



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

Mass Timetable for week beginning

Seventeenth Sunday of the Year - 24th July 2022



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Date/Of the Day	Holy Souls	St Bernadette's	St Norbert's	St Thomas'
Saturday, 23rd July <i>St Bridget of Sweden</i>	12.00 noon ◆ Polish Priest Intentions 4.00 to 4.25 pm ◆ Confession 4.30 pm Vigil ◆ David & Josie Till RIP	10.00 am ◆ Seamus Jackson RIP followed by Exposition until 11.30 am 10.30 to 11.30 am ◆ Confession 6.00 pm Vigil ◆ Ellen Sheehy RIP	-	-
Sunday, 24th July 2022 <i>Seventeenth Sunday of The Year</i>	9.30 am ◆ People of the Parish 4.30 pm Polish ◆ Polish Priest Intentions	11.00 am ◆ John & Michael Keane RIP	8.45 to 8.55 am ◆ Confession 9.00 am ◆ Ian Tonge RIP	11.00 to 11.10 am ◆ Confession 11.15 am ◆ TBA
Monday, 25th <i>St James</i>	-	9.30 am ◆ Martin Gill RIP	-	-
Tuesday, 26th <i>Sts Joachim & Anne</i>	9.30 am ◆ Canon Merrigan RIP 11.00 am Polish ◆ Polish Priest Intentions	-	-	-
Wednesday, 27th <i>Feria</i>	-	-	-	-
Thursday, 28th <i>Feria</i>	9.30 am ◆ Clarke Family Deceased 11.00 am Funeral Service ◆ Anne Gratton RIP	-	-	-
Friday, 29th <i>St Martha, Mary & Lazarus</i>	11.00 am Polish ◆ Polish Priest Intentions	6.00 pm ◆ Mrs Nellie Coss RIP	-	10.00 am ◆ TBA
Saturday, 30th <i>Our Lady</i>	12.00 noon ◆ Polish Priest Intentions 4.00 to 4.25 pm ◆ Confession 4.30 pm Vigil ◆ Domingos Antonio RIP	10.00 am ◆ Mary Morrissey RIP followed by Exposition until 11.30 am 10.30 to 11.30 am ◆ Confession 6.00 pm Vigil ◆ People of the Parish	-	-
Sunday, 31st July 2022 <i>Eighteenth Sunday of The Year</i>	9.30 am ◆ Anna Rosalin Freitas RIP 4.30 pm Polish ◆ Polish Priest Intentions	11.00 am ◆ Thomas Mahon RIP	8.45 to 8.55 am ◆ Confession 9.00 am ◆ Patrick McHale RIP	11.00 to 11.10 am ◆ Confession 11.15 am ◆ TBA

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Contact Priest Details ~ If you, or a member of your family is in hospital, or you would like a visit, please contact St Bernadette's Presbytery on 01724 844895.

St Mary Magdalene

The opening prayer of the Mass today proclaims that St Mary Magdalene was entrusted with "the joyful news of the Resurrection." She received this news from the Lord himself, and was told to carry the news to the apostles. She broke this astounding news to them with the words "I have seen the Lord." She is therefore a model of all who are called to give witness to the risen Lord. In the prayer over the gifts and the prayer after communion the Church presents another theme: St Mary's "homage of charity" and her "persevering love," which kept her close to Christ. St Gregory the Great provides us with a theological commentary on how St Mary was granted the privilege of first seeing the Lord: "Though the disciples had left the tomb, she remained. She was still seeking the one she had not found, and while she sought, she wept: burning with the fire of love, she longed for him who she thought had been taken away. And so it happened that the woman who stayed behind to seek Christ was the only one to see him. For perseverance is essential to any good deed." Mary Magdalene, who had been liberated from seven devils, became such a faithful follower of Christ that her name is placed first in the list of women who accompanied Jesus. Even on Calvary, she took her stand beneath the cross. According to Sacred Tradition, after Pentecost Mary Magdalene accompanied the Blessed Virgin and the Apostle John to Ephesus, where she died and was buried. Her relics were given to the Monastery of St Lazarus at Constantinople in the year 899. The example of St Mary Magdalene's ardent love for Christ, her courageous stance on Calvary, and her profession of faith in the risen Lord are relevant for us also, who have not yet fully understood either the Scriptures or the mystery of our salvation.

In your charity please pray for

Anne Gratton 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.

Welcome

This weekend we welcome Archbishop John Wilson who will be the celebrant at the 11.00 am Mass on Sunday 24th, at St Bernadette's.

Holy Souls PPC

takes place next Monday, 25th, 7.00 pm, in the Sacristy.

The New Dawn in the Church

a Catholic Family Pilgrimage Conference is taking place from Monday 1st until Friday 5th August at the Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. More information can be found in the video:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=-BHK2b6mqel or at www.newdawn.org.uk

Catholic Voices and Word on Fire

are hosting a conference called **Sharing the Church's Story**. Join Catholics who are passionate about the renewal of the Church in the UK, and a host of dynamic speakers including Bishop Robert Barron. This conference is for all: volunteers, parents, catechists, clergy, and religious. The Conference is being held on Saturday 17th September from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm, at Friends House, Euston Road, London. You can find further details at: www.sharingthechurchsstory.com

St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022 - 6th October 2022

In September and October this year the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes and we are pleased to announce that St Bernadette's

Church has been invited to host a stage of this tour on Thursday, 6th October 2022. We are awaiting details of the arrangements and these will be published when they are finalised.

Holy Souls and St Bernadette's Parish Accounts

These will shortly be published and placed at the back of the churches for you to look at. Unfortunately, there is a common thread running through both sets of accounts. Last year in both parishes, expenditure exceeded income by about £16,000. In Holy Souls two new boilers had to be purchased at a total cost of £6900, which explains some of the shortfall, but not all of it. In St Bernadette's, hall income had not yet recovered fully from the pandemic, being less than £4000. Collections were significantly down in both parishes from pre-pandemic levels. To summarize, we are still recovering from the effects of the pandemic. When one adds to this the ever-increasing running costs in all respects of both parishes then the result is inevitable. We cannot continue in this way, because at this rate within two or three years we will run out of money. All parishes have to be financially self-sufficient. People have funny ideas about things, thinking that we receive money from the Diocese or even the Vatican to help us keep running. In fact, this couldn't be further from the truth. Last year St Bernadette's gave £11,479, and Holy Souls £9,031 as their quota to the Diocese, so the reverse is true. As for the Vatican, that too has its financial troubles, and it certainly isn't in the position to help finance a million or so Catholic parishes spread all over the world. The responsibility for the financial health of each parish lies jointly with the parish priest and the people of each parish. I am in the process of making decisions as to how we can cut down on expenditure and boost income to secure the future of our church communities; but it is up to each parishioner to be as generous as they can be with their financial giving. Please consider planned giving if you have not already done so, especially if you are a tax-payer. Tax-payers, by simply signing a gift aid form can increase their giving by twenty percent to the Church, at no extra cost to themselves. Money is returned to the Church from the taxes you have paid. Last year we received £6414 from HMRC back to Holy Souls Parish in this way, and £4000 from HMRC to St Bernadette's. This is all thanks to those who are already part of the Gift Aid scheme. I am especially grateful to those loyal and generous parishioners who regularly give to the parishes every week. Thank you for your generosity to God and his Church.

Job Vacancy

The NDCYS (Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service) continues to push the boundaries and explore new ways of delivering engaging and accessible Catholic Youth Ministry to the young people it serves.

From October they are seeking to appoint a new **Director of Youth Services** to drive their work forward and to ensure the service delivery meets the needs of young people. Your skill, experience and vision will be crucial to the success of the service and you'll have the privilege of leading and caring for a team of skilled, passionate and talented staff. For more information please visit www.ndcys.com The closing date is 22nd August 2022.

Pope Francis

Prayer Intention for July 2022

For the elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.



"Tweet" of the Week

"We must return to the essence of Christianity: the love of God, the driving force of our joy that sends us out to tread the pathways of the world, and welcoming our neighbour. This is the simplest and most beautiful witness we can give the world."