasts in the Jewish year. It was a time when many devout Jews gathered in Jerusalem to worship God in the temple and to thank him for the yearly harvest about to be reaped. A second motive for the celebration was to recall the promulgation of the Law given by God on Mount Sinai. Pentecost was always celebrated fifty days after Passover. In the same way Catholics celebrate Pentecost fifty days after Easter Sunday, which always occurs the Sunday after the Jewish feast of Passover. The Church, through providence, now celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit with his gifts and fruits at the time of the Jewish harvest festival.

With his coming, the Holy Spirit manifested his presence by those elements which usually accompanied the presence of God in the Old Testament- wind and fire (Ex:3.2). Fire in sacred Scripture penetrates and purifies. Fire also produces light and signifies the new understanding the Holy Spirit sheds on the teaching of Jesus Christ.

In the Old Testament the action of the Holy Spirit is frequently shown by the Hebrew word *ruah* which means breath or wind. This can be both gentle and very powerful. Think of the way that the Lord revealed himself to Elijah as a gentle breeze on the Holy Mountain. Think also how a very powerful wind could pick up a person and throw him from that same mountain. There is nothing subtler than the wind which manages to penetrate everywhere. The rushing wind at Pentecost shows the new force with which the Holy Spirit invades the Church and souls. God's Holy Spirit is no longer reserved for the few such as Moses and the prophets. Now he is given to all humanity in the measure that they receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In your charity please pray for

Constance Lily Kapp, Nancy Hickey and all who have died recently, may they rest in peace. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.** Please pray for their families at this difficult time; for those whose anniversaries occur at this time; for all who are sick and housebound and those who have no family to support them. We remember all those who are in hospital or are having treatment, those whose treatment has been cancelled or postponed and those who are in nursing homes or being cared for at home.

No Mass

There will be no priest available for Mass at Holy Souls next Tuesday morning (18th). Fr Matthew has to attend a funeral and Fr Liam is away at a Diocesan meeting.

Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer wave between the feasts of Ascension (13th May) and Pentecost (23rd May). It is a time when Christians around the world are invited to pray for more people to know Jesus and answer the call to be his disciple. There are a collection of Catholic resources you can use on your own or with others in this time including: morning and evening prayer, praying with Our Lady resources, live streamed night prayer, resources to pray for those you know who aren't followers of Christ, and more! Further information here: www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/resources-catholic-church. Resources for children and families here: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/cheekypandas>

Being a Missionary Disciple Talks

You are called to be a missionary disciple . . . but what does that mean? The second talk 'Pentecost & Mission' will be given by Pippa Baker (A Catholic Missionary, Speaker and Musician) on Wednesday 19th May at 7.00 pm. This talk will examine the significance of Pentecost for us and how the Holy Spirit equips us for mission in our every day lives. To register visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk

National Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life

Friday, 21st May - please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Fast from all food except bread and water for the day or from a particular food or luxury, eg

chocolate, alcohol. Pray the Rosary or an extra Rosary if you say it daily already. For further information on the day of Prayer and Fasting please contact The Good Counsel Network on 02077 231740.

Kindle the fire: Pentecost online prayer

Saturday 22nd May at 4.00 pm. *The spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. (Luke 4:18).* Join online prayer for the eve of Pentecost with Bishop Patrick, parishioners and friends of Caritas from around the Diocese of Nottingham. We will be marking the launch of Caritas, the new ministry supporting charitable service in parishes in the Nottingham Diocese and justice, peace and care for creation in the wider world. Meet fellow Catholics and find out how Caritas can help you live the Gospel. Find out more at dioceseofnottingham.uk/kindlethefire and follow the link to book your place

Second Collection

A mandatory second collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend for World Communications Fund, which is used to finance particular communication work.

SPUC 'Pro-life Chain'

From 11.00 am to 1.00 pm on Saturday 29th May. Please join our annual act of witness to commemorate the coming into force of the 1967 Abortion Act - a law which has cost the lives of 9 million unborn children and resulted in countless women and men being harmed by an abortion experience. The Chain is a peaceful and silent kerbside vigil where the pro-life message is witnessed by thousands of passing motorists. It will take place on Tritton Road (alongside Chestnut Homes LN6 Estate), Lincoln. To join the Chain and for further information (including parking) please contact Julie Rogers on 07465 440171.

SVP Conference at St Bernadette's

Bearing in mind that our parish family now comprises of four church communities, we thought it would be helpful to recruit new members to the St Bernadette's St Vincent de Paul Conference. If you think this is a role which might be of interest to you please contact Patricia Ryan (01652 657768/07813 075935) or Jim Hilton (01724 639370) for an informal chat and further information.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for May 2021



Universal Intention: The World Of Finance.

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Pope Francis - Tweet of the Week

'Praying is not easy. Each time we want to pray, we think of many other activities that seem more important and urgent. Almost always, after putting off prayer, we realise that those things were not essential at all. This is how the Enemy deceives us.'

Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses – seats must be booked in advance online: <https://massbooking.uk>

To avoid disappointment please do not turn up to a weekend Mass if you have not booked a seat in advance.

Please stay at home if you or someone in your household displays symptoms of Covid-19

WASH HANDS - COVER FACE - MAKE SPACE - VENTILATE