

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

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SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2023 – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Saturday 30th December 5.00 pm Mass in Immingham (*Missa pro populo*)

6.00 pm Mass in Grimsby (Polish)

Sunday 31st December 9.00 am Mass in Cleethorpes (Hymns: 133, 144, 145, 150)

11.00 am Mass in Grimsby (Hymns: 159, 144, 145, 136, 148)

Monday 1st January 2024 10.00 am Mass in Grimsby (Hymns: 344, 355, 141, 136, 159) (*Missa pro populo*)
Mary, Holy Mother of God

Tuesday 2nd January 10.00 am Funeral Mass for Jane Stevens Robinson RIP in Immingham

Wednesday 3rd January 10.00 am Celebration of Word and Holy Communion in Immingham
6.00 pm Celebration of Word and Holy Communion in Grimsby

Thursday 4th January 10.00 am Celebration of Word and Holy Communion in Grimsby

Friday 5th January 1.00 pm Funeral Service for Bernard Francis Page RIP in Cleethorpes
6.00 pm Celebration of Word and Holy Communion in Cleethorpes

Saturday 6th January 10.00 am Holy Hour in Grimsby

5.00 pm Mass in Immingham

6.00 pm Mass in Grimsby (Polish)

Sunday 7th January 9.00 am Mass in Cleethorpes

Epiphany of the Lord 11.00 am Mass in Grimsby

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 5.15-5.55 pm Grimsby

Friday 5.15-5.55 pm Cleethorpes

Saturday 10.00-11.00 am Grimsby

Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation

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)

Christ is Our Light: Christ Jesus, as we celebrate your Birth in a stable, we remember all those among us who are left out, who live in poverty, who are homeless and who long to go home. Make room in our hearts for our sisters and brothers, so that we may reach out to them in love. Amen.

Father Andrew, Deacon Stephen, Sister Ann Helen and Sister Bridgetta thank you for your cards, presents and good wishes this Christmas, and wish you every blessing for a happy and healthy New Year!



From Pope Francis: 'God "became flesh" and entered fully into our human condition, because he loves us so much he considers us to be more precious than anything else. Brother, sister, know that your name is written on his heart.

'The message of Bethlehem is indeed "good news of great joy". What kind of joy? Not the passing happiness of this world, but the joy that consoles hearts, renews hope and bestows peace. It is the joy of the Holy Spirit: the joy born of being God's beloved sons and daughters. Tonight, love changes history. Make us believe, Lord, in the power of your love, so different from the power of the world. Make us, like Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the Magi, gather around you and worship Tonight, our hearts are in Bethlehem, where the Prince of Peace is once more rejected by the futile logic of war, by the clash of arms that even today prevents him from finding room in the world. We are close to our brothers and sisters who suffer due to war: let us think of Palestine, Israel, Ukraine. Let us also recall those suffering from poverty, hunger, and slavery. May God, who took on a human heart, make our hearts more humane! Merry 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 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.

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!

The Christmas Cribs which have been placed in our three churches and in Holy Trinity Parish Hall will remain before us until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Friday 2nd February, along with the trees and other decorations, so we have plenty of time to pray before them and enjoy 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 even during the holiday season of goodwill to all. Please be generous – and all those who would like to give presents too Baby Jesus are welcome to leave them in the Crib!

The Faithful Departed: Please pray for: Bernard Francis Page, whose Funeral Service will be held in Corpus Christi Church on Thursday 5th January at 1.00 pm prior to Committal in Cleethorpes Cemetery; and those who mourn.

Friday Open House will recommence on Friday 12th January; in Holy Trinity Parish Hall between 11.00 am and 1.00 pm, it offers a warm space where everyone is welcome for company, and light refreshments, to see Fr Andrew without needing to make an appointment, or to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All

are welcome – there is no need to say that you're coming, and you can just pitch up and make yourself at home in our warm and welcoming parish hall.

New Year's Day – 1st January 2024: There will be Mass in St Mary on the Sea Church at 10.00 am tomorrow, Monday 1st January, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and 57th World Day of Peace, to dedicate the year of Our Lord 2024 to almighty God. Mass will be followed by festive refreshments in the church. All are welcome to begin the New Year at Mass!

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church will be closed from Monday 8th January to Saturday 13th January for the main body of the church to be decorated.

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. 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, please write to andrew.cole@dioceseofnottingham.uk. The closing date for applications is this Friday, 4th January. Fr Andrew

Thank you to everyone who prepared our liturgies during the ongoing Season of Christmas, all those who have worked so hard to construct Cribs, decorate trees and make our churches look and feel so festive, all who have provided refreshments, and to everyone who came to the Parish Christmas Dinner, the Liturgy of Reconciliation, Carols by Candlelight, Mass on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, the Mass of Christmas Eve, Night, Dawn and Day, and the various other liturgies which in which we have prepared for and celebrated the Saviour's Birth. I will be away for a short break this week, in Liverpool and in Rome, where I will offer Mass for us all in St Peter's Basilica. Fr Simon Gillespie will be here next weekend, and I know that you will make him welcome! Happy New Year to you all! Fr Andrew