

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

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SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2023 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 16th December	5.00 pm	Mass in Immingham
	6.00 pm	Mass in Grimsby (Polish)
Sunday 17th December	9.00 am	Mass in Cleethorpes (Hymns: 94, 609, 864)
	11.00 am	Mass in Grimsby (Hymns: 99, 604, 100, 140)
Monday 18 th December	10.00 am	St Mary's and St Joseph's Key Stage 2 Carol Service in Cleethorpes
	1.45 pm	St Mary's and St Joseph's EYFS & Key Stage 1 Carol Service in Cleethorpes
Tuesday 19 th December	10.00 am	Mass in Cleethorpes
Wednesday 20 th December	9.30 am	Mass and Christingle for St Mary's Catholic Academy in Grimsby
	9.45 am	Funeral Service for James McClellan RIP in Grimsby Crematorium
	1.30 pm	Christingle in St Joseph's Catholic Academy
	6.00 pm	'Let Your Light shine before Others' – Carols by Candlelight: A Celebration of Readings and Carols for Christmas in Grimsby
Thursday 21 st December	10.00 am	Funeral Mass for Josephine Dean RIP in Grimsby
	12.45 pm	Funeral Service for Charlie Quinn RIP in Grimsby Crematorium
Friday 22 nd December	6.00 pm	Mass in Cleethorpes
Saturday 23rd December	10.00 am	Holy Hour in Cleethorpes
	5.00 pm	Mass in Immingham
	6.00 pm	Mass in Grimsby (Polish)
Sunday 24th December	9.00 am	Mass in Cleethorpes (<i>Missa pro populo</i>)
Fourth Sunday of Advent	11.00 am	Mass in Grimsby

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 5.15-5.50 pm Cleethorpes
Saturday 10.00-11.00 am Cleethorpes

Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation

Friday 5.15-5.35 pm Cleethorpes
Saturday 10.15-10.45 am 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 – To book a taxi for Mass – 07736 921676

Christ is Our Joy: God of all, John the Baptist came to bear witness to your light. Fill us with faith and the courage to act upon it, so that we may shine a light in the darkness and share the love we have found in you. Amen.

'You want to put the "Christ" back in Christmas? Feed the hungry, comfort the afflicted, love the outcast, forgive the wrongdoer, inspire the hopeless.' How will our light shine before others this Christmas?

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

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

Christmas Cribs have been placed in our three churches and will remain before us until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Friday 2nd February 2023, so we have plenty of time to pray before them! This year, our crib offerings will support the **Friends of the Holy Land**, which helps Christians in Our Lord's earthly homeland, and which will support relief in Gaza, where so many people have been killed and others whose lives are at risk during what is supposed to be the season of goodwill to all. Thank you to everyone who has decorated our churches so beautifully with Cribs, trees and flowers, and please be generous to this charity. Mary and Joseph will continue to journey with us as we prepare for Christmas!

Christmas Masses: Please take one of the cards listing the Christmas Masses to keep yourself – and at least one other to give to a relative, friend or neighbour whom you will be inviting to join you at Mass. The more the merrier! Next Sunday, 24th December, Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent will be celebrated at the usual times, and the Fourth Sunday of Advent, 24th December, and the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, 25th December, are each individual holydays of obligation, and the obligation cannot be fulfilled by attending Mass and resting only on one of those holydays – God gives his total self to us at Christmas, let us give ourselves totally to him!

'Let Your Light shine before Others' is the theme of our celebration of **Christmas** this year. During this second part of Advent, our focus shifts from the Second Coming of Jesus at the end of time, when 'he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end', to his First Coming, when 'for us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and was made man', while we celebrate his coming 'in word and in Sacrament to strengthen us and make us holy. Where will be Christ be born in us this Christmas, or do we put him to one side, safely out of our way as we crack on without him? In his Christ, God raises us up to a new home – we are bathed in the sweetness of God's grace! Let us rejoice in that!

Christmas Offering: The offertory collection on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is your offering to your parish priest, and forms part of his taxable income. If you are not able to come to celebrate Mass in person on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and would still like to give something to Fr Andrew, please place your Christmas offering in the collection boxes or give it to the stewards.

Collections in November 2023: Offertory Collection – £2237.00 (standing orders), £1511.80 (envelopes), £185.00 (Dona), £851.43 (loose plate); Caritas Jerusalem – £2534.33. Thank you for your support of the Church's mission in our parish, our Diocese and beyond!

The Faithful Departed: Please pray for: Josephine Dean, whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St Mary on the Sea Church on Thursday 21st December at 10.00am; Charles Christopher 'Charlie' Quinn, whose Funeral Service will be in Grimsby Crematorium on Thursday 21st December at 12.45 pm; and those who mourn.

Feast of St Stephen, the First Martyr – 26th December 2023:

Our newer Altar servers who have successfully undertaken their probationary period will be enrolled as members of the Guild of St Stephen for Altar Servers, and our older servers will renew their commitment, on Tuesday 26th December, the Feast of St Stephen, their heavenly patron, during 10.00 am Mass in St Mary on the Sea Church. Please come along to support and thank our servers, who do so much to enhance our celebration of the sacred liturgy!

200 Club Draw 23 Winners

1st	£20	No.	153	Luke Watson
2nd	£10	No.	98	Joan Gorry
3rd	£5	No.	215	D. Steve Durkin

200 Club Draw 24 Winners

1st	£20	No.	20	Mary McMahon
2nd	£10	No.	112	Kathleen Edmondson
3rd	£5	No.	37	Anne & John Lavin

200 Club Christmas Bonus Draw

No.	75	MT Shennan
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Please contact the parish office to arrange collection. Thank you to all who support the 200 Club! Arrangements for making payments for 2024 will be published in January.

Parish Administrator: Amanda Mellows will retire as parish administrator on 9th February 2024, and I would like to thank her for her sterling work since she began work at Easter 2017, when I fulfilled a promise, which I made when I came here, that there would be a parish administrator within my first hundred days as your parish priest, and we have developed a model that other parishes follow and which we will develop further as we work together with the Diocese and our fellow parishes in developing closer working relationships for the benefit of us all in the Northern Lincolnshire Deanery. While we map this out, I hope to appoint a parish administrator on a rolling short-term contract for at least six months. If you would like more information about the position, please contact me on andrew.cole@dioceseofnottingham.uk. The closing date for applications will be 4th January 2024. Fr Andrew

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 22nd December until Tuesday 2nd January. To get in touch while the office is closed, please email office@holyltrinitygci.uk or telephone 07563 529392 or 01472 342301 and leave a voicemail. Thank you – and please enjoy the Christmas period!

Stella Maris continue to welcome donations of boxes of chocolates and woolly hats to hand out to seafarers visiting our ports over Christmas. Thank you to those who have contributed already, and who knit woolly hats for Stella Maris all year round.