



**The Catholic Parishes of Holy Souls' and
St Bernadette's, Scunthorpe and St Norbert's, Crowle
Mass Timetable for week beginning
Sixteenth Sunday of the Year - 23rd July 2023**

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Date/Of the Day	Holy Souls	St Bernadette's	St Norbert's
Saturday, 22nd <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	-	5.15 to 5.45 pm Exposition and Confessions 6.00 pm (Vigil) John & Michael Keane RIP	-
Sunday, 23rd July 2023 <i>Sixteenth Sunday of the Year</i>	10.00 am Frankie Borg 4.30 pm Polish Polish Priest Intentions	11.15 am Mr Derek Haith RIP	8.30 am David Lyons RIP
Monday, 24th <i>Feria</i>	-	9.30 am Agnus Connelly RIP	-
Tuesday, 25th <i>St James</i>	9.30 am Canon Merrigan RIP	-	-
Wednesday, 26th <i>Sts Joachim and Anne</i>	9.30 am Service of Word and Communion	-	-
Thursday, 27th <i>Feria</i>	-	-	-
Friday, 28th <i>Feria</i>	-	6.00 pm Service of Word and Communion	-
Saturday, 29th <i>Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus</i>	-	5.15 to 5.45 pm Exposition and Confessions 6.00 pm (Vigil) Norah Robson RIP	-
Sunday, 30th July 2023 <i>Seventeenth Sunday of the Year</i>	10.00 am Joe, Lena & Nora Conroy RIP 4.30 pm Polish Polish Priest Intentions	11.15 am Meriel Davis RIP	8.30 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

Pope Francis - Tweet of the Week

'Let us imagine a seed: it is tiny, barely visible, but it makes plants grow that bear fruit. The Word of God is thus: think of the Gospel, a small book, simple and within reach of all, that produces new life in those who receive it.'

The Pope's Prayer Intention for July 2023

For a Eucharistic life. We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Safeguarding Representatives

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**Canon Matthew's Catechism
Why do we seek God?**

You may think that this is a rather strange question because it is obvious isn't it that many people are not interested in God at all? Or is it? It is fair to say that normal human beings, in their right mind, are all looking for "something," and we might call that something happiness or fulfilment. It is the teaching of the great doctor-theologians of the Church, people such as St Augustine of Hippo, that God is very close to us and even within us before we even begin to search for Him. St Augustine says that God has placed a desire for Himself in the heart of every human being "You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." (St Augustine's *Confessions*). Similarly, the book of Acts says "For in Him we live and move and have our being." (Acts 17: 27-28a). St Edith Stein, a great Catholic philosopher, says that the search for truth is in fact a search for God "Anyone who seeks truth seeks God, whether or not he realizes it." So, our search for God can be indirect and implicit, but nevertheless very real. It is the belief of the Catholic Church that none of the wonderful and beautiful things on offer in this world, even fellow human beings whom we love, can satisfy us absolutely and completely. Our search for happiness and truth in created things is ultimately a search for the author of all things - God Himself. Only He can make us truly happy forever.

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.

Mandatory Second Collections

17th September 2023 Evangelii Gaudium Sunday
8th October 2023 CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
22nd October 2023 Mission World Mission Sunday

Plenary Indulgence

The Apostolic Penitentiary has announced that Pope Francis has granted a Plenary Indulgence for the faithful who take part in the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday 23rd July under the theme "His mercy is from age to age" (Luke 1:50). Conditions for gaining the plenary indulgence are:

- the plenary indulgence will be granted to grandparents, the elderly, and all faithful who participate in the solemn celebration presided over by the Pope in St. Peter's Basilica, as well as to all those who attend Mass in various parts of the world.
- the indulgence is subject to the usual conditions of sacramental Confession, reception of the Eucharist, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.

A plenary indulgence offers remission of the temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven, which can be applied to oneself or to the souls in Purgatory.

The Apostolic Penitentiary extends the same Plenary Indulgence to those who dedicate significant time to visit - either in-person or by virtual means of communication - their elderly brothers and sisters who are in need or facing difficulties, such as the sick, abandoned, and those with disabilities. For people who are unable to leave their homes due to serious reasons, spiritual participation in Mass celebrated for the World Day through prayer, offering their sufferings, and joining in the broadcasts of the Pope's various celebrations will also grant them the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence. However, the indulgence requires that the faithful maintain detachment from sin and intend to fulfil the three usual conditions as soon as possible.

St Bernadette's Altar Servers - Meeting

Saturday 29th July from 10.30 to 11.30 am in St Bernadette's Church. Those who have received their First Holy Communion and would like to be an altar server are welcome to attend as are any parents.

"Accepting the Gift"

Archbishop Kevin McDonald will lead a pilgrimage to Walsingham on **Saturday 5th August** under the theme *Accepting the Gift* in reparation and prayer for the sanctity of life.

Pickup points will be in Arnold and Nottingham; more information from www.prolifepilgrimage.org

Fountains Abbey Mass/Ripon Visit

Monday 21st August 2023. The coach will depart St Bernadette's Church at 8.45 am. Mass is at 12:00 noon followed by time for a picnic; food and drinks are available to purchase on site if you wish. If anyone requires assistance to get to the Abbey there is a transfer coach available which needs to be pre-booked with Sue. Departure for Ripon is 2.30 pm where there are cafes, restaurants, shops and a wonderful Cathedral to view. Coach tickets are £15 per person and can be booked by contacting Sue Blackburn on 07745 499850.

St Bernadette's Parish Centre - white tablecloths

If you have taken these home to wash, can you please make sure they are returned to the parish centre. Thank you.

Holy Souls - Presbytery Garden

We are grateful to those who have helped out in the past to look after and tidy the garden. However, over the next few weeks we are hoping to undertake some necessary remedial work on the trees and garden. Once complete we will again be looking for volunteers to help maintain the garden on a rota basis, perhaps an hour or so each week. The more people who can help the better and the less onerous it should be. Please give this some consideration and in due course we will put a "sign up" sheet at the back of Church. Thank you.

Thank You

The Parish Families of Holy Souls', St Bernadette's and St Norbert's wish to congratulate the St Bernadette's candidates on receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 15th July. May God bless you as you learn and grow and fill your hearts with His love wherever you go. We are also most grateful to all those who helped and supported our candidates in their preparation for this Sacrament.

Happy Holidays!

We wish all staff, pupils - and their families - a happy and safe holiday.

Our local Catholic Schools

Primary:

- St Augustine Webster Catholic Voluntary Academy, Baildon Road, Scunthorpe, DN15 8BU. 01724 843722
- St Bernadette's Catholic Primary Voluntary Academy, Anne's Crescent, Scunthorpe, DN16 2LW. 01724 842382
- St Norbert's Catholic Primary Voluntary Academy, Fieldside, Crowle, Scunthorpe, DN17 4HL. 01724 710249

Secondary:

- St Bede's Catholic Voluntary Academy, Collum Avenue, Scunthorpe, DN16 2TF. 01724 245151