

The Catholic Church of St Peter & St Paul Lincoln

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PSALTER WEEK 3		INTENTIONS
Saturday 6th March 6pm Mass streamed	Lenten Feria Helen Clarkson RIP (3.3.73)	
Sunday 7th March 9am Mass streamed 11am Mass NOT streamed	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Aidan Vaughan RIP (27.1.21) People of the Parish	
Monday 8th March No Mass	Lenten Feria -	
Tuesday 9th March 9.30am Mass streamed	Lenten Feria Recovery to health of Maureen Ward	
Wednesday 10th March 9.30am Mass streamed	Lenten Feria Repose of the soul of Adrian Hogan	
Thursday 11th March 9.30am Mass streamed	Lenten Feria Josie Galeeney and Kathleen McGovern (Birthday Masses)	
Friday 12th March Streamed 6.30pm NO CONGREGATION	Lenten Feria Stations of the Cross intercessions before the Blessed Sacrament (available for you to watch on the parish YouTube channel)	
Saturday 13th March 6pm Mass streamed	Lenten Feria Christine Halton RIP	
Sunday 14th March 9am Mass streamed 11am Mass NOT streamed	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – LAETARE SUNDAY People of the Parish Paddy McLoughlin RIP (3 rd Anniversary) and deceased members of the McLoughlin family	

Readers	This	S Collingham	J May	E Neal
	Next	H Levey	P Porter	L Roberts
Tea & Coffee	This	SUSPENDED		
	Next	SUSPENDED		
Cleaners	This	SUSPENDED		
	Next	SUSPENDED		
Footsteps	This	SUSPENDED		
	Next	SUSPENDED		
Exposition	This	SUSPENDED		
	Next	SUSPENDED		
Stewards	This	6pm – Nat and Ted	9am – Julie and Jon	11am – Cameron and Sue
	Next	6pm – Nat and Ted	9am – Julie Philomena	11am – Sue and Jude

COLLECTION		Sincere thanks for your kind donations. The parish relies upon your generosity!	SECOND COLLECTION
Standing Orders	21/2 28/2 529.00 529.00	HUNGRY BOX: £ - UGANDA COFFEE (Wednesday) 2020/2021: £ -	Suspended £
Envelopes	47.00 177.00	300 CLUB:	
Loose Plate	130.20 112.10	Forms to join the club are in the Parish Centre. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME	

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

SUNDAY OBLIGATION: A reminder that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is suspended in the dioceses of England and Wales.

PASTORAL VISITS: Currently suspended, except for end of life. **CONFESSIONS:** By arrangement, please call 01522 696838.

PARISH SECRETARY: Will be in the office on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10am-4pm.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2021/2022: Will be available end of March beginning of April; please do collect if you can, or give permission via the parish office for them to be delivered to your home address. If you would like to continue with the envelope system please call Alison Guz on 01522 811099 to confirm this giving your name, address and phone number. If you wish to change to standing order please contact the parish office for details. Thank you.

If someone in your household displays ANY of the symptoms of Covid19, you MUST stay at home. If you are shielding, please continue to protect yourself by staying at home, and praying for the Parish community. Our Stewards will assist you in managing arriving and leaving our church safely. Face coverings MUST be worn unless you are exempt from doing so. Please sanitise your hands on entry to the church and you MUST keep your distance inside and outside the building. Thank you.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2021: We are hoping to start classes on Saturday 24th April with the final celebration on Saturday 24th July. The classes will take place in the Church complying with the current roadmap to Covid recovery and respecting social distancing. Classes will start at 9.30am and run through till midday. At the end of the session the area that has been used will have to be sanitised prior to the evening Mass and we will be asking parents to assist in this. If you have a child wishing to make their 1st Communion this year please get an application form from Canon Geoffrey, the Parish Secretary in 2a or myself, Stan Davis (normally at the 11am Sunday Mass). Please feel free to call me on 07703 234433 for further details.

BISHOP PATRICK'S LENTEN TALKS - You are invited to join Bishop Patrick and people from across the diocese this Lent in reflecting on our relationship with God. To be a disciple of Jesus means to know and love him, but to also know we are known and loved by him too. Bishop Patrick will give two talks on Zoom exploring God's Love for us and how we can respond to it.

1. **Knowing the Heart of God** (clearing false images of God that we may carry around with us) - **Thursday 11th March, at 7pm**

2) **Knowing the Love of God** (understanding our identity as God's sons and daughters) - **Thursday 25th March, at 7pm.**

Each talk will include input from Bishop Patrick, a time for questions and answers, and small group discussion. You can register for one or both talks on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk

Walking with Christ on the Way of the Cross, in the Time of the COVID-19 Pandemic - Online Resource for Lent 2021: The Stations of the Cross begins and ends in the beautiful Pugin Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Cathedral of St. Barnabas. As we journey together with Christ on the road towards Calvary, so we meditate and pray at different Stations along the way, where we hear short meditations and reflections from several students, filmed by them from wherever they are based during this time of the Pandemic. <https://youtu.be/dQ09wqJcxX0>

Lenten thoughts from the Laudato Si Animators "...creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of all, and as a reality illuminated by the love which calls us together into universal communion." Laudato Si (LSI) 76

"**Lent can foster** what is essential at this time: honesty and hope 'Rend your hearts, not your garments' the season begins. We are summoned to be broken open and remain open for forty days. We are invited to look at our beliefs, decisions, and actions and the ways they affect not only our personal lives but the lives of all on this planet. We can allow God to expose the places in our hearts that suffer from the illusion that we are separate and apart – this is the real work of Lent" (*Quantum Grace: Lenten Reflections on Creation and Connectedness*, Judy Cannato. (American Catholic author, retreat facilitator, and spiritual director who died in 2011).

As we enter Lent during a pandemic which has taken so much away from us, can we open our hearts to see with God's loving eyes what we have been given. Can we begin to see creation as a gift from God calling us into universal communion with each other, not universal consumption for ourselves? Can we embrace the true role of humans to take responsibility for all sectors of our common home? Can we become 'servant rulers' operating out of love, compassion and justice for all of creation, instead of squeezing the life out of everything?

"**God created man in his own image**, in the image of God **Rule** over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature" Genesis 1 v 27,28 (NIV)

Speaking to shepherds, "You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally." Ezekiel 34 v 4 – 9 (NIV)

"And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" Micah 6 v 8 (NIV)

God expects His rulers to be different, to be servant rulers who exercise their dominion with love and compassion, working for justice and against oppression.

We can look to the sacrificial life of Jesus to inspire us to sacrifice our over-consumption for a commitment to Live Simply both within our parishes and individually. As we allow our vision to expand, realising we are part of and intrinsically connected with all that God created, we will begin to behave more responsibly.

The LSI Animators strive to "... see God in all that exists" so that "our hearts are moved to praise the Lord for all his creatures and to worship him in union with them. This sentiment finds magnificent expression in the hymn of St Francis of Assisi: Praised be You my Lord with all Your creatures" LSI 87

The Climate Coalition, supported by 25 organisations, says, 'The Time is Now'. 'The Time is Now' for every parish church to work towards a Live Simply award. We can all start an individual journey, but have we all spoken to the CAFOD / Mission group in our churches and offered help to start or join their journey?

<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Livesimply-award> There are lots of helpful ideas for churches and individuals in the Eco Church website too: <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk>

PRAYER FOR THIS LENTEN FAST: Loving God, we hear your call to all who thirst for a brighter future: Come to the water. Pour out your Spirit upon us and lead us to walk alongside one another. Let a desire for change well up within us. May we overflow with compassion and love. And as a stream wears away stone, may we reshape our world together to reflect your kingdom of hope for all. Amen.

LIVESTREAMING: Our livestreaming service can be accessed at www.churchservices.tv/lincoln or through the 'web-cam' tab on the parish website. Sunday Mass will be at 9am and weekday Mass will usually be at 9.30am although check the newsletter and the on-line schedule for any changes. If you can't make Mass 'live' then a recording will usually be available within an hour of the end of Mass.

VACANCIES

A **VACANCY** has arisen for a Lawnmower technician – all enquiries to Canon Geoffrey – geoffrey.hunton@dioceseofnottingham.uk

WANTED: A CARITAS PARISH REPRESENTATIVE (voluntary position) Caritas is a world-wide charitable organisation involved with our diocese to give advice and encourage social action projects. Bishop Patrick would like to see a representative in every parish in the Nottingham Diocese. They would attend diocesan meetings (via Zoom at present), liaise with other parish reps in the area and become involved with both social action and care for the environment projects. If interested please contact Mary Wilford mwilford@virginmedia.com or Paul Bodenham paul.bodenham@dioceseofnottingham.uk



Hello all you Live Simply Challengers. I forgot to remind you all to send me your points total for February but you have mostly remembered anyway! I can report that the points total for our LS Challenge for February was: 804. Do all please keep up your good work with the challenge, hopefully in the not too distant future we will all be back at church God Willing! Tony

DIARY DATES

ST PETER & ST PAUL'S PRAYER GROUP: The Prayer Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month on Zoom. You would be very welcome to join us. Next meeting **9th and 23rd March** from 7.30-9pm at the latest. **ID- 498 066 3426 Password- 999198.**

On 8 December 2020, Pope Francis announced that there would be a Year of St Joseph from 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021. This was to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St Joseph being declared the Patron of the Universal Church. To join in these celebrations the Diocese has produced a Novena to St Joseph leading to his feast day 19 March. The Novena takes as its focus the different groups or causes that claim St Joseph as their Patron Saint, as well as the themes of Pope Francis' letter launching the year. The Novena can be downloaded as a whole booklet from the Nottingham diocesan website or you can email: adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk with 'St Joseph Novena' in the subject line to receive daily emails with the prayers for that day between **10-18 March.**

DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK 12th-19th March: For more information and resources please visit <https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/dementia-prayer-week>

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