

**23th December: Wednesday Mass at St. Norbert's 10.00am:-**

**Attendance** will be by pre-booking only. Please do not just turn up unless you have booked a place at Mass. This is due to a limit on the numbers permissible in the church.  
**Booking** can be made from **9.00am Monday 21st December** by email to jane.sarsfield@talk21.com or by telephone on 01724 711434. It is on a first come first served basis, and a waiting list system will be in place. Please provide name, contact telephone number and number attending. (This information is recorded for NHS Test and Trace purpose).

**All places at the Christmas Octave Masses on the 25th, 27th and 30th December have been allocated.**

For information about Christmas Masses in Holy Souls and St. Bernadette's please check St. Bernadette's Website for their joint newsletter:- [www.stbernadettesashby.org](http://www.stbernadettesashby.org)

**To be followed at all Masses:**

**Social distancing is set at 2m** please observe this as you arrive and leave church.  
**When you arrive at church** you may be asked to wait outside until invited to take a seat. Stewards will assist in arriving and leaving church so that people are kept safe. Those from different households must not share a pew unless they are in the same bubble.  
**n.b. while attending Mass inside, people are not allowed to socialise with others they don't live or are in a bubble with.**  
**Please arrive in time** to allow for this managed arrival to take place and Mass to start on time.  
**Face masks must be worn.**  
**Candles** should be pre-booked at the same time as booking a place at Mass, and they will be lit by the stewards.  
**If you are allocated a place at Mass and are unable to attend please let Jane know. Thank you.**

**Week 4 of Advent:** Love (or adoration). The **fourth candle** represents **peace** and is called the "Angel's Candle." The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace--He came to bring people close to God and to each other again.



**Christmas Cards:** please **DO NOT** leave any cards in church either before or after Mass. All paper material (single use Mass sheets, cards, etc) left in church after Mass have to be destroyed as per guidelines.

If you don't already contribute by either Standing Order or BACs please consider using one of these methods.  
**Church Bank Details:**  
**St Norbert Crowle RCP**  
 Account No: 00481239  
 Sort Code: 30-97-44

*May you and your loved ones be Blessed with joy, love, peace and happiness this Christmas*



**TODAY:** a collection for Poor & Needy Parishes

The Christmas Offering collection will be taken at all Christmas Octave Masses and are your gift to our Parish Priests. Envelopes are available in our church this weekend.

**An Act of Spiritual Communion:**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



**St Norbert's Parish Church.**

20p

**PARISH CLERGY:** Rev. Canon Geoffrey Hunton, KHS, STB, BA  
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MASS TIMETABLE				
Date	Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration	Mass Intention
20th Dec	Sunday	9.00am	Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)	Jeff Kirkham, RIP Barbara Kirkham
21st Dec	Monday		Advent Feria or St. Peter Canisius	
22nd Dec	Tuesday		Advent Feria	
23rd Dec	Wed'day	10.00am	Advent Feria	Tom & Gwen Sarsfield, RIP J & H
24th Dec	Thur'day		Advent Feria	
25th Dec	Friday	9.00am	The Nativity of the Lord (B)	People of the Parish
26th Dec	Saturday		St. Stephen (Feast)	
27th Dec	Sunday	9.00am	The Holy Family, (B)	Kathleen Hunt, RIP Brian Hunt

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** On Sunday 20th December for 30 mins before Mass starts Father Andrew Cole will be available for Confession.

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception.

Please remember in your prayers all those in our parish who are sick or housebound, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time

**TODAY:**  
 We welcome Father Andrew Cole who will be celebrating our Mass and available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for 30mins before Mass begins.

**Pope Francis' Tweet of the Week:**

Prayer during the time of Advent helps us to remember we are not more righteous or better than others, but that we are all sinners who need to be touched by God's mercy.

**Hospital:**

If you wish to receive a visit from a priest while in hospital, or know someone who wishes to receive a visit, you must explicitly request this by ringing **01724844895**. The clergy do not have access to patient lists produced by the hospital

If you are housebound, unable to attend Mass, and would like to receive Holy Communion please contact Canon Geoffrey on 01724 844895 to arrange a visit.

Articles for inclusion in the Newsletter by **Wednesday midday** please. Either ring Jane on 01724 711434 or email: [jane.sarsfield@talk21.com](mailto:jane.sarsfield@talk21.com)

**DIARY OF EVENTS - AT A GLANCE: 2020:**

- 20th Dec - Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)
- 20th Dec - Collection for Poor and Needy parishes
- 25th Dec - Christmas Day Mass 9.00am--by reservation only
- 26th Dec - Feast of St. Stephen, proto-martyr
- 27th Dec - Feast of the Holy Family
- 28th Dec - Feast of the Holy Innocents

Mass Online :  
 St. Barnabas Cathedral:  
[www.churchservices.tv/nottinghamcathedral](http://www.churchservices.tv/nottinghamcathedral)

Using the tab **SCHEDULE** a list of live streamed services can be found for a number of different churches including Walsingham.



# Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)

## Gaudete Sunday

### First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-5.8-12.14.16

*Theme: The kingdom of David will always stand secure before the Lord.*

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent. Nathan said to the king, Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

Go and tell my servant David, Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.

The word of the Lord.

**R/. Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

### Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

*Theme: The mystery, which was kept secret for endless ages, is now made clear.*

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**R/. Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord:

let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia!

### Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-38

*Theme: Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son.*

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of

his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R/. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son: and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Dear brothers and sisters,

I would like to wish you and your families every blessing for a joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year. I know that these are difficult times for all of us, but I hope that you will be able to enjoy our annual celebration of our Saviour's Birth and that we will do so by continuing to be careful to observe social distancing lest this terrible virus use the Birth of the Prince of Peace to wreak more havoc in our lives and in the lives of everyone who lives in northern Lincolnshire.

I am very happy to be with you for the three Eucharistic Celebrations this weekend - Fr Liam will be in Grimsby, Cleethorpes and Immingham to permit me to spend the weekend with you. I know that you will continue to support him, as you have thus far. He has worked long and hard, particularly while Canon Geoffrey has been away, and I have insisted that he has a break in the New Year. Consequently, there will be no public celebrations of Mass between Monday 10th and Saturday 16th January 2021. Anyone who needs to speak to or see a priest in an emergency should telephone 01472 342301 and I will do the best I can to help you.

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the light of the star, the perseverance of the wise men, the faithfulness of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be with you, and all whom you love, this Christmas and always.

*Fr. Andrew*

Lord, as Mary accepted your will, may we also accept your will and rejoice in Christ our Saviour. Let your good news change our lives, and make us trusting and obedient, always ready to serve you with all we are and all we have. We ask this through your name. Amen



### Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation." For further information go to [Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales (cbcew.org.uk))

### Weekly Mass schedule for Crowle, St. Bernadette's, Holy Souls and St. Thomas'

Saturday:	6.00pm	St Bernadette's
Sunday:	9.00am	Crowle
	11.00am	Holy Souls
Monday:	9.30am	St. Bernadette's
Tuesday:	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wednesday:	10.00am	Crowle
Thursday:	No Mass	
Friday:	10.00am	St. Thomas'
	6.30pm	St. Bernadette's