



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

Mass Timetable for week beginning
Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year - 11th September 2022



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Date/Of the Day	Holy Souls	St Bernadette's	St Norbert's	St Thomas'
Saturday, 10th September <i>Our Lady</i>	11.00 am Latin ◆ Priest Intention 4.00 to 4.25 pm ◆ Confession 4.30 pm Vigil ◆ Edith Johnson	6.00 pm Vigil ◆ Peter Middleton RIP	-	-
Sunday, 11th September 2022 <i>Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30 am ◆ John McIntyre RIP 4.30 pm Polish ◆ Polish Priest Intentions	11.00 am ◆ Brendan Ladden RIP	8.45 to 8.55 am ◆ Confession 9.00 am ◆ Private Intentions	11.00 to 11.10 am ◆ Confession 11.15 am ◆ TBA
Monday, 12th <i>Feria</i>	-	-	-	-
Tuesday, 13th <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	9.30 am ◆ Service of Word and HC	-	-	-
Wednesday, 14th - Exaltation of The Holy Cross	-	-	10.00 am ◆ Service of Word and HC	-
Thursday, 15th <i>Ou Lady of Sorrows</i>	-	-	-	-
Friday, 16th <i>Sts Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	-	6.00 pm ◆ Service of Word and HC	-	10.00 am ◆ Service of Word and HC
Saturday, 17th September <i>Feria</i>	4.00 to 4.25 pm ◆ Confession 4.30 pm Vigil ◆ Peggy Galvin RIP	6.00 pm Vigil ◆ Richard Gibson RIP	-	-
Sunday, 18th September 2022 <i>Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30 am ◆ Tony Redden RIP 4.30 pm Polish ◆ Polish Priest Intentions	11.00 am ◆ People of the Parish	8.45 to 8.55 am ◆ Confession 9.00 am ◆ Gwen Sarsfield RIP	11.00 to 11.10 am ◆ Confession 11.15 am ◆ TBA

For Polish Mass Times at Holy Souls Church, please see the Polish bulletin at the back of Holy Souls Church, the notice on the window as you enter from the car park at Holy Souls Church, or visit www.facebook.com/parafia.polska.scun.link.grim

Refreshments will be served in St Bernadette's Parish Centre after the 11.00 am Mass at St Bernadette's Church every Sunday.

Please note:

there will be no refreshments available after Mass at St Bernadette's Church on Sunday 2nd October 2022

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.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

On 14th September we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. We celebrate the victory of Jesus over suffering and death. He is the supreme example of someone who went above and beyond what was strictly necessary to save others. Jesus was very afraid, as he anticipated the Cross. Had he not dreaded the torture, he would not have been human. Had he not continued on the same path he would not have been divine. Facing the continuing opposition of the authorities Jesus knew he faced a choice. Either he could abandon his Father's will, and save his earthly life, or he could fulfil his mission. We are told by St Luke that Jesus was so afraid of the Cross that he sweated blood. This, scientists tell us, only happens to humans in extreme stress. Jesus was weak and undefended. His friends and supporters quickly fled when the going became tough. In the eyes of those who captured him Jesus deserved to face the consequences of his actions. He was a dangerous, and outspoken fool. Yet the story of the Cross supersedes all human perspectives. Moses lifted up the staff with the fiery serpent on it. Anyone who was bitten by deadly serpents could look on the staff, and live. In the same way the Cross on which Jesus was raised up, is the only hope of fallen humanity. The Cross, if you like, cures the deadly bite of original sin. What was lost from a tree at the Fall of Adam and Eve, was regained on the wood of a tree, this time by Jesus. He is known as the second Adam, who undid work of the first Adam. This Feast recalls the day when in AD 326, according to tradition, St Helena, discovered the True Cross. She built the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. The cross, is more than just a holy relic. It has a meaning that underpins the whole of Christianity. It proclaims that Jesus, as human as he was, overcame his fears and faced suffering and death in a supreme act of self sacrifice. It declares that without Good Friday, we can't have Easter Sunday. We are all caught up in the cross fire between good and evil in this life. And we can't do anything about it. However our faith teaches that suffering can have a positive dimension. It can be redemptive. The supreme example of this is Our Lord's sacrifice on the Cross. But God has blessed us all with our own little crosses of suffering, which we have been chosen to carry day by day. These too can be redemptive, making up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ, for the salvation of the world. As we look at the crucifix today, let's ask God to help us to bear our own sufferings courageously, and to see within them a positive, and redemptive dimension.

Our Lady of Sorrows - 15th September

This Feast dates back to the twelfth century, but was especially promoted by the Cistercians and the Servites so that it was widely defused throughout the Catholic world by the fifteenth century. In 1913 Pope Pius X fixed September the 15th as the permanent date for the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. It falls on the day after the Feast of the Holy Cross, thus reminding the faithful of Mary's intense suffering during the passion and death of her Son. This Feast focuses our minds on all the sorrows of Mary, as indicated by the words of Simeon in the entrance antiphon, "And your own soul a sword shall pierce." These words were said by him at the presentation of Christ in the temple and are a prophecy of Mary's future sufferings. We must remember that as Jesus was raised on the Cross, Mary stood by him with great courage, sharing in his sufferings. In our Gospel we are reminded that Mary is not just the mother of Christ she is our mother as well. She plays an important role as mediatrix of graces, transmitting to us the fruits of Christ's passion. St Bernard says that Mary's suffering at the time of the Crucifixion was like a spiritual martyrdom: "Truly, O Blessed Mother, a sword has pierced your heart . . . He died in body through a love greater than anyone had known. She died in spirit through a love unlike any other since his."

In your charity please pray for

HM Queen Elizabeth II, Santina Cifala, Mark Emerson 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.

Holy Souls' PPC Meeting

Monday 3rd October at 7.00 pm in the Sacristy.

St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022 - 6th October 2022

We are seeking volunteers to greet visitors, to steward in Church and to serve refreshments in the Parish Centre. Any offer of help would be greatly appreciated. A meeting is planned for **Tuesday 20th September at 7.00 pm in St Bernadette's Parish Centre.** If you are not able to attend this meeting but would like to help or are able to bake for this event please telephone the Presbytery on 01724 844895 and leave a voicemail message with your contact details.

A Prayer for Education Sunday

11th September 2022

Dear Lord, thank you for the gift of Catholic schools. Thank you for all those who have given their talents to educating our young people. Through the challenges they encounter each day, lead them to an even deeper appreciation of the sacred duty to which you have called them. Thank you for all those who contribute to the efficient running of our schools; support staff, kitchen staff, maintenance staff, governors and chaplains. We thank them for their hard work and dedication. Thank you for all those who lead our Catholic schools. May they be people of integrity so that they can be witnesses as well as teachers. We pray that the schools they lead will become places where our young people can experience your love in their lives. Thank you for our pupils. May your love strengthen and nurture them through the influence and example of those who care for them. We pray that through their time at school they will flourish and grow to discover who you have called them to be. We make this prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord, Amen.

Help Shape our Catholic schools, apply to be a Foundation Governor

We are seeking to recruit Foundation Governors for our local Catholic primary and secondary academies which are part of the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi Academy Trust. Being a Foundation Governor is immensely rewarding. It is a joy and a gift to contribute to the ministry of the Church by making our schools successful and ensuring that children are provided with a supportive environment within which they can learn and grow in their relationship with Jesus. If you are a practising Catholic and would like to know more please see the information leaflet in the Church porch or visit bit.ly/notmfg

DBS Certificates - St Bernadette's

It is Diocesan policy that volunteers who require a DBS should have a check every three years. Renewal checks are now being undertaken and volunteers will be contacted by Janice Moran.

CSSA Safeguarding Training

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) have launched Safeguarding training to be completed by volunteers who require a DBS. Webinars are being held in October for the modules required which will also be available online when the training portal is launched later this year. Information leaflets are available in the Church porch or visit <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/volunteer-national-safeguarding-training-events>

Polite Request - Holy Souls' Church

Can parents please supervise their children (aged 11 and under) if the children need to use the toilets. Thank you.