



The Parish of the Lincolnshire Martyrs
[Holy Souls' and St Bernadette's, Scunthorpe
and St Norbert's, Crowle]
*Mass Timetable for the week beginning
Third Sunday of Advent - 14th December 2025*

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Date/Of the Day	Holy Souls	St Bernadette's	St Norbert's
Saturday, 13th St Lucy	-	5.00 pm Exposition and Confession 6.00 pm Vigil Mass Gerard Cadwallader RIP	-
Sunday 14th December 2025 Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	10.00 am Mass Sofia Monteiro, Ventura de Almada, Fransisca da Costa, Ledo da Costa, Olga Monteiro, Felipe Tavares	9.30 am Polish Mass Polish Priest's Intention 11.30 am Mass - <i>Livestreamed</i> David Faulds 1.00 pm Baptism	8.30 am Mass TBA
Monday, 15th Advent Feria	-	9.30 am Mass Marie Gray Intentions	-
Tuesday, 16th Advent Feria	9.30 am Mass O'Connell Family RIP		7.00 pm Carol Service
Wednesday, 17th Advent Feria	9.00 am to 1.00pm - the Church will be open for private prayer		10.30 am Mass TBA
Thursday, 18th Advent Feria	-	-	6.00 pm Reception Siobhan Worthing RIP
Friday, 19th Advent Feria	-	6.00 pm Mass Charlie McGinlay RIP	9.45 am Funeral Mass Siobhan Worthing RIP
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

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

Siobhan Worthing and 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.

Canon's Catechism: The Lincolnshire Martyrs

The feast day of our new parish patrons, the Lincolnshire martyrs, was celebrated last week on 10th December. I thought this would be an opportunity therefore to remind you about their story. The first point to be made here is that they are all associated in some way with the County of Lincolnshire, which includes our area, the current County of North Lincolnshire. They were all priests who laboured in England despite the danger to their lives. The martyrs are St Augustine Webster, Prior of Melwood, near Epworth, martyred at Tyburn 4th May 1535, one of the three protomartyrs of the English Reformation; Blessed Richard Yaxley from Boston, Lincolnshire, martyred at Oxford 5th July 1589; Blessed Hugh More, born in 1563 into a Lincolnshire landed family, executed at Lincoln Inn Fields on 28th August 1588; Blessed Roger Dickenson, born in Lincoln, martyred in Winchester 7th July 1591; St Eustace White, born in Louth, Lincolnshire, martyred at Tyburn 10th December 1591; Thomas Formont, born into a Lincolnshire family, after torture he was executed at St Paul's Churchyard, London, on 20th February 1592; Blessed Thomas Hunt, born in Norfolk, executed in Lincoln 11th July 1600; Blessed Thomas Sprott, born near Kendal, arrested in Lincoln along with Thomas Hunt, and also executed on 11th July 1600; Blessed Mark Barkworth, born in Lincolnshire martyred at Tyburn 27th February 1601; Blessed William Ireland, born into a Lincolnshire landed family in 1636, he joined the Jesuits and was executed in London on 24th January 1679 on false charges of conspiracy against the crown. We may also include amongst the martyrs the participants of the Lincolnshire Rising of 1536 who lost their lives. This was a popular revolt against the suppression of the true faith which involved some 40,000 people, and which was suppressed by the forces of the crown. If anyone has any ideas how we could celebrate their feast day next year please let me know.

St Bernadette's Church/Parish Centre

- * **Children's Liturgy Group** - Sunday 11.30 am Mass.
- * **Bible Study** - Monday, 7.30-9.00 pm.
- * **Knit & Natter** - Tuesdays 2.00 to 4.00 pm. All welcome.
- * **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** - every Friday during term time from 7.00 to 8.00 pm.

Journey through Advent

with the Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service as we await the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, with a printable Advent prayer journal produced by the Team. To download your free copy visit www.ndcys.com/advent2025/

St Bernadette's Refreshments

after this weekend's Sunday Mass (14th) has been cancelled.

Second Advent talk

in Holy Souls Sacristy after the 9.30 am Mass on Tuesday (16th), from 10 to 11.00 am. It is based on Pope Leo's first encyclical letter "In Unitate Fidei" which is written to celebrate the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed.

SVP Christmas Lunch

on **Tuesday 16th December.** Carol recital in St Bernadette's Church at 11.30 am with a performance by the children from St Bernadette's school, led by Mrs J Strong, followed by a Eucharistic service. A three course lunch will then be served in St Bernadette's Parish centre at a cost of £10 per person. If you would like to attend but have not already booked please contact Lee (07419 337664) or Patricia (07813 075935) as soon as possible.

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.

Job Vacancy

The Parish of St Mary, Louth, is seeking to appoint a part-time **Cleaner (Church, Hall and Facilities)**. Four hours per week (preferably worked over two days) at £12.60 per hour. To request an application form, email office@dioceseofnottingham.uk Closing date: 29th December.

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.

St Bernadette's Red Missio Boxes

Thank you for your red box donations which has raised £3,037.22 in 2025.

November 100 Club Draw

1st prize Ticket 49 £135
2nd prize Ticket 33 £60

The December £1000 Bonus Draw and monthly draws will take place this weekend.

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

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.

Editorial Note

Sincere apologies to Canon Matthew for the omission of the following from last week's Reminder (Second Sunday of Advent):

St John the Baptist in Advent

The Church sets before us the figure of St John the Baptist in Advent. This is because he is the last and greatest of the Old Testament prophets. He went out into the solitude of the desert as an ascetic. The Scriptures inform us that he lived on "locusts and wild honey". The locusts are not the insects we think of, but a species of edible desert plant. In the silence of the desert, John will no doubt have encountered the devil and his temptations, just as Christ did. Like Christ, he conquered. Temptations of all kinds would have assailed him, but he remained faithful and true. His simplicity and isolation enabled God to speak to the very depths of his being. He was touched very deeply by the love of God. Somehow the Holy Spirit made him aware of his purpose to be the forerunner of the Messiah. As he preached and baptised, he knew he was preparing for the coming of someone far greater. Someone of whom he said "I am not worthy even to untie the straps of his sandals." Like John, in this season of Advent, we are waiting for the coming of Christ. Our spiritual waiting and expectation for the Second Coming of Christ, runs parallel to his. He was laying the spiritual ground-work for Christ's first coming. Now, in the last days of history, we faithful Catholics are joyfully awaiting the time when Christ will bring an end to all the evils of this world.

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 each Church.**

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve 4.30 pm Holy Souls'
6.00 pm St Bernadette's
11.30 pm St Bernadette's
Christmas Day 8.00 am St Bernadette's
9.30 am St Norbert's
11.00 am Holy Souls'
26th December 11.00 am St Bernadette's