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Date/Of the Day	Holy Souls	St Bernadette's	St Norbert's
Saturday, 26th Saturday within the Octave of Easter		5.00 to 5.45 pm Exposition and Confession 6.00 pm Mass Mary McFadden RIP	-
Sunday 27th April 2025 Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	10.00 am Mass Davide Madeo RIP	9.30 am Polish Mass Polish Priest's Intention 11.30 am Mass Michael Harrington RIP 1.00 pm Baptism 3.00 pm Divine Mercy Devotions	8.30 am Mass Tom Sarsfield RIP
Monday, 28th St George	-	9.30 am Mass Trudy Laughton RIP	-
Tuesday, 29th St Catherine of Siena	9.30 am Mass David & Josie Till RIP 1.00 pm Funeral Mass Helena Horodecki RIP	11.00 am Funeral Service Kevin Morrissey RIP	7.00 pm Mass Pope Francis RIP The Church will be open until 9 pm
Wednesday, 30th Easter Feria	9.00 am to 1.00 pm - the Church will be open for private prayer	-	10.30 am Mass School Mass - Jean Jackson RIP
Thursday, 1st May 2025 Easter Feria	-	-	-
First Friday, 2nd St Athanasius	9.30 am Mass followed by Exposition and Confession until 10.30 am Helen Mellers Intention	6.30 pm Mass Pope Francis RIP The Church will be open until 9 pm	-
Saturday, 3rd Sts Philip & James	12.00 noon - Melwood Pilgrimage at Low Melwood Farm		
		6.00 pm Mass Patrick McGinlay RIP	
Sunday 4th May 2025 Third Sunday of Easter	10.00 am Mass Mary & Bernard Dooley RIP	9.30 am Polish Mass Polish Priest's Intention 11.30 am Mass Mr Derek Haith RIP	8.30 am Mass Gertie Coates 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



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Franciscus Jorge Mario Bergoglio 13.ĬII.2013 - 21.IV.2025

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth.

through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

In your charity please pray for

Pope Francis, Kevin Morrissey, Helena Horodecki and a 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 Could you be a Briars Ambassador for 12 months? The 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 Solemnity of St George Patron of England by Canon Matthew

On Monday we celebrate the Solemnity of St George. The two things that most people would say about him - that he slew a dragon and is the patron of England - are I'm afraid based on misunderstandings.

St George had been venerated for centuries by the Eastern Church as one of the greatest martyrs before ever people in the West associated him with fighting dragons. The most likely explanation for the dragon is that an early account of his life refers to the Emperor Diocletian as "that dragon. He was the one who had St George executed. George's defiance of Diocletian was later depicted in a story - that he had stood up to and slain a dragon. In other words, he had stood firm in his faith despite all the might and cruelty of the Roman Emperor.

The historical St George was a soldier who was martyred for his faith in about the year 303. Apart from this very little is known of him. St George became a useful saint in the West, as Europe tried to impose Christian values of justice and far play on the battlefield (otherwise known as chivalry). In II Thank you to the Missio boxholders who, over the past year, modern warfare we can see how important these values have generously donated: actually are as a safeguard of human rights and dignity. St George became the patron, not so much of England, as of the

English armies. English soldiers began to wear the arms of St George - a red cross on a white background. The patrons of England remained what they had always been - Our Lady and St Edward the Confessor. Beside them, however St George emerged as a saintly protector of the realm. Gradually therefore, St George became our primary patron saint. The qualities traditionally ascribed to St George were courage, a sense of justice, respect for the Church and a concern for the poor. These qualities, we would hope, all English people, and people of all nations, would wish to emulate.

Let's remember to turn to the patron of England, St George, and ask him to defend this country against all evil, injustice and disease. We need his help now more than ever in the fight against the forces of evil, both seen and unseen.

St Bernadette's Church/Parish Centre

- Children's Liturgy Group resumes next Sunday 4th May
- **Bible Study** resumes Monday 28th April at 7.30 pm..
- First Holy Communion continues this Wednesday from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm.

St Bernadette's Adoration Chapel

re-opens on Monday, 28th April.

St Augustine Melwood Pilgrimage May 3rd 2025

next Saturday, at Low Melwood Farm (on the road between Epworth/Owston Ferry, DN9 1AD). The Rosary Procession begins at 12 noon followed by Mass. Don't forget your chair, picnic (optional) and appropriate footwear.

Celebrate the Jubilee at WeBelieve

a festival of Catholic Life gathering the Church to share the hope that we have in Christ. From Friday 25th to Monday **28th July**, join them for four days of music, keynotes, conversation and worship at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees OP and many more. Early Bird Tickets are available now at www.webelievefestival.com

Missio Mass

The Nottingham Diocesan Missio Mass in thanksgiving for all Missio's volunteers and supporters will be celebrated at St Winefride's Church, Charnwood Road, Shepshed LE12 9QF, on Saturday 10th May at 3.00 pm. Bishop Patrick will celebrate the Mass, joined by Fr Anthony Chantry (Missio National Director) and Fr Patrick Bassey (Diocesan Director for Missio). All are warmly welcome.

Briars Ambassador

Friends of The Briars is hosting an Ambassadors' Day for those interested in becoming a Briars Ambassador, on Saturday 7th June between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm at The Briars, DE4 5BW. For more information visit ndcys.com/friends-of-the-briars/

Health Team

The Health Team who support the Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage is in need of some additional experienced team members for this year's pilgrimage. If you, or someone you know, is a currently Registered Nurse or trained and experienced Care Worker, who may be interested and can commit to being available for this year's Jubilee Pilgrimage between Monday 14th and Friday 18th July, as well as for a couple of training days on Sunday 15th and Saturday 28th June, please contact Deacon David Knight at david@sthughslincoln.org.uk for more details.

Society of St Gregory

The Society of St Gregory is hosting a Summer School between Wednesday 30th July and Saturday 2nd August with the theme of Jubilee and Hope reflected in the liturgies and music, providing an opportunity to reflect on how to take the message of hope back to our parish communities. Further details from summerschool@ssg.org.uk

Missio Red Boxes

St Bernadette's £1,563.30 Holy Souls' £763.00