



# The Church of The Holy Souls'

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## Mass Timetable for week beginning "Sixteenth Sunday"

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Intention
Sunday 19th July 2020	Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 11.00 am 4.30 pm Polish 7.00 pm 7.00 pm	Holy Souls' St Bernadette's Holy Souls' St Bernadette's Holy Souls; Holy Souls' St Bernadette's	Private Intention - Private Intention - Polish Priest's Intentions Clarke Family Deceased -
Monday 20th	Feria	9.30 am	St Bernadette's	-
Tuesday 21st	Feria	9.30 am	Holy Souls'	David Till RIP
Wednesday 22nd	St Mary Magdalene	9.30 am	St Bernadette's	-
Thursday 23rd	St Bridget of Sweden	9.30 am	Holy Souls'	Clarke Family Deceased
Friday 24th	Feria	9.30 am	St Bernadette's	-
Saturday 25th July 2020	St James Apostle <b>Mass times still to be confirmed</b>	9.30 am 6.00 pm 6.00 pm	Holy Souls' Holy Souls' St Bernadette's	Private Intention Private Intention -
Sunday 26th July 2020	Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time <b>Mass times still to be confirmed</b>	9.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 11.00 am 4.30 pm Polish 7.00 pm 7.00 pm	Holy Souls' St Bernadette's Holy Souls' St Bernadette's Holy Souls; Holy Souls' St Bernadette's	Private Intention - Private Intention - Polish Priest's Intentions Private Intention -

*Sadly, at this time, it will not be possible to celebrate public Masses at St Norbert's or St Thomas of Canterbury owing to social distancing requirements*



## Pope Francis 'Tweet of the Week'

'On the Day of Judgment we will not be judged for our ideas, but for the compassion we have shown to others.'

## Please pray for:

all those who have died recently, may they rest in peace; for their families at this difficult time; for those whose anniversaries occur at this time; for all who are sick and housebound.

## The Pope's Prayer Intention for July 2020:

Universal Prayer intention - *Our Families*. We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reflection: Matthew 13:24-30

Matthew follows up the parable of the sower with another parable of his own about different kinds of seed and sowing, focussed on the fact that the Church includes the bad as well as the good – or is it addressed to each of us, for each of us includes the bad as well as the good? It is no easy for the untutored eye to distinguish wheat from dandel, even in modern farming, despite the developments of modern wheat.

In any case, Matthew likes contrasting figures. We have already had several pairs of images at the end of the Sermon on the Mount, the broad road used and the narrow gate, etc. Many of his longer parables are based on such oppositions, the two sons, the guests at the wedding feast, and especially the parables of the coming judgement and the last judgement. On the whole his characters are rather caricatures of good and bad, with no more than the minimum of stark colouring, unlike Luke's characters who tend to be likeable rogues with both good and bad features (like ourselves!). Because of this the reader of Matthew is always aware that there will be a stark day of reckoning at the end, at harvest-time.

The parable of the dandel could almost be a continuation of the parable of the sower, an illustration of the different progresses of the seeds in action, the next stage after the sowing. In chapter 18 on the community Matthew shows that there are members of the community who put obstacles in the way of others; they are lost sheep who need to be reconciled; they are sinners who seek forgiveness but unwilling to forgive others. There are even those who need to be unfavourably judged. This is the mixed community in action! (HW)

Canon Geoffrey

This past two weekends for the first time since 20th March public Masses have once again been celebrated at Holy Souls' and St Bernadette's, Scunthorpe. My sincere thanks to a small, but dedicated group, who have spent many hours, burnt midnight oil preparing documentation, photographic evidence, deep-cleaning and rearranging furniture so that we were in a position to obtain the necessary permissions in line with Government and Diocesan Directives to open these two Parish Churches.

Each of the ten masses celebrated over these weekends have required teams of volunteer stewards and cleaners of at least a minimum of two people, preferably three, to ensure that the Churches could be made not only accessible, but primarily safe and secure for people to attend. Over the weekend approximately 8 hours have been spent cleaning after the Masses so that they were available for the next Mass.

Cardinal Nichols and Bishop Patrick acknowledged that initially not all Parish Churches would be able to open immediately for Public Worship. That is true. Currently St Thomas of Canterbury, Gainsborough, and St Norbert's, Crowle, along with many other Parish Churches and Chapels throughout the Diocese, have not opened *as yet*, be it for private prayer or Public Worship. However, over the coming weeks, in consultation with members of those communities, I hope to address how best to move forward and if at all possible consider what can be done.

We are still governed by a variety of restrictions, not least the directive from the Diocese that we are to maintain a 2 metre social distancing policy inside our Churches, that there should be separate entrances and exits and sufficient stewards and cleaners present.

Please be assured I am aware of the needs of our all our Parishes, but we must tread carefully, and ensure that we are guided and governed by the need to have safe and accessible Churches whereby we can celebrate the Mass and Sacraments in an environment that meets current regulations.

May I make an appeal – please consider volunteering as a steward or cleaner. You should be over the age of 18, have no underlying health problems, be isolating or caring for someone who is isolating. Full training and induction will be given.

The proposed Schedule of Masses from Saturday 18th July 2020 is shown opposite but this will be dependent on sufficient stewards and volunteers being available.

Bookings, via email to St Bernadette's (stbernadettesashby@gmail.com), or between 11.00 am and 1.00 pm via telephone; please leave a message if needs be.

Thank you all for your patience and co-operation at the moment. With every good wish and blessing to you all

Canon Geoffrey

## Banking Details for our Parishes

Thank you to all parishioners who have donated to their respective parish by standing order, cash, or BACS, this is very much appreciated! Please note all our accounts are held with Lloyds Bank Limited.

### Holy Souls' Scunthorpe RCP

Account Number 00207099  
 Sort Code 30-97-44

### St Thomas' Gainsborough RCP

Account Number 36893460  
 Sort Code 30-97-44

### St Bernadette Scunthorpe RCP

Account Number 00801306  
 Sort Code 30-97-44

### St Norbert Crowle RCP

Account No: 00481239  
 Sort Code: 30-97-44