



The Catholic Parishes of
Holy Souls' and St Bernadette's, Scunthorpe
 Mass Timetable for week beginning
 Third Sunday of Advent - 12th December 2021



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| Date | Feast | Time | Mass Time | Intention |
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| Saturday 11th December 2021 | Advent Feria | 9.30 am Mass 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 | Holy Souls Polish Priest's Intentions Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish David Madeo RIP |
| Sunday 12th December 2021 | Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete 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' | Doreen & Jim Schofield RIP Brosnan Family Deceased Joe Murphy RIP TBA Polish Priest's Intentions |
| Monday 13th | St Lucy | 9.30 am 6.00 pm | St Bernadette's Holy Souls' | Anne McGirr's Intentions Teresa Salvatore RIP |
| Tuesday 14th | St John of The Cross | 7.30 am 9.30 am 11.00 am Polish | St Bernadette's Holy Souls' Holy Souls' | Bill Patterson RIP Don Newton RIP Polish Priest's Intentions |
| Wednesday 15th | Advent Feria | 10.00 am 12.00 noon Requiem | St Norbert's Holy Souls' | George Duffield birthday intention Pasquale Alabastro RIP |
| Thursday 16th | Advent Feria | 9.30 am Mass 11.00 am Polish | Holy Souls' Holy Souls' | Peter Le Van Phuc RIP Polish Priest's Intentions |
| Friday 17th | Advent Feria | 10.00 am 11.00 am Polish 6.00 pm | St Thomas' Holy Souls' St Bernadette's | TBA Polish Priest's Intentions Ellen & Tom Sheehy RIP |
| Saturday 18th December 2021 | Advent Feria | 9.30 am Mass 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 | Peter Le Van Phu RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Sacrament of Reconciliation Peter Le Van Nam RIP People of the Parish |
| Sunday 19th December 2021 | Fourth Sunday of Advent | 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' | Jeff Kirkham RIP Orlando Victor RIP Bernadette Douglass-Jacklin 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 December 2021



Intention for Evangelization: Catechists.
 Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pope Francis - Tweet of the Week

'In our lives, there will always be times when we get the impression that we are in a desert. Yet it is precisely there that the Lord makes his presence felt with words of closeness, compassion and tenderness: "Do not fear, for I am with you" (Is 41:10).'



St John of The Cross

St John of the Cross died at Ubeda in Andalusia on 14th December 1591. He was canonized in 1726, and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1926. Together with St Teresa of Avila, he is an outstanding teacher of the ascetical and mystical life. He was born John de Yepes at Fontiveros, a town between Salamanca and Avila in 1542. His father was disowned by his family for marrying beneath his social class. It may be that John was of Jewish descent as was St Teresa of Avila. After his father's death, whilst John was an infant, his mother moved to Medina del Campo in order to earn a living. There John studied under the Jesuits, and also served as an apprentice for several trades ending up as a male nurse. John entered the Carmelite Order in 1563, and after his novitiate was sent to Salamanca for further studies. When he returned back to Medina del Campo he met St Teresa of Avila, who convinced him to join her reform movement for the Carmelite friars and nuns. John changed his name from John of St Matthias to John of the Cross, and threw himself wholeheartedly into the work of the reform of the Carmelites. This eventually resulted in the separation of the Order into the Calced and Discalced Carmelites. John suffered persecution from the Calced Carmelites, being kidnapped and held prisoner at Toledo. After holding various important positions within the Discalced Carmelites and having written several major works in theology including "The Dark Night of the Soul," he died at Ubeda, just as he predicted, as the friars began the midnight office.

The Post Communion prayer today states that God has "wonderfully made known the mystery of the Cross," in the life of St John. The saint experienced the cross in various ways: sickness, mortification, persecution and calumny, aridity and mystical trials. Some therefore think of St John of the Cross as a man of excessive austerity, but this isn't so. His teaching was based on the principle of charity, and one of his admonitions was that during the evening of life we will be judged by how we have loved. The teaching of this mystical doctor has special significance for our sensate society, in which it is so easy to become attached to pleasure and to created goods. The path of detachment and self-denial is still the path that leads to union with God. As St John once wrote, "Would that people might at last understand that it is impossible to attain to the thicket of manifold riches of the wisdom of God without entering into the thicket of manifold suffering, making that its consolation and desire!"

In your charity please pray for

Pasquale Alabastro, Margaret Allan, Yvonne Ellis (previously Hamilton-Jeffrey and O'Boyle) 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.

Covid 19 update - Face masks

Following the government's announcement earlier this week, from Friday 10th December face masks are now legally required to be worn at Church services unless you are exempt.

Mass Booking

Please note you no longer have to book a seat at the Holy Souls' Tuesday 9.30 am Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

In order to prepare ourselves for Christmas, there will be additional opportunities to attend Confession as follows:

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| Friday, 17th | 9.30-10.00 am | St Thomas' |
| Monday, 20th | 7.00-8.00 pm | St Bernadette's |
| Wednesday, 22nd | 9.30-10.00 am | St Norbert's |
| Thursday, 23rd | 7.00-8.00 pm | Holy Souls' |

St Bernadette's Church Christmas Clean

After 9:30am Mass Monday 20th December 2021. Please come along to help prepare the Church for Christmas. Many hands make light work.

St Bernadette's Adoration Chapel

will be closed from Monday 20th December to Monday 3rd January inclusive; it will re-open on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Latin Mass

Please note, starting from Saturday 1st January 2022:

- * there will be a Latin Mass at 11.00 am every Saturday morning at Holy Souls' Church.
- * On New Year's Day *only* the Polish Mass will be offered at 12 noon and thereafter every Saturday at 9.30 am.
- * The usual Saturday 9.30 am Mass in English will be offered at 10.00 am at St Bernadette's Church instead.

Parish Pastoral Council

Copies of the Minutes from the Holy Souls' PPC meetings can now be found under the download section (Parish Documents) of the Parish website.



Christmas Masses

Friday, 24th, The Vigil of The Nativity of the Lord

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| 5.00 pm | | St Bernadette's |
| 6.00 pm | | Holy Souls' |
| 7.00 pm | | St Bernadette's |
| 12.00 midnight | Polish | Holy Souls |

Saturday, 25th, The Nativity of the Lord

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| 9.00 am | | St Norbert's |
| 10.00 am | | St Thomas' |
| 11.00 am | | Holy Souls |
| 4.30 pm | Polish | Holy Souls |

Sunday, 26th, Feast of The Holy Family

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| 9.00 am | | St Norbert's |
| 9.30 am | | Holy Souls |
| 11.00 am | | St Bernadette's |
| 11.15 am | | St Thomas' |
| 4.30 pm | Polish | Holy Souls |