

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

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## SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>	<b>Mass in Immingham</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Mass in Grimsby (Polish)</b>
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Mass in Cleethorpes</b> (Hymns: 112, 631, 113) ( <i>Missa pro populo</i> )
<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Mass in Grimsby</b> (Hymns: 112, 87, 105 115, 117)
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Mass of Christmas Eve in Cleethorpes</b> (Hymns: 112, 113, 136, 137, 159, 144, 127, 720, 155)
<b>The Nativity of the Lord</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Mass of Christmas Eve in Grimsby (Polish)</b>
	<b>11.30 pm</b>	<b>Mass of Christmas Night in Grimsby</b> (Hymns: 128, 135, 154, 138, 141, 159, 127, 142, 136, 155) ( <i>Missa pro populo</i> )
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b>		
<b>Nativity of the Lord</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Mass of Christmas Dawn in Immingham</b>
<b>Holyday of Obligation</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Mass of Christmas Day in Grimsby</b> (Hymns: 159, 128, 145, 136, 155)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 am	Mass in Grimsby
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 am	Mass in Grimsby
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 am	Mass in Grimsby
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 am	Mass in Grimsby
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December</b>	10.00 am	Holy Hour in Grimsby
	<b>5.00 pm</b>	<b>Mass in Immingham</b> ( <i>Missa pro populo</i> )
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Mass in Grimsby (Polish)</b>
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Mass in Cleethorpes</b>
<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Mass in Grimsby</b>

### Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 10.00-11.00 am Grimsby

### Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation

Saturday 10.15-10.45 am Grimsby

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://youtube.com/c/HolyTrinityGCI)

**Christ is Our Love:** God-with-us, you made your home among us, loved by your mother Mary and bringing her joy. As we prepare to celebrate your birth, be with us now, especially with those seeking refuge. Comfort us all and bring us joy. Amen.

**Father Andrew, Deacon Stephen, Sr Ann Helen and Sr Bridgetta  
wish you all every blessing for a joyful Christmas!**



**From Pope Francis:** ‘Dear brother, dear sister, tonight God is drawing near to you, because you are important to him. From the manger, as food for your life, he tells you: “If you feel consumed by events, if you are devoured by a sense of guilt and inadequacy, if you hunger for justice, I, your God, am with you. I know what you are experiencing, for I experienced it myself in that manger. I know your weaknesses, your failings and your history. I was born in order to tell you that I am, and always will be, close to you.” The Christmas manger, the first

**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 programmes 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.

**Christmas Cribs** have been placed in our three churches and will remain before us until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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.

**The Faithful Departed:** Please pray for: Jane Stevens ‘Jean’ Robinson, whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Immingham on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January at

message of the divine Child, tells us that God is with us, he loves us and he seeks us. So take heart! God was born in a manger so that you could be reborn in the very place where you thought you had hit rock bottom. There is no evil, there is no sin, from which Jesus does not want to save you. And he can.

Christmas means that God is close to us: let confidence be reborn! The manger of Bethlehem speaks to us not only of closeness, but also of *poverty*. Around the manger there is very little: hay and straw, a few animals, little else. People were warm in the inn, but not here in the coldness of a stable. Yet that is where Jesus was born. The manger reminds us that he was surrounded by nothing but love: Mary, Joseph and the shepherds; all poor people, united by affection and amazement, not by wealth and great expectations. The poverty of the manger thus shows us where the true riches in life are to be found: not in money and power, but in relationships and persons. And the first person, the greatest wealth, is Jesus himself. Yet do we want to stand at his side? Do we draw close to him? Do we love his poverty? Or do we prefer to remain comfortably ensconced in our own interests and concerns? Above all, do we visit him where he is to be found, namely in the poor mangers of our world? For that is where he is present.

We are called to be a Church that worships a Jesus who is poor and that serves him in the poor. Certainly, it is not easy to leave the comfortable warmth of worldliness to embrace the stark beauty of the grotto of Bethlehem – but let us remember that it is not truly Christmas without the poor.

10.00am, prior to Committal in Mill Lane Cemetery; and those who mourn.

**Feast of St Stephen, the First Martyr – 26<sup>th</sup> 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, this Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> 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!

**New Year’s Day – 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024:** There will be Mass in St Mary on the Sea Church at 10.00 am on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January, the Solemnity of Mary, the Most Holy Mother of God & 57<sup>th</sup> World Day of Peace, to dedicate the year of Our Lord 2024 to almighty God; Mass will be followed by seasonal refreshments in the Presbytery. All are welcome!

**The Parish Office** will be closed until Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. To get in touch while the office is closed, please email [office@holyltrinitygci.uk](mailto:office@holyltrinitygci.uk) or telephone 07563 529392 or 01472 342301 and leave a voicemail. Thank you – and happy Christmas!

**St Mary’s Presbytery** will be open for tea, coffee and mince pies each weekday after Mass between Boxing Day, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December, and New Year’s Day, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January. All are welcome to celebrate Mass and join me in my home for some company, especially if you live by yourself, as I do. Merry Christmas, and may God bless us, every one! Fr Andrew