

# The Catholic Church of St Peter & St Paul Lincoln

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Psalter Week I		Intentions will continue to be said by Fr Eddy without the faithful being present
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May No Mass	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> People of the Parish	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May No Mass	<b>Easter Feria</b> Sara Viscomi and Patricia England	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May No Mass	<b>Easter Feria</b> John and Agnes Keenan RIP (40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May No Mass	<b>Easter Feria</b> Peggy and Family	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May No Mass	<b>Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle</b> Ann and Tony Rowlett	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May No Mass	<b>Easter Feria</b> Judith Sandor RIP	
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May No Mass	<b>Easter Feria</b> -	
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May No Mass	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> People of the Parish	

Readers	This	NO MASSES	-	-
	Next	NO MASSES	-	-
Tea & Coffee	This	SUSPENDED		
	Next	SUSPENDED		
Cleaners	This	SUSPENDED		
	Next	SUSPENDED		
Footsteps	This	SUSPENDED		
	Next	SUSPENDED		
Exposition	This	SUSPENDED		
	Next	SUSPENDED		
Welcome	This	NO MASSES	-	-
	Next	NO MASSES	-	-

COLLECTION last week		300 CLUB	Sunday Coffee Morning
Standing Orders	429.00	£100 w/d 03/05/2020 - No - Forms to join the club are in the Parish Centre. <b>NEW MEMBERS WELCOME</b>	Currently Suspended
Envelopes	-	Hungry Box: £ - Uganda Coffee (Wednesday) 2019/20: £1121.17	
Loose Plate	-		
TOTAL	-	<i>Sincere thanks for your kind donations. The parish relies upon your generosity!</i>	

**ENTERING HOSPITAL:** Please let us know if you or a relative enter hospital, we will do what we can to assist you.

**SICK VISITS:** It will not be possible for Fr Eddy to visit the sick except in cases of grave emergency when Anointing of the Sick is required. This is to protect our vulnerable parishioners, Fr Eddy, and also those who he may have to visit in the future. Please take care of your vulnerable neighbours and if Fr Eddy can assist by means of a phone call, let him know.

**PARISH SECRETARY: WILL BE IN THE OFFICE ON MONDAY from 11am-4pm AND FRIDAY from 10am-4pm**

**COVID-19:** Following Government Guidelines our church is closed. A copy of the weekly newsletter is available on the outside notice board. If you would like a copy posted to you, please contact the Parish Office or post your name and address through the door of 2a. If you would like a copy sent to you by email please contact the Parish Office with your email address. Thank you.



Tip of the week: In these days of Lock Down try and stay in touch with someone living on their own to demonstrate living in Solidarity.

Thanks to everyone who has sent their Challenge points total by email to me. We are now on the next three months returns which will be the last Saturdays in May, June and July. The new challenge sheet is available to print from the copy on the St Peter & Paul's Parish Web Site. There are a few new items on the list to allow for the different ways we are all living. Don't worry if you are late with your returns all the points you let me know about will be added to the total. Keep safe everybody and God Bless, Tony

## A MESSAGE FROM THE METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOPS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ENGLAND AND WALES

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The radiance of the risen Lord shines upon us. At a time when so many shadows are cast into our lives, and upon our world, the light of the resurrection shines forever to renew and restore our hope.

In the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis: *"In the midst of isolation when we are suffering from a lack of tenderness and chances to meet up, and we experience the loss of so many things, let us once again listen to the proclamation that saves us: he is risen and is living by our side."* (27 March 2020)

The impact of COVID-19, both nationally and internationally, has been immense. So much of what we take for granted has changed. Our health and physical interaction, our capacity to travel and gather, have all been affected. There is uncertainty in our future, especially with work and the country's economy. As we know, very sadly, large numbers of people have died because of the coronavirus, and others have been or remain seriously ill. Keyworkers, not least in the National Health Service and care sectors, are serving selflessly to sustain the life of our nation. Our hearts and prayers go out to everyone who is suffering because of COVID-19, and to all those battling to overcome its effects. May those who have died rest in peace and those who are bereaved find comfort.

When the Prime Minister announced the lockdown, this included places of worship and therefore Catholic churches. These measures were put in place to stem the general transmission of the virus. It is right that the Catholic community fulfils its role in contributing to the preservation of life and the common good of society. This must continue until the restrictions applied by the Government are lifted.

None of us would want to be in the situation in which we find ourselves. While the live-streaming of the Mass and other devotions is playing an important part in maintaining the life of faith, there is no substitute for Catholics being able to physically attend and participate in the celebration of the Mass and the other sacraments.

Our faith is expressed powerfully and beautifully through 'seeing, touching, and tasting.' We know that every bishop and every priest recognises the pain of Catholics who, at present, cannot pray in church or receive the sacraments. This weighs heavily on our hearts. We are deeply moved by the Eucharistic yearning expressed by so many members of the faithful. We thank you sincerely for your love for the Lord Jesus, present in the sacraments and supremely so in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The bishops and priests of every diocese are remembering you and your loved ones at Mass each day in our churches as we pray 'in hope of health and well-being.' We thank our priests for this faithfulness to their calling.

As the Government's restrictions are relaxed step by step, we look forward to opening our churches and resuming our liturgical, spiritual, catechetical and pastoral life step by step. This will also be of service to those beyond the Catholic Church who depend on our charitable activity and outreach through which much goodness is shared by so many volunteers from our communities.

None of us knows, as yet, how or when the lockdown will end. There is likely to be a phased return to travelling and gathering. As a church, we are now planning for this time and our discussions with the statutory public health agencies and Government representatives are ongoing. Together with Catholics across England and Wales we desire the opening of our churches and access to the sacraments. Until then, we are continuing to pray and prepare.

We want to acknowledge with gratitude the service of our fellow bishops and priests, our deacons and religious, our families and lay faithful, together with all our parish and school communities, for the wonderful ways the life of the faith is being nourished at this time, especially in the home. We also pay tribute to the Catholic organisations and networks that are working to support the vulnerable and needy.

On that first Easter day, the disciples were in lockdown and the doors were closed. In their isolation the Lord Jesus came among them and said 'Peace be with you.' May the peace of the risen Lord reign in our hearts and homes as we look forward to the day we can enter church again and gather around the altar to offer together the Sacrifice of Praise.

We unite in asking the intercession of Our Blessed Lady and assure you of our prayers and blessing. Yours devotedly in Christ,

- ✠ Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster
- ✠ Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool
- ✠ Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham
- ✠ George Stack, Archbishop of Cardiff
- ✠ John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark

**CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL:** CAFOD launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water and healthcare are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. While we are not able to hold physical collections in our church, you can donate as individuals at [cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal](https://cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal)

**ROSARY IN MAY:** The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady and Pope Francis has urged us to rediscover the beauty of praying the rosary at home whether with others or on our own. Fr Eddy would particularly like to suggest that we might pray the rosary on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm for the intentions of those suffering from Covid-19 and for those who are providing essential care and services for us at this time. After praying we can then join in the national show appreciation at 8pm if we wish to do so. Fr Eddy will pray the rosary in the Lady Chapel and you can join him 'virtually' if you wish by means of the parish Facebook page.

**SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE:** We have developed a range of social media. Details of our parish Facebook, YouTube and Twitter accounts can be found and liked at <https://www.facebook.com/ssppchurchlincs/> on YouTube please subscribe to the SSPP channel [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZyr7ASmSKFu2EKdfoU\\_ITw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZyr7ASmSKFu2EKdfoU_ITw) and if you are on Twitter please could you follow @ssppchurchlincs. There is also a parish WhatsApp group and details of how to join are available from Tina or myself.

My thanks to Daniel Ballard and Eick Armes for their help in setting up our parish social media presence.

### A special prayer requested by Pope Francis for use during May

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

You know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

### 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.

### GOD WHO SPEAKS PRAYER

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen