



The Catholic Parishes of Holy Souls' and St Bernadette's, Scunthorpe and St Norbert's, Crowle  
**Mass Timetable for week beginning 24th Sunday of the Year - 17th September 2023**

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Date/Of the Day	Holy Souls	St Bernadette's	St Norbert's
Saturday, 16th September <i>Sts Cornelius &amp; Cyprian</i>	-	5.15 to 5.45 pm Exposition and Confessions 6.00 pm (Vigil) George Taylor RIP	-
Sunday, 17th September 2023 <i>24th Sunday of The Year</i>	10.00 am O'Connell Family RIP 4.30 pm Polish Polish Priest Intentions	11.15 am Stephen McGuane RIP 3.00 pm Syro-Malabar Mass	8.30 am David Lyons RIP
Monday, 18th <i>Feria</i>	-	9.30 am Colin Hilton RIP	-
Tuesday, 19th <i>Feria</i>	-	-	-
Wednesday, 20th <i>Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon &amp; Paul Chong Ha-Sang &amp; Companions</i>	-	-	10.30am Gwen Sarsfield RIP
Thursday, 21st - <i>Saint Matthew (Feast)</i>	-	-	-
Friday, 22nd <i>Feria</i>	9.00 am Mass - please note earlier time Mark Proudlove RIP	6.00 pm Marie Hackshaw RIP	-
Saturday, 23rd September <i>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	-	5.15 to 5.45 pm Exposition and Confessions 6.00 pm (Vigil) Kenneth Arnold RIP	-
Sunday, 24th September 2023 <i>25th Sunday of The Year</i>	10.00 am Maria Brzozowska RIP 4.30 pm Polish Polish Priest Intentions	11.15 am St Bernadette's Catholic Primary Voluntary Academy	8.30 am Peter Crawford RIP

For Polish Mass Times at Holy Souls Church, please see the Polish bulletin at the back of Holy Souls Church, or visit [www.facebook.com/parafia.polska.scun.link.grim](http://www.facebook.com/parafia.polska.scun.link.grim)

**Pope Francis - Tweet of the Week**

Let us #Pray Together for those who lost their lives in an inundation in #Libya, for their families and for the displaced. May we not fail to show our solidarity with these brothers and sisters, as well as with the people of Morocco who are suffering from an earthquake.

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for September 2023**

**For people living on the margins**  
 We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

**Safeguarding Representatives**

**St Bernadette's:** Janice Moran/Barbara Faulds 07513 725545  
**Holy Souls':** -  
**Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator:**  
 Rachael Campion 01159 539849

**Canon's Catechism: Is the use of Incense Bad for Health?**

Some have questioned whether the use of incense in Mass is damaging to health. There is no medical research on this that I could find. However, there is always ventilation in our churches, and they are very large spaces. Only a small amount of charcoal is ever burnt, and a small amount of incense. I am informed that the "smoke" from the incense is largely vapour from the incense resin, which is water-based. It is also worth pointing out that if we are concerned about the risks of "holy smoke" we should also direct our attention to the altar candles and votive candles which also emit smoke. It is priests who are most at risk from the use of incense and candles since they are at closer proximity to these things than anyone. I am not aware that there is any evidence of the adverse effect of the use of these on priests. In fact, on the contrary, my pension provider has informed me that my average life expectancy as a Catholic priest is eighty-five- way above the average life-expectancy of people in other occupations. Maybe a little holy smoke does no harm. If you are still concerned, please remember that there are plenty of Masses in which incense is never used (6pm St. Bernadette's 8.30am St. Norbert's). You can also sit well away from the front to minimize any potential risk or discomfort.

**In your charity please pray for**

Freda Tompkinson 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.

**2022/2023 Financial Year End Reports**

Copies are available at the back of the Churches and on display on the noticeboards. There has been some improvement in the financial situation for both Scunthorpe Churches since 2021/2022. However, we still need to be cautious in the current economic climate—particularly with the significant increases in energy costs and prices generally.

**Second Collection: Evangelii Gaudium Sunday 17 September 2023** previously known as *Home Mission Sunday*

**Preparing for the Jubilee Year in Faith and Prayer**  
 "Evangelii Gaudium" is Latin for "Joy of the Gospel". The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference.

A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis' calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior through:

Reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023.

Deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord's Prayer, in 2024.

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For more information please read the insert enclosed.

**Bishop Patrick—Consultation Update**

... I recognise from your feedback that, while there is recognition that diocesan communication has greatly improved over the past year or so, there needs to be more regular communication across the diocese. Feedback also suggested that work needs to be done on simplifying how we convey our spiritual themes, encounter, discipleship and missionary discipleship. I am currently working on this. There was also an understanding of the financial needs across our diocese, especially prioritising parishes, and the feedback indicated that parishioners and clergy are willing to be supportive of a fundraising initiative.

A copy of this update in full is enclosed.

**School admissions**

to Catholic Secondary Academies (Year 7) - children born between 01/09/2012 and 31/08/2013. The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is 31<sup>st</sup> October

2023. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you should also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school).

**St Bernadette's Parish Centre**

**Confirmation Classes** - Friday nights 7-8pm  
 Classes have now resumed at St Bernadette's  
**Bible Study Group**—Every Monday from 25th September 7:30pm—9:00pm. If you are interested please sign the list at the back of the churches so that we can print enough resources. Please bring your own bible.

**Ladies Guild Closure**

At the Ladies Guild AGM held on 6<sup>th</sup> September it was with great disappointment the decision was taken to close the Guild meetings. The ladies Guild has run for 45 years and we wish to express our gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the true and loyal members present and to all who have supported and attended Guild meetings throughout the years. The Guild has donated their remaining funds: £100 to St Bernadette's Parish and £91.43 to the SVP.

**Walsingham visit -Saturday 23rd September 2023**  
 7.00am departure from Holy Souls' Church. Telephone 07936474181 to book a seat. Cost £17.

**Life Appeal—collection box at St Bernadette's**

Badges for sale at £1 each. Monies raised through the appeal will provide a woman who is unsure if she is pregnant with a free pregnancy test and access to Life pregnancy support services.

**Volunteers to help required**

Wednesday Bingo Sessions at St Bernadette's Parish Centre. If you are able to spare an hour and a half to serve refreshments and wash up, your help will be gratefully appreciated.

**St Bernadette's Missio Red Boxes**

Can boxholders please hand them into the Sacristy; these will be emptied and returned in due course. Thank you

**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