



The Parish of the Lincolnshire Martyrs
[Holy Souls' and St Bernadette's, Scunthorpe
and St Norbert's, Crowle]

Mass Timetable for the week beginning
Fourth Sunday of Advent - 21st December 2025

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Date/Of the Day	Holy Souls	St Bernadette's	St Norbert's
Saturday, 20th Advent FERIA	-	5.00 pm Exposition and Confession 6.00 pm Vigil Mass Patrick Kelly RIP	-
Sunday 21st December 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent	10.00 am Mass Roberto Barberini RIP	9.30 am Polish Mass Polish Priest's Intention 11.30 am Mass - <i>Livestreamed</i> Maria I Cabala & Family RIP 3.00 pm Mass Syro-Malabar Mass	8.30 am Mass TBA
Monday, 22nd Advent FERIA	-	9.30 am Mass 6.00 to 7.00 pm Confession	-
Tuesday, 23rd Advent FERIA	9.30 am Mass McKee Family Intention 5.30 to 6.30 pm Confession		-
Wednesday, 24th Advent FERIA	4.30 pm Vigil Mass People of the Parish	6.00 pm Vigil Mass— <i>Livestreamed</i> Mary Morrissey RIP 11.30 pm Mass People of the Parish	10.00 to 11.00 am Confession
Thursday, 25th The Nativity of The Lord	11.00 am Mass Deacon Bernard and Maureen Croft	8.00 am Mass Raymond Baxter RIP	9.30 am Mass TBA
Friday, 26th St Stephen	-	11.00 am Mass John & Joan McCaffrey RIP	-
Saturday, 27th St John	-	6.00 pm Vigil Mass Michael & John Keane RIP	-
Sunday 28th December 2025 The Holy Family	10.00 am Mass Matthias & Doris Kempen RIP	9.30 am Polish Mass Polish Priest's Intention 11.30 am Mass - <i>Livestreamed</i> Pat Hoban RIP	8.30 am Mass TBA

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

Our Local Catholic Schools

Primary: St Augustine Webster Catholic Voluntary Academy, Baildon Rd, Scunthorpe, DN15 8BU 01724 843722
St Bernadette's Catholic Primary Voluntary Academy, Anne's Cres, 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

The Pope's Prayer Intention - December 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Safeguarding Representatives

St Bernadette's: Janice Moran/Barbara Faulds 07513 725545
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St Bernadette's Church - Sunday 11.30 am
and Holy Days of Obligation
<http://www.youtube.com/@stbernadetteschurch>

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.

A message from Canon Matthew

We are shortly going to celebrate the birthday of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Word of God made flesh. This was a totally gratuitous and unexpected intervention on the part of God. Our hearts should well up with joy and gratitude to Him for his generosity. To assist your spiritual preparation for Christmas, there will be **extra confessions** as shown on the Mass Schedule. (We hope to have a visiting priest to help on the first evening).

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 and to allow us time to rest and celebrate with friends and family.

May God bless you and your families in this holy time and grant peace upon your homes. Thank you for all your support and generosity to me over the last year.

St Bernadette's Church/Parish Centre

- * **Children's Liturgy Group** - resumes Sunday 11th January 11.30 am Mass.
- * **Bible Study** - resumes in the New Year.
- * **Knit & Natter** - resumes in the New Year.
- * **Youth Group** - for ages 10 to 18 (Year 6 to Year 13), 7.00 to 8.30 pm on the last Friday of every month.
- * **Confirmation Preparation** - resumes next term (every Friday during term time from 7.00 to 8.00 pm).

Holy Souls' Church – Bumper Christmas Raffle

Please come along and support our bumper Christmas raffle, the proceeds of which are for Church funds. The raffle will be drawn this Sunday, 21st, in the Parish Hall. Refreshments and mince pies will also be served.

St Bernadette's Church Christmas Clean

Monday 22nd December after 9:30 am Mass; please come along and help ready the Church for Christmas. Thank you.

St Bernadette's Adoration Chapel

will be closed from Monday 22nd December 2025 and will re-open Monday 5th January 2026.

St Bernadette's Church – Altar Servers

A reminder to all altar servers, at St Bernadette's Church, that there is a meeting after the 9.30 am Mass next Monday, 22nd December. Please make every effort to attend. Thank you.

Future Second Collections

- ⇒ 11th January 2026 Sick and Retired Priests Fund
- ⇒ Lent Station Mass Bishop's Charitable Purposes
- ⇒ 1st March 2026 CAFOD Lent Fast Day
- ⇒ 3rd April 2026 Holy Places of Palestine

Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea)

At this time of year we usually send gifts to the Seafarers Centre at Immingham to show our appreciation of the work the seafarers do for us, far from home. Toiletries, socks, gloves, playing cards, sweets or chocolates are all welcome; these can be left in the Sacristy.

Holy Souls' Church - Livestreaming of Masses

Cabling work has begun at Holy Souls' to enable livestreaming of some Masses and Services in the future; this work will continue in the New Year. Further updates will follow in due course.

"Peace be with you all:

Towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace"

The theme of Pope Leo XIV's Message for the World Day of Peace (1st January 2026) invites humanity to reject the logic of violence and war, and to embrace an authentic peace based on love and justice. This peace must be unarmed, that is, not based on fear, threats or weapons. And it must be disarming, capable of resolving conflicts, opening hearts and generating mutual trust, empathy and hope. It is not enough to call for peace; we must embody it in a way of life that rejects every form of violence, whether it be visible or systemic. The greeting of the Risen Christ, "Peace be with you" (*John* 20:19), is an invitation addressed to everyone - believers, non-believers, political leaders and citizens - to build the Kingdom of God and to work together to build a humane and peaceful future.

School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies

(Reception Year)

Children born between 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022. The deadline for submitting an application for a school place is 15th January 2026. 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). You must also include the supporting *evidence** as required with this form, ie a baptism certificate (photocopies are acceptable; contact the parish of baptism if you don't have a copy but please note there may be a charge for this); failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place.

ACN Petition

According to Aid to the Church in Need 5.4 billion people (2/3 of the world's population) live in countries where **individuals and entire communities suffer violations of religious freedom**. More than 220 million Christians are at direct risk of persecution. In response, ACN has initiated a petition calling on governments around the world to implement in full Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the gold standard of religious liberty - the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, the right to change religion and the right to manifest religion in teaching, practice, worship and observance. Parishioners are invited to stand with persecuted Christians and all those who suffer for their beliefs by signing the ACN Article 18 petition, by visiting: <https://acnuk.org/article-18-petition-religious-freedom-human-right-not-privilege>. Please continue to pray for all those who suffer for their faith.

Used Stamps – Lindsey Lodge Hospice

Lindsey Lodge Hospice are no longer collecting used stamps, however we are trying to find another charity which may benefit from them so do please keep saving them. Instead, Lindsey Lodge are now accepting used batteries and foreign coins and there are marked boxes at the back of church where these can be dropped off. Thank you for your continued support.

Volunteers Still Needed

Holy Souls Warm Welcome Space

We are soon hoping to open a community drop-in at Holy Souls' parish hall; a weekly 'open house' offering refreshment, friendship, belonging and support. Would you like to help us plan it, or could you volunteer to help out once it's open? To find out more or to volunteer, please contact Mark Barnaby on 07985 653292. Thank you.

December 100 Club Draw/Bonus Draw

Monthly	1st prize	£135	Ticket No 96
	2nd prize	£60	Ticket No 74
Bonus Draw		£1000	Ticket No 46

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 now available at the back of of each Church.