

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

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SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2020 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 14th March	4.00 pm	Mass in Immingham
	6.00 pm	Mass in Cleethorpes
Sunday 15th March	9.00 am	Mass in Grimsby (Polish)
	9.15 am	Mass in Cleethorpes
	11.00 am	Mass in Grimsby
Tuesday 17 th March	10.00 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion in Cleethorpes
Wednesday 18 th March	10.30 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion in Immingham
	2.00 pm	Open Prayer Time in Cleethorpes
	7.00 pm	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion in Grimsby
Thursday 19 th March	1.30 pm	Mass in St Joseph's Catholic Academy
Friday 20 th March	7.00 pm	Mass in Grimsby
Saturday 21st March	10.00 am	Holy Hour in Cleethorpes
	4.00 pm	Mass in Immingham
	6.00 pm	Mass in Cleethorpes
Sunday 22nd March	9.00 am	Mass in Grimsby (Polish)
Fourth Sunday of Lent	9.15 am	Mass in Cleethorpes
	11.00 am	Mass in Grimsby

Eucharistic Adoration This Week

Wednesday 6.15-6.55 Grimsby
Saturday 10.00-11.00 Cleethorpes

Stations of the Cross This Week

This Sunday 3.00 Cleethorpes
Friday 6.15 Grimsby
Next Sunday 3.00 Cleethorpes

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Richard Mellows (01472 752017), Sarah Pollard (01472 357982) & Shelagh Winter (01472 593780)

Sacrament of Reconciliation This Week

Saturday 10.00-10.45 Cleethorpes
Saturday 3.40-3.55 Immingham
Saturday 5.40-5.55 Cleethorpes

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)

Collections Last Week

£1321.29 & £1758.24 for CAFOD. Thank you for your support of the Church's mission.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March: That the Church in China may persevere in her faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Cycle of Prayer – Lent: We pray for: candidates for the sacraments; women; the needy and hungry of the world; penitents & wanderers. We also pray for Fr Colum, Fr Tony, the sick & housebound of our parish, the mission of St Mary's & St Joseph's schools, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Coronavirus COVID-19: This week, the Bishops issued revised guidance, which was drawn up by a senior public health official, concerning the spread of the virus, and we need to follow the guidance which the Bishops issue so that we continue to do the right thing at the right time during this national emergency. The Prime Minister has spoken starkly about the effect which this pandemic will have in our country, described it as 'the worst public health crisis for a generation'. This is a new virus, which means that, owing to lack of immunity, it is more dangerous than seasonal flu, and measures to counter its effects will cause severe disruption for many months. Although most people who contract this virus will suffer mildly, some, particularly older people and those with underlying medical conditions, will become very poorly. The risk to the United Kingdom is high and Government policy is now to delay rather than contain the spread of this virus. In our parish we must play our part:

Firstly, it is imperative that we follow guidance issued by the Government, Public Health England or the NHS:

- All those who have a high temperature (37.8° or above) or a new continuous cough should stay at home and self-isolate for seven days – this is of vital importance in managing the impact of this virus.
- In the coming weeks, the Government will be introducing further social distancing measures for older and vulnerable people, asking them to self-isolate regardless of symptoms.
- Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze – then bin the tissue and wash your hands with soap and water or use a hand sanitiser.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, or use a hand sanitiser, especially after using public transport.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

Secondly, we will play our part by curtailing some of our gatherings, principally those of a social nature:

- Liturgical celebrations will continue unless and until they are prohibited by the Bishop or the Government.
- The final two sessions of *The Eucharist in Scripture* are postponed until later in the year.
- All social gatherings have been suspended, including tea & coffee after Mass; the Bishops have asked that catering at large parish gatherings be suspended, and I have reluctantly decided that, following a careful risk assessment, since every social gathering in our parish involves catering and 'large' is a relative term, the only fair way of proceeding for everyone in our churches & hall is to suspend all rather than some gatherings.

- The following gatherings have, regrettably, been cancelled: Lenten breakfasts & Lenten lunches on Sundays; this weekend's St Patrick's Day celebration; the coffee morning on Saturday 21st March; the NHS consultation on Monday 23rd March; and *Life without Taps* on Friday 27th March. Please contact the parish office for any refunds.
- The trip to Walsingham on Wednesday 25th March has been cancelled; please contact Moira for your refund.
- All ministers of Holy Communion, servers & sacristans have been given particular guidance about cleanliness.

Thirdly, Bishop Patrick has imposed some conditions on liturgical celebrations throughout our Diocese:

- Holy water stoups have been removed.
- The use of hymn books and orders of Mass has been suspended, which is why there are recyclable single-use hymn sheets for Mass this weekend.
- The offertory collection will be taken as a retiring collection to save bags from being passed around.
- The sign of peace is suspended.
- Those who normally receive the Sacred Host on the tongue should consider receiving it on the hand as an 'act of loving charity' towards others.
- The distribution of the Precious Blood is suspended. Whether we normally receive Holy Communion under one kind or two kinds, we always receive the Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Things will probably get worse, and we may have to suspend the celebration of Mass as has been done in Italy – even our Holy Father Pope Francis is obliged to celebrate Mass without concelebrants or congregation. But it will then get better, because Good Friday is always followed by Easter Sunday. In the meantime, we must all do the best we can within our parish family and wider community to meet the challenge and care for ourselves and one another, so that we can then get back to normal. And, above all, let us turn to the Lord and pray. Fr Andrew

Deanery Station Masses will be celebrated at 7.00 pm, preceded by Stations of the Cross & the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6.15 pm:

Tues 24 th March	Corpus Christi, Cleethorpes
Tues 31 st March	St Thomas of Canterbury, Gainsborough

'So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed' – 30th March 2020: All are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday 30th March at 7.00 pm in Corpus Christi Church. Priests from across our deanery will be available to hear confessions.

Stella Maris: With Easter getting close, when you do your weekly shop, please buy an Easter egg for a seafarer, or else make a donation and Sue White will shop for you. They can be dropped off in any of the churches or in the Presbytery. The last day for collection is Palm Sunday, 5th April 2020; for further information, and to arrange collection of Easter eggs, please contact Sue (01472 *****). Thank you!

We welcome Fr Colum Kelly to celebrate Mass in Cleethorpes & Grimsby this weekend.