



**The Catholic Parishes of Holy Souls' and  
St Bernadette's, Scunthorpe and St Norbert's, Crowle  
Mass Timetable for week beginning  
Second Sunday of Advent - 8th December 2024**

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Date/Of the Day	Holy Souls	St Bernadette's	St Norbert's
<b>Saturday, 7th St Ambrose</b>	-	5.15 to 5.45 pm Confessions and Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass Elsie Grimes RIP	-
<b>Sunday, 8th December 2024 Second Sunday of Advent</b>	10.00 am Mass	9.30 am Polish Mass Polish Priest Intentions 11.30 am Mass Maureen Heanue RIP	8.30 am Mass Barbara Kirkham RIP
<b>Monday, 9th The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	-	9.30 am Mass St Bernadette's Academy	-
<b>Tuesday, 10th Advent Feria</b>	9.30 am Mass Margaret Windsor RIP	-	-
<b>Wednesday, 11th Advent Feria</b>	-	-	10.30 am Mass Ian Tonge RIP
<b>Thursday, 12th Advent Feria</b>	-	-	-
<b>Friday, 13th St Lucy</b>	-	-	-
<b>Saturday, 14th St John of The Cross</b>	-	6.00 pm Vigil Mass Susan Hoban RIP	-
<b>Sunday, 15th December 2024 Third Sunday of Advent</b>	10.00 am Mass Edward Brzozowski RIP	9.30 am Polish Mass Polish Priest Intentions 11.30 am Mass Joe Murphy RIP 3.00 pm Mass Syro-Malabar Mass	8.30 am Mass George Duffield 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 on X**

'Jesus gives us freedom, but He does not abandon us. He corrects us when we fall, but He never ceases to love us. If we wish Him to, He will raise us up from the ground, so that we can continue our journey joyfully.'



**The Pope's Prayer Intention  
December 2024**

**December: For Pilgrims of Hope.** So that this Jubilee strengthens us in faith, helps us recognize Christ risen in our lives, and transforms us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

**Safeguarding Representatives**

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**Canon's Catechism**

**What does my faith have to do with the Church?**

These days a lot of people seem to think that faith is an entirely private matter between themselves and God. Although faith is indeed a personal matter, we cannot believe only as isolated individuals because we all share the faith which the Sacred Tradition of the Church has handed down to us from the apostles. This is why the Nicene Creed in its original Greek begins with the words "We Believe" and not "I believe." It is impossible to be a Catholic Christian without recognizing that the Church has a divine authority coming from Jesus himself which safeguards the truths of our faith, and actually supports our faith. Certain other Christians may say that the Bible alone is the divine authority they turn to. However, the Bible did not fall from heaven. It emerged as part of a historical process and the books of the Bible were finally approved as sacred scripture by the authority of the Catholic Church in the fourth century. The Bible itself testifies to the importance of the Church. In the Gospels we see Jesus carefully preparing the disciples to be the future leaders of his church, a church which he mentions several times (cf Mt 16:18, 18:17, 18: 17). He also gives the apostles, the first leaders of the Church, the gift of discernment of truth (Jn 16:13). In St Paul's first letter to Timothy, the apostle bears witness to the fact that faith is based on the lived belief of the entire Church. The Church itself is called "the pillar and foundation of truth." (1 Tim 3:15). Therefore Catholic Christians believe in the Church as a divinely founded guide to the truths of our salvation.

**Quote of the Week:**

*"Banish the fear of death and think of the eternal life that follows it. That will show people that we really live out our faith. We ought never to forget, beloved, that we have renounced the world. We are living here and now as aliens and only for a time. When the day of our homecoming puts an end to our exile, frees us from the bonds of the world, and restores us to paradise and to a kingdom we should welcome it. What man stationed in a foreign land, would not want to return to his country as soon as possible? Well, we look upon paradise as our country, and a great crowd of our loved ones awaits us there, a countless throng of parents, brothers and children longs for us to join them... .. What joy for them and for us to see one another and embrace."*

St Cyprian, Sermon on man's mortality

**In your charity please pray for**

Pamela Readhead, Mary Mahon 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.

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**The Gift of Presence: Peace**

God of Peace, prepare our hearts this Advent. Help us to remove the barriers that prevent us from experiencing Your peace. Teach us to share Your peace with those around us, becoming instruments of Your justice and reconciliation. Amen.

**Mandatory Second Collection**

Taken up this weekend for Poor and Needy Parishes.

**St Bernadette's Diary Dates**

- ⇒ St Bernadette's Children's Liturgy Group . Sunday Mass
- ⇒ Bible study - Monday at 7:30 pm.

**Holy Souls' PPC Meeting**

Next Monday, 9th December in the Sacristy at 7.00 pm.

**SVP Christmas Lunch**

**Tuesday 10th December.** Carols in Church at 11.30 am performed by St Bernadette's School Choir followed by Eucharistic service at 12 noon. Christmas lunch group in parish centre at 12.30 pm - 3 course lunch and entertainment. The cost is £10 per person. Please contact Patricia 07813 075935 or Lee 07419 337664 if you wish to attend the lunch group or donate raffle prizes.

**"A Christmas Carol by Candlelight"**

St Bede's are hosting a Christmas production "A Christmas Carol by Candlelight" on **Monday 16th December**. Tickets are priced at £2.50 each and are available from the school office. Doors will open at 5:15 pm for refreshments and the performance begins at 6.00 pm.

**Jubilee 2025**

The Jubilee will be opened in our Diocese by Bishop Patrick on 29th December 2024. Prayer cards and The Jubilee Companion Booklet 'Pilgrims of Hope' will be available next week.

**First Holy Communion Applications**

Both the Holy Souls' and St Bernadette's First Holy Communion programmes will commence in the new year for children who are in Year 4 and above and are baptised Catholic. Application forms are available at the back of each Church and should be returned by **10th January 2025**.

**School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies**

**(Reception class)**

Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 the deadline for submitting applications for a school place is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. Application forms are available on 'home' Local Authority websites. For every Catholic school application where a child is to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion there should also be a supplementary information form, completed and returned to the school by the deadline; these forms are available from the LA and the school. Applicants must also include the supporting evidence as required with this form, eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable; contact the parish of baptism for a copy if needed, in good time). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean the child is ranked in a lower criterion, which may affect chances of a place.

**St Barnabas Cathedral Choir**

**Bach's St John Passion**

**Saturday 29th March at 7.45 pm.** A QR code is available on the poster at the back of Church, together with a 20% discount for bookings before Christmas.

**Christmas Mass Times**

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	4.30 pm	Holy Souls'
	6.00 pm	St Bernadette's
	11.30 pm	St Bernadette's
<b>Christmas Day</b>	8.00 am	St Bernadette's
	9.30 am	St Norbert's
	11.00 am	Holy Souls'
<b>26th December</b>	11.00 am	St Bernadette's