

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

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SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY 2024 – SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday 6th January	5.00 pm	Mass in Immingham
	6.00 pm	Mass in Grimsby (Polish)
Sunday 7th January	9.00 am	Mass in Cleethorpes (Hymns: 170, 144, 150)
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	11.00 am	Mass in Grimsby (Hymns: 170, 144, 167, 141, 166)
Monday 8 th January	2.00 pm	Open Prayer Hour, Divine Mercy Devotions and Rosary in Cleethorpes
Tuesday 9 th January	10.00 am	Mass in Cleethorpes
Wednesday 10 th January	6.00 pm	Mass in Grimsby
Thursday 11 th January	10.00 am	Mass in Grimsby
Friday 12 th January	6.00 pm	Mass in Cleethorpes
Saturday 12th January	10.00 am	Holy Hour in Cleethorpes
	5.00 pm	Mass in Immingham
	6.00 pm	Mass in Grimsby (Polish)
Sunday 14th January	9.00 am	Mass in Cleethorpes (<i>Missa pro populo</i>)
Second Sunday	11.00 am	Mass in Grimsby
in Ordinary Time		

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday	5.15-5.55 pm	Grimsby
Friday	5.15-5.55 pm	Cleethorpes
Saturday	10.00-11.00 am	Cleethorpes

Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation

Wednesday	5.15-5.40 pm	Grimsby
Friday	5.15-5.40 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

**We value all in the name of Jesus the Christ
by exercising our baptismal mission as Prophet, Priest and King
so that all may flourish.**

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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January, the Month of the

Holy Name of Jesus – Diversity in the Church: That the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

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!

Bishop Patrick will be making a visitation to our parish on the weekend of 10th & 11th February. He will preside at the three celebrations of Mass, which will also give him the opportunity to meet everyone after Mass, and he will lead the Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in Corpus Christi Church at 3.00 pm on Sunday 11th February, the World Day of the Sick, on which we honour Our Lady of Lourdes on the anniversary each of year of her first apparition in 1858.

Blessing Your Home: The Church has a custom of blessing homes during the weeks following the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, using chalk blessed during Mass on the Epiphany and write above the home's door **20 + C + M + B + 24**. The letters C, M, B have two meanings: they are the initials of the traditional names of the three Magi, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, and also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which means 'May Christ bless the house'; the '+' signs represent the Cross and 2024 is the current year of Our Lord. Please take some chalk and the prayer to be used as you leave Mass today! Fr Andrew

The Faithful Departed: Please pray for: Mary Jean Bell, whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St Mary on the Sea Church on Tuesday 16th January at 10.00 am prior to Committal in Grimsby Crematorium; and those who mourn.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church will be closed from Monday 8th January until it reopens for Mass on Saturday 13th January for the main body of the church to be decorated; this is part of an ongoing project to maintain and improve our three parish churches and all our properties.

Parish Finances: Next Sunday, the Gospel speaks about the call of the first disciples, in which Jesus invited his first followers to spend time with him, to be with him and to get to know him. As his disciples, we are called to be active participants and not passive recipients in the life of the Church, which is why next Sunday I will be speaking about how we can support our parish family financially. For now, here are three questions to think about:

- **How much do I give in my offertory collection each week and how does it reflect my earnings?** Cardinal Hume used to say that people should give their first hour's pay each week to their parish. Could I give more than that? How

does my weekly or monthly giving to our parish compare with other things which I spend money on – e.g., do I give less to our parish than the cost of a pint of beer, a game of bingo or similar?

- **Could I give by standing order?** This is a form of planned giving which means that you don't have to remember to bring your envelope or cash each week. Many more people have – could you be one as well? You can give weekly, monthly or annually, and one of the reasons why we have not reintroduced collection bags is to encourage people to give by standing order by not making them feel guilty about handing on the bag without putting something else in it!

Could I sign a Gift Aid Declaration? If you are a UK taxpayer, you can – and should! – sign a Gift Aid Declaration, which enables the parish to reclaim 25% of your offering from the Government at no extra cost to you; e.g., if you give £10.00 per week and have signed a Gift Aid Declaration, your offering is worth £12.50 to the parish. To give by Gift Aid, you either have to have signed a standing order or be using the planned giving envelopes.

I do not particularly like talking about money, but as your parish priest I must ensure that our parish is well maintained; our accounts for financial year 2022-2023 were selected for external audit by the Diocese's accountants and passed with flying colours. A lot has had to be spent over the last few years to maintain and improve our properties, e.g., the new lighting scheme in St Mary on the Sea Church, new radiators and a PA system in Our Lady Star of the Sea Church and the reordering of Corpus Christi Church. We have, at long last, received the proceeds from the sale of St John Fisher Hall in Scartho, but we need to build up on what we have, and we are all called to be co-responsible in shaping our parish. We all have a part to play, and we must all play our part, so I am asking everyone to have a good pray and think this week about how we can all best support our parish; then we will have the opportunity to reflect on how we support our Diocese. Fr Andrew

Thank You to all who were kind enough to send me Christmas cards and presents, and for your generous Christmas offering. I hope and pray that as we continue to journey onward, forward and upward by implementing our parish Vision in the Year of Our Lord 2024, we will do so together, as our parish family. It is only by the grace of God that we can live our discipleship, and so I hope that we're all still praying for the grace to fulfil the New Year's resolution I asked us all to make during Mass last Sunday, the Feast of the Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and then doing our grace-filled human best to fulfil it! Every parish, every diocese and the Universal Church itself is called to be a holy family, and I also hope that we will continue to love, support and challenge each other, say please, thank you and sorry, be measured in our speech, be the first to forgive another person and the last to judge them, and value all in the name of Jesus the Christ by exercising our baptismal mission as Prophet, Priest and King so that all may flourish. And may God bless us, every one! Fr Andrew

We welcome Fr Simon Gillespie, Episcopal Vicar for Catholic Education and Bishop's Private Secretary, to preside at our celebrations of Mass this weekend – at the end of each of which he will bless the Epiphany chalk for us to use at home.