



**The Catholic Parishes of Holy Souls' and
St Bernadette's, Scunthorpe and St Norbert's, Crowle
Mass Timetable for week beginning
Fourth Sunday of the Year - 28th January 2024**

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Date/Of the Day	Holy Souls	St Bernadette's	St Norbert's
Saturday, 27th <i>Our Lady</i>	-	3.15 to 4.15 pm Exposition and Confessions 4.30 pm (Vigil) Mass Timothy, Dorothy & Michael O'Brien RIP	-
Sunday, 28th January 2024 <i>Fourth Sunday of the Year</i>	10.00 am Mass Teresa Ximenes	9.30 am Polish Mass Polish Priest Intentions 11.30 am Mass Derek Haith RIP	8.30 am Mass Mrs R Kelsey RIP and a private intention
Monday, 29th <i>Feria</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, 30th <i>Feria</i>	9.30 am Mass Barbara & Jeff Kirkham RIP	-	-
Wednesday, 31st <i>St John Bosco</i>	-	-	10.30 Mass David Lyons RIP
Thursday, 1st February <i>Feria</i>	-	9.30 am Mass Monier RIP	-
First Friday, 2nd - The Presentation of The Lord	-	6.00 pm Mass Bill Grimes RIP	-
Saturday, 3rd <i>Our Lady</i>	-	4.30 pm (Vigil) Mass Brian Hunt Intentions	-
Sunday, 4th February 2024 <i>Fifth Sunday of the Year</i>	10.00 am Mass Mary & Bernard Dooley RIP	9.30 am Polish Mass Polish Priest Intentions 11.30 am Mass John Mahon RIP 3.00 pm Syro-Malabar Mass	8.30 am Mass Gerry Armstrong 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

Pope Francis - Thought of the Week

'Overwhelmed by a ton of words, we let the Word of God slip by us. We hear it, but we fail to listen to it. We listen to it, but we don't keep it. We keep it, but we fail to let it provoke us to change. We need to stop being "deaf" to God's Word.'

The Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2024

For the terminally ill. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Safeguarding Representatives

St Bernadette's: Janice Moran/Barbara Faulds 07513 725545
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Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator:
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**A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer
Fourth Sunday of the Year**

All human suffering is sacred to God. So prays the prayer of Psalm 56: "You have kept an account of my wanderings; you have kept a record of my tears! Are they not written in your book?" (v. 8). Before God we are not strangers, or numbers. We are faces and hearts, known one by one, by name.

To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

The Presentation - 2nd February

The Mosaic Law prescribed not only the offering up of the first born male child to God, but also the purification of the mother. Mary, being conceived without original sin, needed no such purification. However, in humility, she submitted to the requirements of the Jewish law without any outward protest. She is an example to us of how to pass unnoticed amongst mankind with our hearts on fire with love for God. Mary shows us how to live our lives as ordinary citizens, observing the same duties and exercising the same rights. When we turn to look at our own behaviour, how often have we sought special treatment even though we have done nothing to deserve it. As well as being Mary's feast, the Presentation is also a feast of Our Lord. Although he is a tiny infant during the events we remember today, he is still "a light of revelation to the Gentiles." Turning once more to Our Lady, she would like us to purify our hearts today, making an offering of ourselves which is pleasing to God. The Lord only asks that we be humble, that we go to him in sacramental confession when necessary, and that we have a firm resolve to sin no more. Meditating on today's feast St Alphonsus Liguori explained Mary's power with use of a legend from antiquity: Plutarch relates that Antipater wrote a long letter to Alexander the Great of accusations against his mother Olympias. Alexander answered "Does not Antipater know that one tear of my mother is enough to cancel an endless number of letters of accusation?" St Alphonsus takes these words and puts them on the lips of Jesus: "Does not Lucifer know that one prayer of my mother, in favour of a sinner, is enough to make me forget all the accusations of offences committed against me?" So let's approach Jesus, just as Simeon did on this feast, through Mary, and in Mary's arms. She is our mother who will make a favourable account of us to her divine Son.

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.

St Bernadette's Parish Centre Events

- **Refreshments and chat** - every week after the 11.30 am Sunday Mass.
- **Bible Study Group** - every Monday from 7.30 to 9.00 pm. Please bring your own bible.

Nottingham's Annual Light Trail

Come and experience the Cathedral like never before. Its breath-taking gothic revival architecture will be illuminated, there will be live choral and organ performances throughout the evening, and the opportunity for families to make lanterns thanks to a new collaboration with Nottingham Playhouse. All are welcome on **Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd February** from 5.30 to 10.00pm.

St Bernadette's PPC Meeting

Tuesday, 6th February at 7.00 pm in the Parish Centre.

SVP Eucharistic Service and Lunch

On Tuesday, 13th February at 12.00 noon there will be a Eucharistic Service in St Bernadette's Church, followed by pie

and peas at Carvers Restaurant at 12.30 pm. Please contact Lee or Susan to confirm attendance on 07419 337664 or 07745 499850.

Young Adults' Retreat

Jesus Youth is organising a **Young Adults' Retreat** for those aged 18-23 at The Briars, Matlock (DE4 5BW), on the weekend of 23rd to 25th February. Join this Catholic Youth Weekend, to explore deeper into aspects of Gender and Identity through the core theme for the weekend, the reality that we are 'Created For Love'. To register, visit: <https://forms.gle/2JCX9JWCQRBdi21g7>

Upcoming Second Collection

Sunday, 25th February 2024 CAFOD Fast Day

The 100 Club

The first monthly draw for £100 will take place on Sunday, 25th February. There are still numbers available so if you wish to participate please complete a form as soon as possible. The cost is £5 per month by standing order, or £60 for the full year payable by cheque or cash. Application forms are available at the back of each Church.

Vacancies

- ⇒ The Diocese of Nottingham is currently recruiting for a **Land and Buildings Officer** and for a **Compliance and Support Property Officer**. Details can be found at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers or contact Rachael Oxspring on 01159 539845. The closing date is Monday 12th February.
- ⇒ **Part-time Adult Faith Formation Coordinator** at Holy Family Parish, Nottingham. Due to the current post-holder's retirement, applications are invited for this exciting and developing role. For information contact Diane Williams, Community Coordinator: 01159 118266, email: ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk. The closing date is Monday 26th February.

Refugee Settlement

The Garthorpe Village Hall Management Committee invite members of St Norbert's, St Bernadette's and Holy Souls' to an event featuring "Refugee Settlement in North Lincolnshire". It features a presentation, followed by discussion, to be given by the Refugee Settlement Officers of North Lincolnshire Council. The event takes place on Wednesday 7th February at Garthorpe Village Hall, Shore Road, Garthorpe, DN17 4AD at 7.00 pm. There will be an entry charge of £3, which includes a glass of wine, tea or coffee.

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