

Welcome to St Peter and St Paul Roman Catholic Church





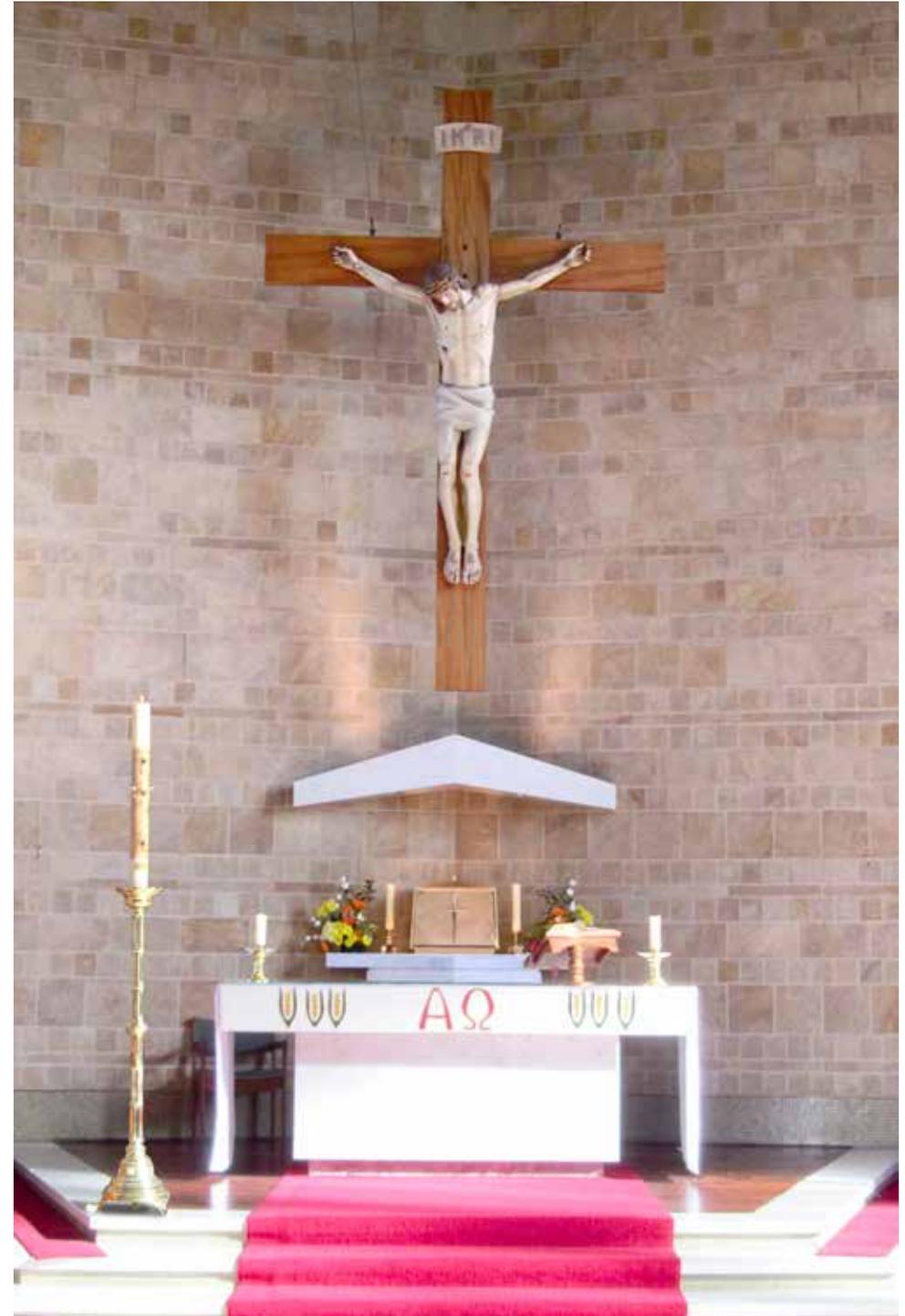
Welcome!

I am pleased to be invited to write a forward to this new edition of the parish directory.

Since coming to St Peter's and St Paul's some five months ago I have continually been surprised by the amount of activity taking place in the parish and the willingness of parishioners to get involved. I have often found myself asking 'who looks after this?' and I have found the previous edition of this directory a useful point of reference.

I hope that the directory will continue to be a helpful source of information to all parishioners, whether newcomers to the parish like me or those who have been part of the parish for many years. I also hope that it will act as an encouragement for others to get involved in parish life and in the wider mission of the church.

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CAMEO

C – Come
A – And
M – Meet
E – Each
O – Other

Sr Eileen



Catenians: Lincoln City Branch

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Catholic Women's League: Lincoln Section

Patricia Davis
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Cameo is a group of the more senior ladies and gentlemen of the Parish who meet on the second Tuesday of each month, usually in the Parish Centre at 2pm. There are occasional speakers or visits arranged.

If you would like to have a friendly, relaxed, entertaining afternoon with a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits, please come and join us. It would be lovely to see you.

If you would like to join us but have transport problems, please contact Sr Eileen.

There is no subscription, only a voluntary donation of £1 at meetings you attend.

In its simplest form the Catenian Association is a group of Catholic men who meet socially at least once a month, for a free exchange of views, to help and encourage one another and their families, in both their social and business lives.

If interested, please contact Peter or Terry.

The CWL is a worldwide organisation united in friendship and love where members use and develop their talents in projects for the world, the nation, the diocese and the parish under the patronage of St Margaret Clitherow.

The Lincoln Section is a successful example of the global ideal, raising funds for the Nomad Trust, Our Lady's Catechists Relief and Refuge Fund, Catholic Clothing Guild, CWL Services Committee, Education of Future Priests, and the Apostleship of the Sea, amongst others.

Apart from providing tea and coffee after various church events we also prepare and serve scrumptious teas throughout the year.

Our monthly meetings are varied, ranging from demonstrations of crafts, speakers from other denominations and, recently, a local representative from the 2016 nominated National Charity on Domestic Abuse.

Spiritual activities include Easter Stations of the Cross, October Rosary and Advent readings and reflections. We also meet for monthly casual lunches at local pubs and restaurants.

We are fortunate in our Parish Priest, Canon Edward Jarosz, who supports and encourages us in our endeavours.



Cleaning Team

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We are very fortunate in our parish to have so many willing people to help keep our church clean and tidy. Some parishioners might think that church cleaning is a lowly job, when in fact it is a wonderful way to serve God and glorify Him by looking after his house.

At the moment we have 28 members who make up 4 teams. Each team has a team leader, and each team member has a specific job to do.

Normally it works out that each team does these chores for one week per month, which means that members spend around 1 – 1½ hours cleaning per month. If someone goes off sick the rest of the team will do the necessary work or ask another team to help out.

We are always looking for more parishioners to help with cleaning, as some members are getting on in years and are hoping to retire, so please telephone or email. Before Christmas and Easter we usually give the church a "Spring Clean" and extra help is needed.

Ever since I have been put in charge of our church cleaning teams, I have marvelled at the positive and willing attitude of every single team member. Nothing seems too much. The work is done well and joyfully.

Well, what can I say? It's all done for the love of God.



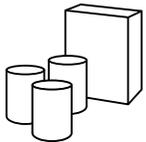
Catholic Clothing Guild

Maeve McAllister

This national group has been in existence for over 100 years. The local members support Sure-Start and local schools (inc. Ss Peter and Paul) when requests are made for uniform items. Sure-Start works with young families providing care and help where needed. They often require underwear and socks for children up to age 5.

The local members also provide warm hats, gloves and socks for the Apostleship of the Sea.

For more details and any queries contact the local organiser Maeve McAllister via the parish office.



Community Larder

The larder largely serves the Birchwood area of the city and is operated by St Luke's church which is a central point on the estate. It provides food and other goods for families who are finding it difficult to make ends meet, for a variety of reasons, including job loss.

To qualify for this benefit the family has to receive a token from their GP or social worker.

At Ss Peter and Paul's we collect tinned and packaged food, cleaning materials and baby food. There are two collections a week – on a Sunday and Wednesday, when the goods are taken to St Luke's, Birchwood, for distribution.

Monetary donations are also given to the Larder by other groups in our Parish.



Flower Team

Parish Office
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A small, dedicated group of volunteers, mainly amateurs, aiming to complement our beautiful church with floral arrangements throughout the year. Working individually on a two-weekly rota we come together to decorate at Christmas and Easter – we are also available to take wedding commissions. We all have different styles and are constantly learning new ideas from each other.

New recruits or occasional helpers are welcome as many hands make light work! Previous experience is not necessary, just a willingness to have a go.

In Memoriam Book

This book, situated in its cabinet near The Lady Chapel, is for anyone who would like to have the name of a beloved – not necessarily from this parish or even a Catholic – inserted, to be remembered on the day he/she died. We would like to include anyone who has died over the last fifty years. Forms for your details are in a box alongside.



Knights of St Columba

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The KSC is a friendly nationwide organisation for Catholic men, who wish to give a little of their spare time towards serving God by serving others. Members engage in good works such as assisting parish priests in practical ways, and engaging in charitable fundraising. They also campaign on matters of faith, as well as enjoying the fellowship of social events. The local group for Lincoln and the surrounding villages has made a particular effort in the last year to present witness to the true meaning of Christmas with a crib display outside the church, as well as others around the City. New members are always welcome, as are any parishioners (male or female) who would like to support us by becoming one of the Friends of the KSC.

Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group

Every Thursday at 16 Malvern Close, North Hykeham from 2–4pm. Coffee and tea and prayers.



Parishioner-led Study Groups

Peggy McCarthy
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We share our faith through the liturgy and various courses, eg. CAFOD, Redemptorist and BBC Lent Courses. Usually there are eight to ten participants.

Details of new courses will be advertised in the Parish Newsletter. All welcome.

Parish Development Society 300 Club

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The Parish 300 club offers parishioners, along with their families and friends, the opportunity to participate in a weekly lottery and contribute to the upkeep of our parish at the same time. There is a total annual prize fund of over £9000 including weekly draws of £100, monthly draws of £200 and a yearly draw of £1500. The draw takes place every week following one of the weekend masses.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the 300 club please pick up a membership form from the parish centre.



Response Group

Tony and Ann Rowlett
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In 1982, for the first time ever, the Pope came to England. His visit made such an impact on the Parish that groups were formed which met in each other's homes.

The Response Group, formed after that visit, is still active today after more than thirty years. Informal meetings are held in each other's homes on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7.45pm. All are welcome.

After initial greetings and a drink, someone reads the following Sunday's Gospel reading and we all have the opportunity to say what we feel the reading means and how it can be relevant today in our own lives.

After our discussion we have a time for prayer and intercession for each other, our families and friends, and the Parish, followed by a cup of tea or coffee, maybe a piece of cake and a good chat.

We also hold coffee mornings and other events to raise money for our chosen charity.



Silent Prayer Group

Contacts for further information:
Mavis Pearman
Maeve McAllister
Christine Halton
Stuart Collingham

A Christian Meditation Group meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm in 2a Skellingthorpe Road (adjacent to the church).

This form of silent, imageless prayer using a mantra, or prayer word, is rooted in the gospel and the letters of St Paul, and originated with the early Desert Fathers of the 4th century.

A Benedictine monk, Fr John Main OSB (1926-1982), rediscovered this ancient prayer tradition for contemporary men and women. Today there are over 2000 Christian Meditation groups around the world.

The meeting, which lasts approximately one hour, includes quiet music, a short recorded talk on meditation by John Main, Laurence Freeman, or other teachers in the World Community for Christian Meditation, approximately half an hour of silent meditation and a short time for discussion if required. Visitors and newcomers always welcome.

Practitioners of Centreing and Julian prayer are also very welcome to join us.



St Peter and St Paul's Prayer Group



Uganda Coffee Morning



Scripture Reflections

Patricia Davis
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Following The Gift course which ran during Lent 2017 some parishioners expressed a desire to continue meeting together to pray.

With Fr Tom's blessing a prayer group began shortly after Pentecost. Meetings are held in the Sacristy from 7.30 – 9pm on the **second** and **fourth** Tuesdays of the month. See the newsletter for dates.

Each evening includes praise, Scripture sharing and intercession. Everyone is very welcome.

Every Wednesday after morning Mass coffee is served in the Parish Centre. There is a bring and buy table and Fairtrade goods for sale. Proceeds are given to Fr Vincent Kanyankole when he visits in August. We began in 2001 when Fr Vincent told us of the children walking miles to fetch water for their families before going to school.

The money is used to drill bore holes in Jinja Diocese in Uganda. Takings facilitate clean, available water for many. Please come and join us any Wednesday you are free.

The Wednesday Word is a national missionary initiative for the 21st Century, both for parishes and schools.

The scripture readings of Sunday Mass help to form us as individuals and as a community.

We meet from 2 – 3.30pm on the **first** and **third** Wednesdays of the month to read and reflect on their meaning in our lives. See the newsletter for details.

We also pray for the parish family and the schools. All very welcome.

Dom Henry Wansbrough, who writes the weekly Sunday Gospel reflection/commentary, is a monk of Ampleforth Abbey and a world-renowned biblical scholar. He says:

"This is a splendid and imaginative initiative to bring the message of the gospel to Christians at home. It will be a great support to know that others all over the country are joining in this reflection."

Liturgy

Altar Servers

Stephanie
Parish Office

The ministry of serving at the Altar is open to those who have made their First Holy Communion. We currently have a team of over twenty young people - aged from 8 to over 20 years old who perform this important ministry on a regular basis.

Each Sunday they help with the offertory, setting up of the altar, carrying the processional cross and acolyte candles. On special occasions we also light the thurible to burn the incense at Mass. Training is available.

Stephanie looks after the Altar Server team and is the parish MC. If you are interested in joining the team, please speak to Stephanie in the Sacristy after any weekend Mass.



Choir

Daniel Ballard
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The choir of St Peter and St Paul's church is a long standing group that has served the parish's music ministry for many years. Led from 1981 by Bill McCarthy with organist Tess Adlard, the choir has supported masses and special celebrations over the years, enhancing our liturgies.

Following Bill's retirement in 2013 due to ill health, the choir entered a new era under the directorship of Daniel Ballard. Since this time the choir has grown in numbers and has continued to serve the parish music ministry, as well as contributing to wider Deanery singing events, including singing in Lincoln Cathedral!

We practise every Wednesday from 5-6pm and sing at the 9:00am Mass as well as all major events in the liturgical year.

We would love you to join us; come along and sing!
For further enquiries please contact Daniel Ballard.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Linda Heaver
Parish Office

At St Peter and St Paul's church there are 30 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, helping the Priest to distribute Holy Communion at Mass; but their most important role, and a great privilege, is taking Holy Communion to sick and housebound parishioners at home or in Residential Homes. If anyone wishes to have Holy Communion at home please contact Canon Edward Jarosz.

They repose the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday mornings after Exposition and occasionally assist at a service of the Word and Communion in the absence of a Priest.

Anyone from the Parish could be asked by the Parish Priest to consider this ministry. A formation weekend is held in The Briars, Crich. Ministers are then commissioned by the Bishop at the Cathedral in Nottingham. EMHC's are expected to attend a Renewal Day annually.



Folk Group

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Folk Group Leader
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Singing the Mass is a sign of the community of the Church celebrating glory and praise of God in the death and resurrection of the Lord.

Singing together in church expresses so well the sacramental presence of God to his people.

Good music makes the liturgical prayers of the Christian community more alive and fervent so that everyone can praise more powerfully, more intently and more effectively.

Why not come and join us to help make our music at St Peter and St Paul more powerful. The folk group is an informal gathering of musicians and singers at the 11am mass each week. Come and talk to us, before or after Mass, about the instrument you would like to play or if you want to sing. You will be most welcome whatever your skill level. Young people are particularly encouraged to join. (You do not have to commit to every week).



"Footsteps" Children's Liturgy

Mary Moore
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We do "Footsteps" for children from the age of 3 and up to the time they enrol to make their First Holy Communion.

We use all sorts of different media to help them understand the Gospel of the day at a level they can all comprehend. We sing, role play, colour, cut and stick pictures, read, use story sacks and puppets.

We encourage the children to interact and take an active part in our Liturgy.

We are always on the lookout for any adult help and no experience is needed.



Liturgy Readers

Chris Scanlon
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The Readers' group consists of nearly thirty volunteers of all ages, who wish to be involved in part of the liturgy of the Word. This is a very important part of the Mass.

It is a privileged task to be carried out with reverence, clarity and humility, so that the congregation can best absorb the message of the Word.

Once a month the youth of the parish carry out this duty, which is encouraging to see.

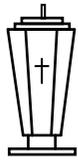
Guidance can be given for preparation and presentation of the liturgy. There is also a pamphlet available, giving good advice: "Being a reader at Mass".

Sacristy and Preparation for Parish Liturgies

Stephanie
Parish Office

Stephanie looks after the Sacristy and, as the MC, works with Fr Tom and liturgy teams to plan Parish Liturgies throughout the year.

Sacramental Preparation



Baptism Preparation

Kathryn and James
Clarkson
Parish Office

This takes place in 2a. The aim is to prepare parents for the Baptism of their children – to empower them to commit to bringing up their families in the faith, by sharing our faith with them and supporting them in their journey.

Details are advertised in the Parish Newsletter at various times during the year.



First Holy Communion and Reconciliation

First Holy Communion classes are run between November and Corpus Christi of the following year.

Application forms are available in the Parish Office and on the CTS table from September of the start year. The course is designed for, but not restricted to, candidates in years 3–4 who attend non-catholic schools.



Confirmation

Stephanie, Parish Office

Confirmation is held in the parish currently every other year. Stephanie is the lead catechist; however, she is ably assisted by a team of parish catechists.

Please contact Stephanie or Agnes Padgett if you would like to enquire further about Confirmation. Any young person wishing to be Confirmed in the parish must be baptised, aged 11+, attend Mass regularly and complete a Confirmation preparation course.



Marriage Preparation

Canon Edward Jarosz
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A small group of married couples in the Parish organise training for couples intending to marry in the Catholic Church. Ideally this takes place a few months before the young couples get married. It involves a fairly intensive day of preparation, with a course booklet, where matters such as conflict, readiness for marriage and the spiritual commitment of the Sacrament of Marriage.

The couples then receive a certificate and a candle, which they can use on their wedding day. Volunteers to help in this preparation are always welcome.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Eleanor
Parish Office

RCIA is a course for those wishing to explore the Catholic Faith in view of being received into the Church. It is a journey of faith.

The Course starts in September and those who desire and are ready to be received into the Church do so at the Easter Vigil. The Course continues after Easter until Whit Sunday. Meetings are held weekly from 7pm–9pm at 2a Skellingthorpe Road. There are no meetings during half-term and school holidays.

The Course is run at present by Sr Eileen and a small team and among them there may be one or two people who have been through the RCIA Programme themselves and have then become members of the Church.

St Peter and St Paul's Parish Prayer

We encourage you to light a candle and pray this prayer daily.

Eternal Father,
In your mercy
look with love on your
people of St Peter and St Paul's
and pour upon us the gifts
of your Spirit.
Draw us closer to you
and to one another that
together we may spread
your Kingdom.
We ask this through Jesus
Christ our Lord.
Amen

