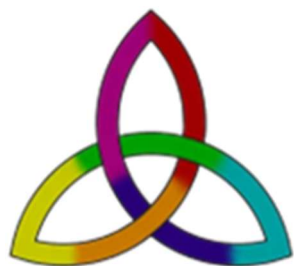


Fourth Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

Parish of The Most Holy and Undivided Trinity

The Catholic Church in

Grimsby, Cleethorpes & Immingham



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Newsletter



The liturgy for today, the Fourth and last Sunday of Advent, is characterized by the theme of **closeness, God's closeness to humanity**. The Gospel passage (cf. Mt 1:18-24) shows us **two people**, the two people who, more than anyone else, were **involved in this mystery of love: the Virgin Mary and her husband, Joseph**. A **mystery of love, the mystery of God's closeness to humanity**.

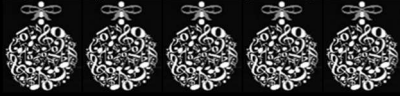
Mary is presented in the light of the prophet who says: "*Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son*" (v. 23). Matthew the Evangelist recognizes that this happened in Mary, who conceived Jesus through the Holy Spirit (cf. v. 18). **The Son of God "comes" into her womb in order to become man, and she welcomes him. Thus, in a unique way, God drew near to mankind, taking on flesh through a woman: God drew near to us and took on flesh through a woman.** To us too, in a different way, God draws near with his grace in order to enter our life and offer us the gift of his Son. What do we do? Do we welcome him, let him draw near, or do we reject him, push him away? As Mary, freely offering herself to the Lord of history, allowed him to change the destiny of mankind, so too can we, by welcoming Jesus and seeking to follow him each day, cooperate in his salvific plan for us and for the world. Mary thus appears to us as a model to look to and upon whose support we can count in our search for God, in our closeness to God, in thus allowing God to draw close to us and in our commitment to build the culture of love.

God-with-us, God who draws near. This message of hope, which is fulfilled at Christmas, leads to fulfilment of the expectation of God in each one of us too, in all the Church, and in the many little ones whom the world scorns, but whom God also loves and to whom God draws near.

Pope Francis, Fourth Sunday in Advent (Yr A), 2016



Fr Robbie, Deacon Stephen, Sr Ann Helen, Sr Bridgetta and Duncan, wish you all a very peaceful, holy and faith-filled Christmas... and a very Happy 2026
Thank you for supporting us & your parish this past year.



1st January

**Thursday Solemnity of
Mary Mother of God**

Grimsby - 11.00am

The Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, our Lady's greatest title.

This feast is the octave of Christmas.

In the modern Roman calendar only Christmas and Easter enjoy the privilege of an octave.

"The Word was the real light that gives light to everyone; he was coming into the world, from his fullness, we have, all of us, received" (St John 1:9.16). The prayer: "May our Advent be a time of preparation so that our hearts are touched with the warmth of your love. May our minds and our hearts be brightened to be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in love so that we may be ready again, to receive in true peace, Jesus, the Light of the World. Amen"

News for the Pews

Christmas Offering

Due to Fr Robbie being paid a salary by the Parish, he does not receive the Christmas and Easter Offering, instead, this is donated to the Parish itself.

Envelopes will be available as you leave mass this weekend, please place your offering in the envelope and return it at whichever Mass of Christmas you plan to celebrate.

If you wish to gift aid your offering, then please do so on the contactless machines or online, either via the 'donate' button on our website or scanning the QR code in each porch.

If you would like to give Fr Robbie a gift or card this Christmas, please do give this to one of the stewards, but please ensure it is clearly labelled for him.



Christmas Calendar

Wednesday 24th December - 5.30pm

Mass of Christmas Eve - Cleethorpes

Wednesday 24th December - 8:30pm

Mass of Christmas Night - Grimsby

Thursday 25th December - 9.00am

Mass of Christmas Dawn - Immingham

Thursday 25th December - 11.00am

Mass of Christmas Day - Grimsby



Parish Christmas Lunch

Thank you to everyone - who attended the **Parish Christmas Lunch** last Sunday at the The Humber Royal Hotel. A great time was had by all and the company, raffle, quiz, Christmas Jumper Parade, food and service were all excellent. For me as your new Parish Priest, it was a great witness to 'Three Churches – One Parish' community model Fr Andrew and yourselves have worked so hard in achieving. A big thank you to Patrick and his team once more in providing such a brilliant afternoon for all ages.

Fr Robbie



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please pray for these intentions



Albert & Marie Flosse & Family RIP

Alice & Barry Plant RIP

Angela Booth RIP

Angela Murray RIP

Arthur & Winifred, Jack & Lilian Aisthorpe, David & Raymond Aisthorpe

Arthur Henry Smith; Josefa, Severo & Diana Samarinta RIP

Bella Moss RIP

Bill & Doreen Green

Bill, Mary, Paul & John Wood

Blessings On Bose And Mini

Bob, Michael & Bede

Caroline Medley RIP

Cecelia & Thomas Shennan RIP

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Charles (Snr) Doris, Charles (Jnr) & Antony Harrowing

Charles Merrey RIP

Charles Quinn RIP

Chikum, Chinua & Chiazio

Clive Turner RIP

Damon & Heather, Jacob & Emily

David Sieviewright, Florette Rouillon, And Alain Rouillon RIP

David Waters RIP

Deceased Members Of Sedman, Fenn, Hallett & Roberts Families

Deceased Members Of The Gammon Family

Deceased Members Of The Jackson Family, Betty, Bob And Philip

Deceased Members Of The Lynch, Keane, Pugh, O'donnell & Vincent Families

Deceased Members Of The McMahon & Wade Families

Deceased Members Of The Money, Lonsdale & Lohon Families

Deceased Members Of The O'connor Family

Deceased Members Of The O'reilly Family

Deceased Members Of The Riley, Dales & Cahill Family

Deceased Members Of The Strype, Vernon & Shennan Families

Deceased Members Of The Taylor & Edgecombe Families

Deceased Relatives & Friends Of Nanette Brown

Doris Brown

Edward Owen McMahon

Ellen & Edward Leggett RIP

Ellen Purdon RIP

Eternal Rest For The Members Of The Walker Family RIP

Family & Friends Of Hanrahan, Winter & Cassidy

Family In East Timor

Florence Eva Howard RIP

For Deceased Parents & Siblings Of Pat Liles

For Deeper Faith, Protection & Peace Throughout 2026.

May It Be A Fruitful Year For The Mutondo Families & Community

For God's Blessings

For Peace On Earth On All

For Reconciliation, Peace And Justice In The World

For The Family Of Louise Drake, Especially Sister Nora

For The Health And Recovery Of Pauline Fordham

For The Leighton's Family & Friends

For The Perry, Rose & Harry Families

For The Repose Of The Soul Of Marjorie Stephenson

For The Repose Of The Souls Of Hugh Farrell's Family & Friends

For The Rooney & Cole Families

For The Welfare Of Ron & Mary Farrell And Susan & John Armstrong

For The Welfare Of The Conway Family

For The Welfare Of The Friends And Family Of The Whites

For Venezuela

Frederick Russell Brown RIP

George & Margaret Wharton RIP

God's Blessings & Favour

Helen & Charles Campbell RIP

In Thanksgiving

In Thanksgiving

Jacqueline Sieviewright

James & Odette Whitefield & Family RIP

Joe And Catherine Hopkinson RIP

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please pray for these intentions



John & Anastasia Leaver RIP

John & Annie Togher

John Mildred Hughes RIP

John Philip Hughes RIP

Kath & Eddie Whelpton

Kath Jones

Keith, Dorothy & Basil Lund RIP

Ken & Brenda Codd RIP

Lane & Leggett Families

Lily & John Walker

Lucy & Charles Mowforth RIP

Mamma E Papino RIP

Margaret & Bob Taylor RIP

Mary Hinton, John Hinton, Rj & Rose Moylan

Maureen Tuckey RIP

Michael Hurley, Tommy Lynch, Kevin Nesbit & Alan Tyrer

Michael Patrick Heaney RIP

Michael Togher

Michael Wilson

Mick & Marilyn's Friend & Neighbour RIP

Mick Metcalf

Monica Quinn RIP

Muriel Easton (Fred)

O' Reilly Family, Bill Mckeen & Family, Emma Grantham

Olive & Essra Frederiksmose

Pat Leggett's Family

Peace For All Who Suffer In Mind Or Body & For All Victims Of War & Famine

Peace For The Hutchinson Family

Peace On Earth

Peace, Joy & Happiness For All Of Peter Matthew's Children & Family

Peter Taylor RIP

Phil (Philomena) Myers RIP

Quinn & Knight Families

Raymond Mack RIP

Richard Sales RIP

Richard Smith & Family RIP

Robert Dermot Abba RIP

Ryan Whelpton

Special Family Intention

Special Intention

Susan Raithby RIP

The Deceased Members & Friends Of The Strype, Vernon & Shennan Families

The Liddy Family

The Young & Lawson Families & Friends

Tom & Elsie Rice RIP

Una Cunningham

Vi & Harry Randell

Willerton & Harrowing Families

William & Vera Harrison, Kath Warburton, Crowshaw & Harrison Families RIP



Parish Office

Will close for Christmas at
12:30pm on Tuesday 23rd
December 2025 and reopen in
the new year on Monday 12th
January 2026 at 9:00am

Holy Trinity Presbytery
Grimsby, DN32 9DZ
01472 342301

**Monday,
Tuesday & Wednesday**
9.00am until 12.30pm
Outside of these times the office
will not be available.

Fr Robbie's Friday Spiritual Surgery

Will resume in the new year
on Friday 16th January 2026

Holy Trinity Presbytery
Grimsby, DN32 9DZ
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Each Friday Morning
by Appointment Only
via the Parish Office

Appointment Times Available:
9.00am, 10.00am and 11.00am

Parish Finances Last Week

Thank you for your generosity
to the work of the Church!

In your Will,
please remember your Church.

Loose Plate	£519.75
Contactless	£305.00
S/Orders	£1,356.17
Total	£2,180.92

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS **£1,264.65**
RAISED!
Thank you all for your
generosity!

Sign up for the Parish Bulletin



December Draw Winners

1st Prize - £40

#104 - Siobhan Owen-Brown

2nd Prize - £10

#213 Brian Gilbert

Please contact the Parish Office to
arrange to collect your winnings.

News for the Pews

The Journey in Faith (RCIA) Course

Will begin on Wednesday 14th January at 7:15pm in Holy Trinity Presbytery, Grimsby. And will continue, weekly, at the same time and location on the following dates:

January 14th, 21st, 28th.

February 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th.

March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th.

If you have already been in touch with the Parish Office, you will be contacted with further information. Anyone can attend, but please contact the Parish Office first, so we know who to expect.



Feast of St Stephen

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 all servers will renew their commitment, on Friday, 26th December, the Feast of St Stephen, their patron, during 11:00 am Mass in St Mary on the Sea Church.

The Church has been singing the "**O**" **Antiphons** since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. The messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfilment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well.

December 17th - O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18th - O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19th - O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

December 20th - O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21st - O Radiant Dawn, splendour of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22nd - O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

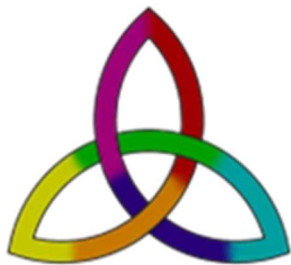
December 23rd - O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our Go

The Parish Office will close for Christmas at 12:30pm on Tuesday 23rd December 2025 and reopen in the new year, on Monday 12th January 2026 at 9:00am. If you need a priest in an emergency (e.g. danger of death) while the office is closed, please contact Fr Robbie by calling 01472342301(ext 2) or 07449835765

On the **Fourth** week of **Advent**, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Saviour. This final candle, the "**Angel's Candle**," symbolizes **peace**. It reminds us of the message of the angels:

"Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

On behalf of the whole Parish, I would like to thank everyone who gave of their time to decorate our three Parish Churches, Holy Trinity Parish Hall, and my home, Holy Trinity Presbytery, so beautifully in readiness for the Third Sunday of Advent, last week. **Fr Robbie**



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Saturday 20th December - St Lucy, Martyr

Immingham Advent Confessions 11.00am - 1:00pm

5.00pm - **Immingham** - Vigil - Welfare of Pauline Fordham - Joe Fordham

6.00pm - Grimsby - Polish Language Vigil Mass

Sunday 21st December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.00am - **Cleethorpes** - Mass - People of God

11.00am - **Grimsby** - Mass - Edward, Margaret & Christine Hanrahan
RIP - Shelagh Winter

Monday 22nd December - Advent Feria

Cleethorpes Advent Confessions 10am - 11:30am & 5.30pm - 8pm

Tuesday 23rd December - Advent Feria

9.30am - Grimsby - Mass - P.A. & 6 Suja Thomas RIP - Pretty Thomas

Grimsby Advent Confessions 10am - 11:30am & 5.30pm - 8pm

Wednesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

5.30pm - **Cleethorpes** - Mass of Christmas Eve - Int. Gaughan Family

6.00pm - Grimsby - Polish Language Christmas Vigil Mass

8:30pm - **Grimsby** - Mass of Christmas Night - Int. Weston Family

Thursday 25th December - Christmas Day

9.00am - **Immingham** - Mass of Christmas Dawn - People of God

11.00am - **Grimsby** - Mass of Christmas Day - Angela O'Callaghan RIP

Friday 26th December - Saint Stephen, the First Martyr

9.00am - Grimsby - Polish Language Mass

11.00am - **Grimsby** - Mass - Anne & Ronnie Gardner RIP - Shirley Gardner

Saturday 27th December - St John, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast)

5.00pm - **Immingham** - Vigil Mass - Keiran McCarney RIP - Pauline and Dave
McCarney

6.00pm - Grimsby - Polish Language Vigil Mass

Sunday 28th December - Holy Family

9.00am - **Cleethorpes** - Mass - People of God

11.00am - **Grimsby** - Mass - Evelyn McBrien RIP - McBrien Family

Monday 29th December - St Thomas of Canterbury, Martyr (Feast)

No Mass / No Service

Tuesday 30th December - Christmastide

No Mass / No Service

Wednesday 31st December - Christmastide

11:00am - Immingham - Mass - Mary, Ron Coffey & Susan Colvin RIP -
Dave & Pauline McCarney

Thursday 1st January - Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Solemnity)

11.00am - Grimsby - Mass - Peter, Agnes Winter & Peter Bowman RIP -
Shelagh Winter

Friday 2nd January - Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

11:00am - Cleethorpes - Mass - Deceased members of Wikkie & Leeming
Families - Margaret Leeming

Saturday 3rd January - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

5.00pm - **Immingham** - Mass - People of God

Sunday 4th January - Second Sunday in Christmastide

9.00am - **Cleethorpes** - Mass - Simon Lane RIP - Lane Family

11.00am - **Grimsby** - Mass - Robert Dermot Abba RIP - Mary & Bob Abba

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Saturday 20th December
11:00am - 1:00pm in Immingham

Monday 22nd December
10:00am - 11:30am
5:30pm - 8:00pm
in Cleethorpes

Tuesday 23rd December
10:00am - 11:30am
5:30pm - 8:00pm
in Grimsby



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Mass of Christmas Eve
5:30pm in Cleethorpes

Mass of Christmas Night
8:30pm in Grimsby

Mass of Christmas Dawn
9:00am in Immingham

Mass of Christmas Day
11:00am in Grimsby



MASS FOR THE FEAST OF ST STEPHEN

Friday 26th December,
11:00am in Grimsby

Our newer Altar servers will be
enrolled as members of the Guild
of St Stephen during Mass.



MASS FOR THE
SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD
(New Year's Day)

Thursday 1st January,
11:00am in Grimsby



THE PARISH OF THE MOST HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY
GRIMSBY CLEETHORPES IMMINGHAM
Christmas Grand Draw Winners 2025

	Prize	Ticket Number	Winner
1	£150 Cash	05914	Kathleen Edmondson
2	Hamper	05771	Brightmore
3	Meal Voucher – Kingsway	06964	Jon Harrowing
4	Knockando Whisky & Stone set	07134	Sr Ann Helen
5	Panettone & Prosecco basket	04014	Ruth Lovejoy
6	Grimsby Auditorium Voucher	00778	Mick Scanlon
7	Port, Pudding and Panettone	03479	Yeomo Ugo
8	M&S Hamper	07242	Lynn Foster
9	Talisker Skye Whisky	02728	Mark Waters
10	Ocean Fish Bar Voucher	03396	Ann Finneran
11	Port & Brandy	08112	Deirdre Grantham
12	Gin & Tonics	00520	Mary Hilton
13	Christmas Goodie Hamper	04027	Ruth Lovejoy
14	Grenadian Rum & Coke	03392	Ann Finneran
15	Laceby Teapot Voucher and Shortbread	01478	Nanette Brown
16	Cheese board	02725	Mark Waters
17	Baileys Collection	03295	Hetal Stani
18	Afternoon treats	04717	Jenny B
19	M&S Voucher with biscuits	07026	Pam Clayton
20	Garland & Wreath	05128	Ann Davis Flynn
21	TV Snack pack	01769	Tony Milner
22	Crackers & Kracken	05222	Linda Cody
23	Bushmill Basket	02157	Chris Pougher
24	Laceby Teapot Vouchers and Treats	06952	Mike Harrowing
25	Tree & Treats	04218	Monica Elverstone
26	Barcardi & Coke	03352	C. Adams
27	Meat voucher	01121	Derek Walker
28	Teddy & Treats	01536	Izzy Sherriff
29	Beer box	03397	Ann Finneran
30	Port & Sherry	03866	Nino George
31	Celebrations & Spa Set	00586	Linda Cody
32	Gin & Tonics	07945	Mr D. Jones
33	Chocolate Lovers' Hamper	07366	Frances Kingston
34	Stollen Selection	05994	Maria Wilkins
35	Snowman & Quality Streets	02408	Linda Cody
36	Fizz Selection	03499	Ann Marie Smith
37	Tinsel Tree	07089	Peter Matthews
38	Captain Morgan Rum	02703	Mrs B Lythe