



**The Catholic Parishes of Holy Souls' and
St Bernadette's, Scunthorpe and St Norbert's, Crowle
Mass Timetable for week beginning
Fourth Sunday of Easter - 30th April 2023**

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| Date/Of the Day | Holy Souls | St Bernadette's | St Norbert's |
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| Saturday, 29th <i>St Catherine of Siena</i> | - | 5.30 to 5.55 pm Confessions with Exposition 6.00 pm (Vigil) Martin Henry RIP | - |
| Sunday, 30th April 2023 <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Good Shepherd Sunday</i> | 10.00 am Helen Mellers' Intentions 4.30 pm Polish Polish Priest Intentions | 11.15 am Neil & Doreen Prendergast RIP | 8.30 am Helen Mellers' Intentions |
| Monday, 1st May <i>Easter Feria</i> | - | 9.30 am Chris Kelleher Intentions | - |
| Tuesday, 2nd <i>St Athanasius</i> | 9.30 am Mary & Bernard Dooley RIP | - | - |
| Wednesday, 3rd <i>Sts Philip & James</i> | - | 7.00 pm Canon Matthew & Fr Lim - Intentions | 10.30 am Patrick (Pat) Sarsfield RIP |
| Thursday, 4th <i>The English Martyrs</i> | - | - | - |
| First Friday, 5th <i>Easter Feria</i> | 5.00 to 5.30 pm Confessions with Exposition | 11.30 am Funeral Mass Andrew Mullen RIP 6.00 pm Anne-Marie Hill Intentions | - |
| Saturday, 6th May <i>Easter Feria</i> | - | 5.30 to 5.45 pm Confessions with Exposition 6.00 pm (Vigil) Carlo di Stefano RIP | - |
| Sunday, 7th May 2023 <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> | 10.00 am People of the Parish 4.30 pm Polish Polish Priest Intentions | 11.15 am Margaret Jackson RIP 3.00 pm Syro-Malabar Mass | 8.30 am Liah Abigail Mackerman RIP (Birthday Remembrance) |

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

Safeguarding Representatives

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The Pope's Prayer Intention for May 2023

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Pope Francis - Tweet of the Week

'Our hope is called Jesus. He is alive and evil has no more power over Him. Failure cannot prevent us from beginning again, and death becomes the passage to the beginning of a new life.'

A message from Bishop Patrick regarding Sudan

As the situation worsens, the Church in Sudan asks for our prayers. I invite you to join me in praying for the horrendous situation in Sudan, and especially for all God's children who are affected most deeply by it.
Lord, that there might be, in the short term, a ceasefire and in the long term, a complete end to this divisive fighting which is tearing the country and children apart. Bring justice and healing to this divided land, we pray. Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us Saint Josephine Bakhita, pray for us Saint Michael the Archangel, pray for us Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

On 21st April Kinga von Schierstaedt, Project Co-ordinator for ACN (Aid to the Church in Need) in Africa and Head of Projects in Sudan, gave an interview detailing the dangers and uncertainties facing our brothers and sisters in Sudan. Let it inform and guide our heartfelt prayers. It is available to view on the diocesan website:

www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/sudan

Canon Matthew's Catechism:

What came first the Bible or the Church?

The early Christians saw themselves as Jews who recognised the coming of Jesus as the Jewish Messiah. As such they would read the Old Testament publicly in their worship and in the "breaking of bread," an early term for the Mass. Therefore, they accepted the whole of the Old Testament as Scripture, just as their cousins the Jewish people did. However, gradually they would read the letters of the apostles Peter and Paul and the Gospels as they emerged and finally the Book of Revelation. However, the four Gospels as we know them today, were not complete until around AD90. So there was a time when the Bible, as we know it today, was not even written, let alone promulgated in the early Church. Therefore, the early Christians were reliant on the teaching of the apostles themselves and their preaching as the source of their faith. In the first three centuries of Christianity, it was by no means clear which Christian writings were to be regarded as Scripture and which were not. The Book of Revelation in particular, was hotly debated and opinion was divided on whether it was inspired or not. Eventually to end the controversy over which Christian books were to be held as Scripture and which were not, Pope Damasus held a council in Rome in 382. This decided definitively which books were to go into the Bible. This fixed the biblical canon as Catholics know it today to forty-six books of the Old Testament and twenty-seven of the New Testament. The Biblical canon remained unchanged until the time of Martin Luther who, in the sixteenth century, decided to take certain books out of the Old Testament (Tobit, Judith, 1-2 Maccabees, Wisdom, Sirach and Baruch). This was a very arrogant act. This means that seven beautiful books which Christians have honoured as Scripture for two thousand years are sadly no longer part of the Protestant Bible, largely due to one man's private opinions. We see from this short exploration of the history of the Bible that the Bible emerged from the living tradition of the Catholic Church. The Bible is the Church's book, and part of its living tradition. It makes no sense whatsoever to accept the Bible as the inspired word of God and not to accept the Church which gave the Bible to the world.

Good Shepherd Sunday

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, please pray for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious life. For if we don't ask, we will not get.

For more information about Vocations in the Diocese please contact Fr Neil (Vocations Director) at vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk, tel: 01283 564814 or Fr Liam (Assistant Vocations Director) at liam.carpenter@dioceseofnottingham.uk, tel: 01159 814271

In your charity please pray for

Andrew Mullen, Meriel Patricia Davis, Derek Haith 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.

Second Collections

30th April 2023 - leaving collection for Fr Lim. Envelopes available at the back of Church.

7th May 2023 - Clergy Formation Fund.

21st May 2023 - World Communications Day.

Refreshments following the Leaving Mass for Fr Lim and Clothing of Canon Jakes

Following Mass there will be a shared table in St Bernadette's Parish Centre. If you would like to contribute food towards the shared table please sign the list at the back of St Bernadette's Church. Any food items can be taken to the Parish Centre on Wednesday 3rd, between 10 am and 12 noon.

Diary Dates

⇒ **Tuesday 2nd May** - meeting for Extraordinary Ministers from all three parishes at 6:30 pm in St Bernadette's Parish Centre.

⇒ **Thursday, 4th May** - Bingo at St Bernadette's Parish Centre.

⇒ **Saturday 13th May - Melwood Pilgrimage in honour of St Augustine Webster.** The Rosary Procession begins at 12.00 noon about 400 metres from the farm (on the road between Epworth and Owston Ferry - DN9 1AD) and ends where Mass will be celebrated. Please bring a chair and a picnic which can be eaten outside.

⇒ **Tuesday, 23rd May 2023** - Finance Meeting in St Bernadette's Parish Centre at 7.00 pm.

⇒ **Tuesday, 30th May 2023** - PFC Meeting in St Bernadette's Parish Centre at 7.00 pm.

NDCYS Gap Year

the Diocesan Youth Service is holding an Open Evening at The Briars (DE4 5BW) on **Friday 5th May** for anyone interested in being part of the Gap Year Team in 2023/24. Starting at 6.00 pm the evening it will show what it's like to be part of the Briars Team, with questions answered and pizza available! More information is available at www.ndcys.com

Job Vacancies

Property Administration Assistant and an **Estates Officer**, based at St Hugh's House, Nottingham. See poster on notice-board for more information. Closing date is Friday 5th May.

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.