



The Catholic Parishes of Holy Souls' and St Bernadette's, Scunthorpe and St Norbert's, Crowle  
**Mass Timetable for week beginning  
 The Nativity of The Lord - 25th December 2024**

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Date/Of the Day	Holy Souls	St Bernadette's	St Norbert's
<b>Tuesday, 24th Advent Feria</b>	10.00 to 11.00 am Confessions 4.30 pm Vigil Mass People of the Parish 12:00 Midnight Polish Mass Polish Priest Intentions	6.00 pm Vigil Mass Mary Morrissey RIP 8.00 pm Mass Syro-Malabar Mass 11.30 pm Vigil Mass Margaret Jackson RIP	-
<b>Wednesday, 25th The Nativity of The Lord</b>	11.00 am Mass Canon Matthew Intentions	8.00 am Mass People of the Parish 9:30 am Polish Mass Polish Priest Intentions	9.30 am Mass People of the Parish
<b>Thursday, 26th St Stephen</b>	11.00 am Polish Mass Polish Priest Intentions	11.00 am Mass Pat Hoban RIP	-
<b>Friday, 27th St John, Apostle</b>	-	-	-
<b>Saturday, 28th The Holy Innocents</b>	1.00 pm Mass For East Timorese Community	6.00 pm Vigil Mass Mr Joe Glynn RIP	-
<b>Sunday, 29th December 2024 The Holy Family</b>	10.00 am Mass Matthias & Doris Kempen RIP	9.30 am Polish Mass Polish Priest Intentions 11.30 am Mass Andrew & Daniela Blackburn Intention	8.30 am Mass David & Josie Till 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)



**Christmas Offerings**  
 The Christmas Offering collections will take place during the Christmas Octave Masses and are your gift to our Parish Priest. Please remember that the collection goes to the priest as he does not receive a salary from the Church. Envelopes are available at the back of our Churches.

**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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**A message from Canon Matthew**

We are shortly going to celebrate the birthday of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ on Wednesday. Please note that there will be **extra confessions** this week on Monday at 7.00 to 8.00 pm at St Bernadette's and on Tuesday between 10.00 and 11.00 am. See the liturgy table for this as well. After this we will be celebrating Christmas itself, the Feast of the Incarnation. Thereafter we will be in the Octave of Christmas celebrating the birth of Christ, in eight days of rest and feasting after Christmas Day. The number eight represents eternity, and so these special eight days are intended by the Church as a reminder to us of the eternal rest and joy we will one day experience in the heavenly kingdom. They are there in other words to strengthen our Christian hope in eternal life.

May God bless you and your families in this holy time, and grant peace upon your homes.

**Quote of the Week:**

"There was no room for them in the inn". Prayerful reflection over these words has highlighted an inner parallel between this saying and the profoundly moving words from St John's Prologue: "He came to his own home, and his own people received him not" (1:11). For the Saviour of the world, for him in whom all things were created (Col 1.16) there was no room. "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has no where to lay his head." (Mt 8.20). He who was crucified outside the city (Heb 13:12) also came into the world outside the city. This should cause us to reflect - it points towards the reversal of values found in the figure of Jesus Christ and his message. From the moment of his birth, he belongs outside the realm of what is important and powerful in worldly terms. Yet it is this unimportant and powerless child who proves to be the truly powerful one, the one on whom ultimately everything depends."

Pope Benedict XVI The Infancy Narratives. Jesus of Nazareth. pp 66-67

**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.

**The Nativity of The Lord  
 The Gift of Your Presence: The Nativity**

On Christmas Day, the long-anticipated promise is fulfilled: the Word becomes flesh and dwells among us. In the Gospel, John presents the mystery of the Incarnation, inviting us to marvel at God's love made visible in Jesus Christ. Isaiah's prophecy speaks of good news and joy, echoed by the Psalm's proclamation of salvation to the ends of the earth. Today, we celebrate not only Christ's birth in Bethlehem but His ongoing presence among us. Christmas is a day of light breaking through the darkness, of peace and joy entering the human story. It is an invitation to receive Christ anew in our hearts and to share the message of salvation with the world.

**Notices/Forthcoming Activities at St Bernadette's**

- \* **From Monday, 23rd December to Sunday, 5th January 2025**, the Adoration Chapel will be closed. It will re-open on Monday 6th January 2025.
- \* **Thursday, 26th December** (St Stephen's Day) at 11.00 am - Altar Servers Mass. Altar servers are expected to attend; their families and other parishioners are also most welcome to attend.

**Jubilee 2025**



The Jubilee will be opened in our Diocese by Bishop Patrick on 29th December 2024. The Jubilee Companion Booklet 'Pilgrims of Hope' is available at the back of our Churches.

**Get Jubilee Ready**

Join CAFOD online on **Saturday 18th January 2025** from 10.30 am until 12.00 noon for **Get Jubilee Ready**, a general introduction to the Jubilee Year with some special guests. Hear what Jubilee years are all about, how we're celebrating

as a global and national Church, and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. Visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/a-year-of-hope-an-introduction-to-the-jubilee-year>

**St Bernadette's Weekly Bingo**

The next weekly Bingo will be held on Thursday 2nd January 2025.

**First Holy Communion Applications**

Application forms are available at the back of each Church and should be returned to **Holy Souls' by 22nd December 2024** and to **St Bernadette's by 10th January 2025**. The Holy Souls' programme begins on 21st January - letter to follow.

**School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies  
 (Reception class)**

Children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 the deadline for submitting applications for a school place is **15th 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.

**Every Day Evangelising**

**Explore sharing your faith**

Join Bishop Patrick on Saturday 25th January (10.00 am to 3:30 pm) at Holy Trinity Parish, Newark, for a day focused on how we can share our faith in simple ways every day! The day will be led by Deacon David Palmer (Birmingham Archdiocese) who will help us develop ways to live our baptismal calling to be Jesus' ambassadors in the world. There is no cost to the day but please bring a packed lunch. Book your place at [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/every-day-evangelising](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/every-day-evangelising)

**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.

**Incense and Charcoal**

We are trialling a new incense and charcoal over the coming weeks in Holy Souls and St Bernadette's Churches and we would welcome any feedback as to your opinion on this.