

## Readings for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

### First Reading

Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, Say this to Aaron and his sons: This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Ps: 66:2-3, 5, 6, 8**

**[R]: Oh God, be gracious and bless us.**

### Second Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father,' and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!*

### Gospel Reading

Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told. When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

**The Gospel of the Lord**



## The Reminder

Sunday 1st January 2012

Mary, Mother of God

Year B

Holy Souls' Presbytery

Frodingham Road

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Holy Souls' Catholic Church

### Mass Timetable for the Week

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Intention</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 31st December 2011 <i>7th Day of Octave</i>	<b>No 9.30 am Mass</b> 10.30 am Polish 5.30 pm Winterton 5.30 pm	- Polish Priest's Intentions Betty Wolkowski RIP Valerie King RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 1st January 2012 <i>Mary, Mother of God</i>	10.00 am 5.00 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Downey Family RIP Polish Priest's Intentions People of the Parish
<b>Monday - Sts Basil The Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen</b>	10.00 am	Ron & Kathleen Stapleton RIP
<b>Tuesday - The Most Holy Name of Jesus</b>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Peter Quinn RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>Christmastide Feria</i>	12 noon	Matthew Keyes RIP
<b>Thursday</b> <i>Christmastide Feria</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Niland Family Intentions Polish Priest's Intentions
<b>First Friday</b> <i>Christmastide Feria</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish 7.00 pm Luddington	Hetty McCaul RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Private Intention
<b>Saturday</b> 7th January 2012 <i>Christmastide Feria</i>	9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 5.30 pm Winterton 5.30 pm	Michael & Margaret Hallahan RIP Polish Priest's Intentions People of the Parish Michael Clark RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 8th January 2012 <i>Epiphany of Our Lord</i>	9.30 am 5.00 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Geoff Rigg RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Rose Guilfoyle RIP
<b>Rosary</b>	<i>20 minutes before Mass Monday to Friday</i> <i>Saturday after 10.30 am Mass</i>	
<b>Confessions</b>	<i>Saturday 11.00 am-12 noon; 4.30 pm-5.00 pm</i>	
<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	<i>Wednesday 12.30-1.30 pm concluding with Benediction</i> <i>Saturday 4.30-5.15 pm concluding with Benediction</i>	

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*Fr Eddy & Deacon Bernard wish you many Blessings for the New Year. Particular thanks for the generous gifts bestowed on the clergy at this time.*

### Crib Offerings

This year our crib offerings will go to 'Faith in Families' and we will also send a donation to 'Missio' from our Mission Fund. If anyone has any suggestions for other children's charities we could support in future years please let Fr Eddy know.

### New Years Day

New Years Day 2012 falls on a Sunday and for that Sunday only the morning Mass will be changed to 10.00 am. Saturday evening and Sunday evening Masses will be at the usual times.

### Home from University

If you are home from Higher Education and have not received an invitation to the social gathering on Wednesday 4th January please let Fr Eddy know.

### New Website

We have a new parish website [www.holysoulsscunthorpe.co.uk](http://www.holysoulsscunthorpe.co.uk) It

is still in its early stages but has full details of the Christmas Masses on the home page and there is also a download section from where you can download the weekly reminder. Fr Eddy would be pleased to receive comments and especially any offers of help to develop the site further.

### Continuing the Conversation, Planning for the Future

It is now almost five weeks since the Centenary Mass and this weekend we will have celebrated Christmas. It will then be the time to resume the conversation that we began at our Parish Meeting back in October. I propose that we meet again on Monday 23rd January at 7.00 pm. We can review the Centenary Mass and Christmas and consider further plans for our Centenary year. We can also look more closely at the document from the Bishop, 'Living Stones'.

On Wednesday 25th January there will be an open Deanery Meeting which we are hosting at Holy Souls. This will consider how, as a Deanery, we can respond to 'Living Stones' and how we can work more closely together.

I would hope firstly that many parishioners will make an effort to be present on 23rd January, and secondly that from that meeting on the 23rd a group of parishioners can be nominated to represent the parish at the Deanery Meeting on the 25th.

I am giving these dates now so that people can enter them into their diaries in good time.

### Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis

A new course for existing Parish Catechists, or those who would like to learn more about being one, will take place on Wednesday evenings in Lincoln from January, or on Saturdays in Spalding from April. For further details see poster. If you are interested in doing this course please speak to Fr Eddy.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

There will be a united service at Centenary Methodist Church on Sunday 22nd January at 5.00 pm.

### Blessing of Homes and Families

Fr Eddy will make time during the next few weeks to visit and bless homes and families. There will be a list at the back of Church next weekend and people will be able to sign up for particular time slots.

### The Catholic News

There is an interesting article, with pictures, in The Catholic News (page 5) about the Parish Centenary Mass and blessing of the new Hall. There is also a column on page 9 about the Christmas Tree decorations from Bethlehem.

Copies of the Catholic News are available at the back of Church.

### Living Stones

The document can be read and downloaded from the diocesan website: [www.nottingham-diocese.org.uk](http://www.nottingham-diocese.org.uk) Fr Eddy has a few copies available for those who don't have internet access. Fr Eddy would particularly encourage those who expressed an interest in being part of a Parish Pastoral Council to take the time to read it.

### Hospital

If you wish to receive a visit from a priest while in hospital, or know someone who wishes to receive a visit, you **must explicitly request this**. Neither Fr Eddy or Deacon Bernard have access to patient lists produced by the hospital.

### Baptism of Children

If you have any questions about the baptism of children please speak to Fr Eddy or Deacon Bernard. Before agreeing to a Baptism there must be a well founded hope that the child will be brought up in the Catholic faith. This is best demonstrated by the faithful participation of the parents in Sunday Mass. If you live outside the parish you will also need the permission of your own Parish Priest.