

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF THE MOST HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN GRIMSBY, CLEETHORPES AND IMMINGHAM

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SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2023 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 2nd December	5.00 pm	Mass in Immingham (<i>Missa pro populo</i>)
	6.00 pm	Mass in Grimsby (Polish)
Sunday 3rd December	9.00 am	Mass in Cleethorpes (Hymns: 84, 600, 777, 883)
	11.00 am	Mass in Grimsby (Hymns: 109, 982, 989, 84)
	3.00 pm	'Jesus, Light of the World' – A Holy Hour for Advent in Grimsby
Monday 4 th December	2.00 pm	Open Prayer Hour, Divine Mercy Devotions and Rosary in Cleethorpes
Tuesday 5 th December	10.00 am	Mass in Cleethorpes
Wednesday 6 th December	10.30 am	Funeral Mass for Muriel Taylor RIP in Cleethorpes
	6.00 pm	Mass in Grimsby
Thursday 7 th December	10.00 am	Mass in Grimsby
	3.00 pm	Funeral Service for Patrick Power RIP in Grimsby Crematorium
Friday 8th December	6.00 pm	Mass in Cleethorpes (Hymns: 328, 331, 772, 364)
Immaculate Conception		
Saturday 9th December	Noon	Holy Hour in Cleethorpes
	5.00 pm	Mass in Immingham
	6.00 pm	Mass in Grimsby (Polish)
Sunday 10th December	9.00 am	Mass in Cleethorpes (<i>Missa pro populo</i>)
Second Sunday of Advent	11.00 am	Mass in Grimsby

Eucharistic Adoration

Sunday	3.00-4.00 pm	Grimsby
Wednesday	5.15-5.55 pm	Grimsby
Friday	5.15-5.55 pm	Cleethorpes
Saturday	Noon-1.00 pm	Cleethorpes

Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation

Wednesday	5.15-5.40 pm	Grimsby
Friday	5.15-5.55 pm	Cleethorpes

Before Mass, after Mass, by appointment and at call

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Richard Mellows, Sarah Pollard and Shelagh Winter: if you have any safeguarding or DBS concerns or queries, you can email richard.mellowspsr@dioceseofnottingham.uk or call or send a text to 07513 725509.

Our Parish Schools

St Joseph's Catholic Primary Academy
Philip Avenue, Cleethorpes (01472 690672)
St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy
Wellington Street, Grimsby (01472 357982)

To celebrate the sacred liturgy online – [youtube.com/c/HolyTrinityGCI](https://www.youtube.com/c/HolyTrinityGCI) – To book a taxi for Mass – 07736 921676

Christ is Our Hope: Eternal God, you will come when we do not expect you. Help us to welcome you now in one another, to reach out to our sisters and brothers in need of care and support. And in this way may we be found ready when you come again in glory. Amen.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December, the Month of the Divine Infancy: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Cycle of Prayer: During the Seasons of Advent and Christmas, we pray for: openness to the Word of God; migrants and refugees; and expectant mothers. We also pray for the sick and housebound, the mission of St Mary's and St Joseph's schools, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Welcoming Spaces: Holy Trinity Parish Hall is open to anyone who would like some welcoming company this week:

Tues 10.30 am – 1.30 pm with Knit and Natter
Wed 10.00 am – 12.30 pm with Holy Trinity Social Club
Wed 1.30 pm – 4.30 pm with boards games and chat
Fri 11.00 am – 1.00 pm with Friday Open House

Everyone is welcome to come in for free during these times, with tea and coffee available for all who wish!

Christmas will be celebrated this year as follows:

Wednesday 20th December:

6.00 Carols by Candlelight in Grimsby

Christmas Eve – Sunday 24th December:

6.30 Mass of Christmas Eve in Cleethorpes
7.30 Mass of Christmas Eve in Grimsby (Polish)
11.30 Mass of Christmas Night in Grimsby

Christmas Day – Monday 25th December:

9.00 Mass of Christmas Dawn in Immingham
11.00 Mass of Christmas Day in Grimsby

Tuesday 26th – Saturday 30th December:

10.00 Mass in Grimsby (Sat 30th – Holy Hour)
followed by light refreshments

Mary, Holy Mother of God – Monday 1st January 2024:

10.00 Mass for New Year's Day in Grimsby
followed by light refreshments

The Season of Christmas begins on Christmas Eve and takes us through the Octave of Christmas to the Solemnities of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on Monday 1st January 2023, and the Epiphany of the Lord on Sunday 7th January, until the season concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday 8th January, and we begin Ordinary Time. The longer Christmastide takes us to the fortieth day after Christmas, Saturday 2nd February, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, known as Candlemas Day, when the Cribs and Christmas trees in our churches are taken down as the light of Christ, given to us in Baptism, is once again handed on to be spread far and wide. Christmas Day is the beginning of Christmas – not the end of it! Our longer celebration enables us to reclaim Christmas for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God-is-with-us, who 'is the same yesterday, today and for ever' (*Hebrews* 13:8). Sunday Mass on Sundays 24th and 31st December will be celebrated at the usual times. Fr Andrew

Christmas Coffee Morning – 9th December 2023: All are welcome to a coffee morning in Holy Trinity Parish Hall this Saturday, 9th December, between 10.00 am and noon, with tea and coffee, cakes, tombola, bric-a-brac and repository. Holy Hour will follow at noon in Corpus Christi Church.

Christmas Flowers: If you would like to donate money towards flowers to be placed in our three parish churches in memory

of a deceased family member or friend, please complete an envelope and return it by next Sunday, 10th December.

Poor & Needy Parishes: There will be a second collection next Sunday which will give us the opportunity to support our siblings in the poorer and needier parishes of the Diocese of Nottingham.

The Season of Advent begins today, Sunday, 3rd December:

- There will be **Holy Hour** this Sunday at 3.00 pm in St Mary on the Sea Church, followed by light refreshments in St Mary's Presbytery, to pray for our parish as we begin our new liturgical year.
- To ready ourselves to celebrate Our Lord's Birth at Christmas with a clear conscience, there will be visiting priests to hear confessions in English and Polish, on Monday 11th December at 7.00 pm; the liturgy will be followed by light refreshments in Holy Trinity Parish Hall.
- We begin reading the **Gospel according to Mark** during Sunday Mass – please find time to read the daily readings, as those in Advent are full of joy and brimming with life!
- This weekend, everyone will receive an **Advent prayer card** prepared by CAFOD. We will say the prayers each day during Mass, but please take the card home with you and use it during Advent as a focus during this season as it reflects the Advent wreathes which we will bless and light in our churches this Sunday, and which will remain lit until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Pray and reflect through Advent at cafod.org.uk/pray/adventcalendar.
- As well as opening your own **Advent calendar** during December, if you can why not put something away each day during Advent, which can then be given as a present to one of the charities which we support?

It is easy to overlook the meaning of Advent, which prepares us for the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time even as we prepare to celebrate his first coming at Christmas, in the rush to get everything ready for Christmas, but let us take time this Advent to pray, think and reflect about our relationships in Christ so that we may celebrate his Birth as best we can for Christ is our hope, love, joy, peace and light.

Stella Maris are welcoming donations of boxes of chocolates and woolly hats to hand out to seafarers visiting our ports over Christmas. Thank you to everyone who knits woolly hats for Stella Maris all year round – they bring a smile to the face of those seafarers who come to our parish.

SVP: There will be retiring collection today, to help our parish's SVP Conference to support some of the vulnerable members of our local community.

We welcome Mgr David Hogan KCHS, of the Diocese of Middlesborough, to preach at Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Thank You to everyone who came to last Sunday's Christmas Fayre, who bought and sold raffle tickets, and who donated prizes and goods for fayre and raffle, which raised £2643.00 for our parish, the cost of running which increases all the time, not least because of the various regulatory burdens which are imposed on us, e.g., health and safety legislation. I respectfully ask all who can to consider giving a little more in their offertory collection, as a little more can make a big difference! Thank you for your support of the Church's mission, Fr Andrew