

The Catholic Church of St Peter & St Paul Lincoln

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Fourth Week of Ordinary Time - Psalter Week 4	INTENTIONS
Saturday 29th January 5.15pm 6pm Mass streamed	FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Confessions Bernard Finneran RIP
Sunday 30th January 9am Mass streamed 11am Mass NOT streamed	FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Fred McDonnell RIP People of the Parish
Monday 31st January -	Saint John Bosco, priest (Memorial) No Mass
Tuesday 1st February 7pm	Feria Arthur Dennis RIP
Wednesday 2nd February 9.30am 5pm	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – Candlemass Day of Special Prayer for Consecrated Life Gordon Prentice RIP (1 st Anniversary) Parish Choir
Thursday 3rd February 9.30am	Feria Paddy McLoughlin RIP (4 th Anniversary) and deceased members of the McLoughlin family
Friday 4th February 11am 12 Noon	Saint Gilbert of Empingham, religious (Memorial) Confessions/Exposition Leslie and Elsie Sanderson RIP Lunches in the Parish Centre on 1 st and 3 rd Fridays
Saturday 5th February 11am 5.15pm 6pm Mass streamed	Saint Agatha, virgin, and martyr (Memorial) Confessions FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Confessions Gordon Prentice RIP (1 st Anniversary – Remembered, Missed and Loved)
Sunday 6th February 9am Mass streamed 11am Mass NOT streamed	FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 70 th Anniversary of the Accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II Accession Day – Her Majesty The Queen Stanislawa Bogucka RIP In her memory

Readers	This	6pm – S Collingham	9am – T Rowlett	11am – N Mankwa
	Next	6pm – H Levey	9am – J Clarkson	11am – J Mitchell
Flowers Rota	TBA			
Weekend Coffee	This	9am – 11am –		
	Next	9am – Fundraising Circle of Friends – Parish Funds 11am – Lincoln Catenians – Parish Funds		
Footsteps	This	Eileen Cooper, Hannah Bownes		
	Next	Mary Moore, Karen O'Connor		
Weekend Stewards	This	6pm – Ted	9am – Alison	11am – Stan
	Next	6pm – Ted	9am – Alison	11am – Stan

WEEKLY INCOME		POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY <i>For religious sisters and consecrated women:</i> We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.	Artefacts: Total £9125.00 Raised £6520.17 Balance £2604.83
Standing Orders	£579.53		
Envelopes	£128.10		
Loose Plate	£239.52		
TOTAL	£947.15		
Second Collection	£168.22		
Friday Lunches	£ 48.00		
Sunday Coffee	£ 19.00		
Donations	-		
Mass Stipends	£ 60.00		
Funerals	£500.00		
Hall Fees	-		

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.
LOST PROPERTY:	Will now be collected from the church and kept at the Parish Office. Please contact Tina when she is in the office.
PARISH SECRETARY:	Will be in the office on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9am-5pm
IN MEMORIAM BOOK:	Should you wish to see your loved one's name in the anniversary book, details of insertion are adjacent to the display cabinet.

IF SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD DISPLAYS ANY SYMPTOM OF COVID19, YOU MUST STAY AT HOME DO NOT COME TO CHURCH

If shielding, please continue to protect yourself by staying at home

In places of worship wearing a face covering IS MANDATORY unless you are exempt from doing so

Bishop Patrick encourages everyone to get vaccinated and to obtain a booster

Similar to other Parishes throughout the Diocese the effects of COVID-19 and subsequent lockdowns has had an impact. Mass attendance recorded for 2018 recorded in the 2019 Yearbook shows the figure for SSPP was 575 per week; the count which was taken September/October 2021 indicates the average was 247 per week, a drop of just under 50%. Looking out at Masses on a weekend I believe the numbers have gone up slightly, but we are still well below the 2018 figures. Please do pray, encourage, and reassure people that we do strive to maintain a safe environment for all, both in the Church and the Parish Centre.

These past few weeks I have informed you of a variety of projects undertaken these past 9 months and a future major project for 2022, i.e., the sale of 240 Boultham Park Road and the reconfiguration of 2a Skellingthorpe Road as the Presbytery with an attached Parish Office and Parish Meeting Room. Much of the work undertaken during 2021 has been necessary for the maintenance of our properties, internal and external. Over the coming weeks some necessary remedial works to 2A, 240 BPR, the Church and the Parish Centre will start at a cost of approximately £3500.00 + VAT. Also, I am afraid the Heater in the Lady Chapel has been condemned and is beyond repair, the quotation for a replacement has been received and it is £2522.66 + VAT.

The drop in attendance has obviously had an adverse effect on our income. It is good to see that the weekly average for Standing Orders has increased significantly since March 2020, when it stood at £429.00 per week, to a current figure of £579.53 per week. However, the loose plate and planned giving envelopes contributions have decreased, some 40 sets of envelopes were not collected this past Financial Year. All of this means the amount we can claim from the Government through the Gift Aid scheme will be reduced. The cumulative effect of this meant we have had to draw on some of our reserves. Whilst we are fortunate to have a healthy amount in our reserves it is not a bottomless pit and at times needs topping up. Thank you for reading this and if you feel you can help in anyway, please do feel free to contact me. Canon Geoffrey

TEA AND COFFEE: If you would like to undertake a coffee morning after the Masses on Sunday mornings, may I respectfully request that they are held to raise some parish funds. Thank you, Canon Geoffrey.

STAMPS for Medical Detection Dogs: Please do remember this charity. The box and instructions for trimming are, as before, on the table at the side of Church. Thank you to everyone for your contributions.

WEDDINGS 2022: Any couple intending to marry during 2022 at SSPP, or elsewhere in England & Wales, or abroad is asked, if they have not already done so, to contact Canon Geoffrey.

Hello all you Live Simply Challengers. We are now at the end of January so can you all send me your totals for the month. It is now two years since we started our Live Simply Challenge (February 2020), and we will be submitting our results to hopefully achieve the Live Simply Award which would be a great feather in the cap of St Peter and Pauls Parish! The monthly challenge has been an important part of gaining the award so to aid us with our submission could you, when you send me your email result, tell me how you have experienced doing the challenge, is it something you have not thought of doing before and why you have been able to keep up the challenge for so long. What benefits do you think doing the challenge has had for the environment? Have you found it a really worthwhile exercise, or not? Remembering to do all the tasks each week has been an effort and Ann and I have had our lapses but on the whole, it's been, I think for us, a worthwhile exercise. I'm keen to hear how you have got on so let me know. Tony

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: An amendment has been tabled to the Health and Social Care Bill by Lord Forsyth which would force the Government to lay an Assisted Suicide Bill before Parliament within a year of the Bill passing into law. This is yet another attempt by the assisted suicide lobby to build momentum for a change in the law which would pose a serious risk to the sick and vulnerable and make assisted suicide available on the NHS. Bishop Patrick McKinney is encouraging everyone to write to peers and urge them to oppose Lord Forsyth's amendment which is expected to be debated next Wednesday, 2nd February. The organisation *Right to Life* can support you with this via their website: Ask peers to oppose assisted suicide next week (www.righttolife.org.uk). Please act now and ensure that England and Wales does not allow a lethal prescription to become an established part of health care.

THANK YOU: The family of Edna O'Leary wish to thank all those who attended Edna's funeral service, including the Organist and Choir. Their presence and participation was deeply appreciated in bringing comfort to her family. A total of £240 was donated, to be divided between the St Barnabas and Marie Curie charities. Thank you, Donal O'Leary

THANK YOU to all who sent cards and said prayers for Ann O'Neill, these were much appreciated.

ST THERESE OF LISIEUX MULTI ACADEMY TRUST: Do You want to make a difference in our Catholic schools? All our schools have a Local Governing Body (LGB) formed of people who are interested in the school. The LGB plays a significant part in ensuring that the schools are well managed and that they give our Catholic children the very best education for life. The LGB ensures that the Catholic character of the school is developed and preserved. The LGB creates a link to the local/parish community. It has a key role to play in the children's future. Are you a practising Catholic and interested in becoming a Foundation Governor? If you have a child that attends one of our Academies, are you interested in becoming a Parent Governor? We always need Catholic people to become involved in this important work. For more information visit the website www.stl-cmat.org.uk or contact Tamer Hodgson Governance Lead: Email: Tamer.Hodgson@stl-cmat.org.uk Tel: 01522 849 62.

DIARY DATES

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL: On **Sunday, 30th January** at **St Hugh's Church** from 3-4pm Fr. Eddy, Revd. Bruce Thompson and friends from the Jewish community invite you to attend our ecumenical service held to commemorate the Holocaust and subsequent genocides. It is an open invitation to all of whatever faith or of none.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL - the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend **5th and 6th February**. SPUC is currently campaigning to protect Pro-Life speech. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack.

2022 PRO LIFE SPUC YOUTH CONFERENCE 25-27 February at Yarnfield Park Conference Centre, Yarnfield Park, Yarnfield, Stone ST15 0NL. Join us on a journey through the history of abortion in the UK. For details ring 0207 091 7091 or info@spuc.org.uk website: www.spuc.org.uk

SUNDAY 6TH FEBRUARY: This year marks the 70th anniversary of HM The Queen's Accession, the 9am Mass that morning will be offered for The Queen. After 9am Mass there will be a coffee morning to raise parish funds, run by Fundraising Circle of Friends, and after the 11am Mass there will be a coffee morning run by the Lincoln Catenians for parish funds.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH: There will be a short introduction to the Catholic Faith starting on **Sunday 6th February** at 4.30pm at **St Hugh's Church**. We will be using the Sycamore Programme which involves short, thought-provoking films about the big questions in life and the central beliefs of the Christian faith filmed in various locations around the UK. For more information about the programme see www.sycamore.fm. If you or a friend or family member would like to join, please e-mail Helen Townsend: helen@sthughslincoln.org.uk

ST PETER & ST PAUL'S PRAYER GROUP: The next Prayer Group is on **Tuesday 8th February** from 7.30-9pm in the Parish Centre.

CALLING CATHOLIC TEACHERS: If you are a Catholic teacher currently working outside of Catholic education and would like to find out more about the joys of working in a Catholic school within the Diocese of Nottingham, a virtual information session will take place on **8th February** from 7-8.30pm. Please see the poster on the parish notice board. For further information, please contact: Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service (julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk).

SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.
Amen