



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

Mass Timetable for week beginning

Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year – 12th September 2021



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Date	Feast	Time	Mass Time	Intention
Saturday 11th September 2021	Feria	9.30 am 11.00 am Polish 4.00 pm 4.30 pm Vigil 6.00 pm Vigil	Holy Souls' Holy Souls' Holy Souls' Holy Souls' St Bernadette's	Kieran Gillen RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Sacrament of Reconciliation McInerney Family Deceased People of the Parish
Sunday 12th September 2021	Twenty-fourth Sunday of The Year [Education Sunday]	9.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 11.15 am 4.30 pm Polish	St Norbert's Holy Souls' St Bernadette's St Thomas' Holy Souls'	Kathleen Tonge RIP Winnie & Frank Mongan RIP In Thanksgiving (Jefin) TBA Polish Priest's Intentions
Monday 13th	St John Chrysostom	9.30 am	St Bernadette's	Connor Davison-Scott RIP
Tuesday 14th	The Exaltation of The Holy Cross	9.30 am Pre-book on Massbooking.uk 11.00 am Polish	Holy Souls' Holy Souls'	Mgr Bell RIP/Clarke Family Deceased Polish Priest's Intentions
Wednesday 15th	Our Lady of Sorrows	10.00 am	St Norbert's	Anita Williams RIP
Thursday 16th	Sts Cornelius & Cyprian	9.30 am 11.00 am Polish	Holy Souls' Holy Souls'	Francis Santhapp Polish Priest's Intentions
Friday 17th	Feria	10.00 am 11.00 am Polish 6.00 pm	St Thomas' Holy Souls' St Bernadette's	TBA Polish Priest's Intentions Mrs Nancy Hickey RIP
Saturday 18th September 2021	Our Lady	9.30 am 11.00 am Polish 4.00 pm 4.30 pm Vigil 6.00 pm Vigil	Holy Souls' Holy Souls' Holy Souls' Holy Souls' St Bernadette's	Veronica McCabe RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish Josette Kraliski RIP
Sunday 19th September 2021	Twenty-fifth Sunday of The Year	9.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 11.15 am 4.30 pm Polish	St Norbert's Holy Souls' St Bernadette's St Thomas' Holy Souls'	Fr Andrew Smith RIP Carlo De Stefano RIP Mrs Teresa Salvatore RIP TBA Polish Priest's Intentions

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

The Pope's Prayer Intention for September 2021

Universal Intention: An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle
 We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

Pope Francis - Tweet of the Week

'Education is one of the most effective ways of making our world and history more human. Education is above all a matter of love and responsibility handed down from one generation to another.'

Assisted Dying Bill

Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has written an open letter inviting as follows:

"In the next weeks, we face an unprecedented attack on the sanctity of life with Baroness Meacher's 'Assisted Dying Bill 2021' due its 2nd Reading in the House of Lords with full debate on Friday, 22nd October.

The term 'Assisted Dying' is euphemistic, the truth is that this bill seeks to introduce Assisted Suicide. If legalised, this Bill would allow a terminally ill adult with less than 6 months to live to be assisted in committing suicide. Catholic teaching opposes assisting suicide, since life is a gift to be cared for and preserved until its natural death. The Church is clear that we cannot directly choose to take the life of another, even if they request it. The solidarity of praying and caring for the most vulnerable at this fragile time of their lives is a profoundly Christian act which imitates Our Lady's prayer at the cross and Christ's service to the weakest.

Those in favour of the bill are making good use of language to confuse the issue and call it a compassionate and caring approach to redefine the question and obscure the actual reality and consequences of such legislation.

As Pope Francis has said, "Physician-assisted suicide is part of a 'throwaway culture' that offers a 'false compassion' and treats a human person as a problem . . . True compassion does not marginalise anyone, nor does it humiliate and exclude – much less considers the disappearance of a person as a good thing." He criticised "those who hide behind an alleged compassion to justify and approve the death of a patient."

Importantly, at this stage we need to argue the dangers of the introduction of Assisted Suicide, which include the safety of people who are vulnerable due to external pressures, and the later liberalisation of the law which is evidenced by other countries which have introduced Assisted Suicide. Many voices from the world of disability-rights and other allies are also very fearful and fighting this bill. Whilst there are clear arguments to support Catholic teachings, it is important to remember that this position is not only a matter of faith but also human reason.

Later this month, the BMA will be debating whether to change their stance to support or neutrality on this matter. I hope that healthcare professionals will enter this debate and highlight the dangers of this Bill to change and skew the meaning of medicine.

*There are three important actions in the next weeks: **praying, writing and sharing.** First, I ask you to pray that the Bill will be defeated. Second, I ask you to write to the Peers from your personal experience and share stories which will argue the reasons for opposing the Bill as well as narrate the importance of precious time during the final stages of life. The testimony of healthcare and legal professionals will also be important. This needs to be done before the Second Reading on 22nd October. Third, I ask you to engage and share stories and reasons against the Bill on social media. Briefing papers will be available on the bishops' conference website to assist you as this work develops. Be assured of my prayers."*

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Bishop John Sherrington**

In your charity please pray for

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.

Education Sunday - 12th September 2021

Education Sunday is marked this year on 12th September – just after the new academic year starts. The theme for 2021 is 'A word in season', taken from Isaiah 50:4. Churches Together in England (CTE) rightly describes teaching and studying as "demanding and privileged callings" and Education Sunday gives us the opportunity to give thanks to God for all who teach and all who study, for all who continually have to find the right words and deliver them with enthusiasm and graciousness.

This is all the more poignant as we attempt to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Teachers, pupils and leaders in our schools have suffered 18 months of disruption and uncertainty. For the second year in a row, GCSE and A Level students have been Centre Assessed or Teacher Assessed – a challenging situation for both teachers and pupils. On 12th September, we pray that God will fortify those working to make our schools places of learning and sanctuary – not just teachers and leaders but all the support staff whose tireless work sometimes goes unnoticed. We pray for all our primary and secondary pupils – particularly school

leavers who have had such a difficult journey in recent times – not to mention students in higher education and vocational training.

Eucharistic Adoration at St Bernadette's Church

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. There are a number of sessions still available on **Fridays:** 11.00 am to 12 noon; 12 noon to 1.00 pm and 1.00 to 2.00 pm. If you are interested please email: stbernadettesashby@gmail.com or telephone 01724 844895

Second Collection

Next Sunday 19th September there will be a second collection taken up at all Masses for Home Mission Sunday.

St Bernadette's Parish Centre

- ◆ Coffee afternoons will recommence on Wednesday, 22nd September from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. All welcome.
- ◆ Knit and Natter will resume on Tuesday, 28th September from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. All welcome.

Prayer for Vocations

God Our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom, as Priests, Deacons, and as Religious men and women.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May we continue to support and encourage vocations in our families and in our Parish Community.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever.
 Amen.

Mary Immaculate: Pray for us.
 St Hugh of Lincoln: Pray for us.
 All the Saints of our Diocese: Pray for us.