

The Catholic Church of St Peter & St Paul Lincoln

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Second Week of Ordinary Time - Psalter Week 2	INTENTIONS
Saturday 15th January 5.15pm 6pm Mass streamed	SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Confessions Maureen Batchelor RIP
Sunday 16th January 9am Mass streamed 11am Mass NOT streamed	SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Day of Special Prayer for Peace - PEACE SUNDAY Brendan O'Donnell RIP People of the Parish
Monday 17th January -	Saint Anthony, Abbot (Memorial) No Mass
Tuesday 18th January 1.50pm 7pm	Feria Funeral Service for Sarah Jane Veronica Coleman at Lincoln Crematorium John Francis RIP
Wednesday 19th January 9.30am 5pm 6pm	Feria Intentions of Mary Feighan Parish Choir Reception of Edna O'Leary RIP
Thursday 20th January 11am	Feria Requiem Mass for Edna O'Leary RIP
Friday 21st January 11am 12 Noon	Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr (Memorial) Confessions/Exposition Sean McKane RIP Lunches in the Parish Centre on 1 st and 3 rd Fridays
Saturday 22nd January 11am 5.15pm 6pm Mass streamed	Feria Confessions THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Confessions Ruth Naile – Friend and Parishioner, For good health
Sunday 23rd January 9am Mass streamed 11am Mass NOT streamed	THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Anthony Corrigan RIP People of the Parish

Readers	This	6pm – Y Buckingham	9am – C Scanlon	11am – F Bean
	Next	6pm – R Boyns	9am – K Clarkson	11am – E Neal
Flowers Rota	TBA			
Weekend Coffee	This	9am – 11am –		
	Next	9am – 11am –		
Footsteps	This	Emma Baker, Kayleigh Burkitt		
	Next	Fiona Carroll, Gloria Lakshman		
Weekend Stewards	This	6pm – Ted	9am – Alison	11am – Stan
	Next	6pm – Ted	9am – Alison	11am – Stan

WEEKLY COLLECTION		POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY - <i>For true human fraternity:</i> We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.	Artefacts Total £9125.00 Raised £6413.17 Balance £2711.83
Standing Orders	£529.00	300 CLUB: On the following page you will see the item regarding works that have been done since 1st March 2021. The cost of the works was generally met by the monies raised via the 300 Club. We need a further 35 members to bring us up to 300, if you are not a member, please do join. Canon Geoffrey.	
Envelopes	£ 89.02		
Loose Plate CRIB	£199.33 £ 55.40		

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 9am-5pm, <u>Wednesday</u> 9am-7pm 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

PARISH PROPERTIES

2A SKELLINGTHORPE ROAD & 240 BOULTHAM PARK ROAD:

During 2021 it became obvious that both of the above properties were in dire need of refurbishment and upgrading, which could cost the Parish many thousands of pounds. As you will be aware 240 Boultham Park Road was purchased and the top floor of 2a Skellingthorpe Road was given over to SSPP School for their use by a previous Parish Priest many years ago. The ground floor rooms being used as a Parish Office and Parish Rooms; the flat which is attached to the house has been unoccupied for several years and currently the garage is used for storage. Following discussions with the SSPP School, I was informed that the school no longer wished to use 2a Skellingthorpe Road. Following on from this decision and taking into consideration the cost implications for refurbishment and upgrading of both properties, and after consulting an Architect, a proposal was put to the Diocese. The proposal is that:

- a. 240 Boultham Park Road to be sold.
- b. 2a Skellingthorpe Road to be reconfigured to be The Presbytery.
- c. The Garage and Flat to be demolished, in their place a purpose-built Parish Office with a Meeting Room/Interview Room be constructed connected to the Presbytery.
- d. The Parish Car Park to be re-marked for more efficient parking.

This proposal was put to the Building and Sites Commission and was approved in principle. It was then presented to the Board of Directors of The Diocese and was approved subject to Planning Permission being gained, final plans, and costs. An application has been presented to the Local Authority and I await their decision, anticipated to be received sometime in February. We are at an early stage with this project, once final plans have been drawn up and costs evaluated, I will inform you. Canon Geoffrey.

Maintenance and Other Works which have taken place since 1 March 2021

LED lighting throughout the Sacristies, toilets, Parish Centre corridor, both function rooms and kitchen

Trees around all properties attended to

Damaged ceiling tiles in the Parish Centre replaced

New sign boards erected around the properties which are now illuminated via a sensor system

External CCTV installed around church and car park

Dynorod now visiting twice yearly to attend to drains, gutters and downpipes

Upgraded PA System installed

Purchase of Altar Frontals and Tabernacle Veils

Purchase of new Altar Linens and 2 Altar Cloths

New photocopier purchased and installed

Aumbry and Display Cabinet installed - awaiting candle ledges

Refurbishment of Parish Church Plate

Outreach Mail drop prior to Christmas to all residences in the Parish

Heaters in the Church serviced - at the moment two are out of commission - awaiting advice regarding their replacement. New timer installed and heaters in the Sacristies to be synchronised to the main system.

ATTENDING WEEKEND MASSES AT SSPP: During Mass please do feel free to kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer, after the Lamb of God and during the distribution of Holy Communion. Canon Geoffrey.

EFFECTS OF THE PANDEMIC IN OUR PARISH: For those who attend Mass, especially Sunday Masses you will have noticed that the numbers are very much down from the numbers who attended Mass prior to the onset of the Pandemic and ensuing lockdowns. I estimate that our Mass Attendance is down by something in the region of 55%-60%. Please be assured we do operate as far as we can a safe environment for all to attend Mass and also socialise in the Parish Centre. Let us all do whatever we can to reassure and encourage those we have not seen for such a long time to return. Canon Geoffrey.

TEA AND COFFEE: Please note if you would like to undertake a coffee morning after Mass on a Sunday morning, we respectfully request that they are held to raise some parish funds which are very much needed. Many thanks, Canon Geoffrey.

HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS: Our numbers are dwindling, if you feel you can help, no experience necessary, younger, or older, then please contact Stan on 07703 234433. If you are over 18 then we will have to conduct a DBS check but that will not preclude you starting straight away. Stan Davis, Catechist.

FAITH IN FAMILIES has now merged with the charity Adoption Focus. They still need your support, but they are no longer using the 'box' method to raise money and encourage regular giving via standing order or direct debit instead. Information about Adoption Focus can be found on their website: www.adoption-focus.org.uk or you can telephone them on 0121 779 0891. Please can all box holders bring in their box for final counting. Boxes should be left in the rear Sacristy in the appropriate box. Thank you to everyone who has supported 'The Catholic Children's Society/Faith in Families' charity over the years and to our box collectors.

STAMPS for Medical Detection Dogs: Please do remember this charity. The box and instructions for trimming are, as before, on the table at the back of Church. Do read the notice as suggestions for trimming have eased. Many thanks to everyone for your contributions.

MARY'S MEALS – 'Double The Love' campaign: From November 2021 to 31st January 2022, every gift given to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.6m. This means a gift of just £15.90 will feed, not one, but two children, a life-changing daily school meal for a whole school year! Your kindness brings joy to more than two million children around the world – including those affected by natural disasters, conflict and the ongoing Covid pandemic. For more information, please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk

THE WOMEN'S REFUGE: A huge thank you to Peggy, Patricia and all who helped raise money for the women's refuge. Your gift of over two hundred pounds was very gratefully received and has certainly helped to make Christmas merrier for all.

During December we were able to send 40 backpacks thanks to your great generosity, we have had them for a little while as there was a delay in distribution. However, they are now on their way to Africa and as Mary's Meals have said in their thank you letter (up in the Hall) it gives added hope to the people and reminds them they are not alone in their struggle to survive in these even more difficult times.

SECONDARY SCHOOL VACANCIES: St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust have vacancies for a Headteacher (English Martyrs', Leicester) and a Deputy Headteacher (St Martin's, Stoke Golding). Closing date for applications is 26 January. For details of vacancies visit www.aquinas-cmat.org/vacancies

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

CONFIRMATION 2022: Applications now closed. The first Confirmation session will be held on Saturday, 29th January and will start at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre. The aim is to end the session by 5.30pm. Details of all sessions will be emailed to the contacts named on the forms submitted to-date. If you have not received an email by 19th January, please could you notify us stpeteratpaulcatechists@gmail.com. **PLEASE NOTE:** face coverings are required to be worn during the sessions and should be able to cover the wearer's nose and mouth. If your son or daughter is not able to wear a face covering, please notify us ASAP. Windows will be open for ventilation purposes.

SSPP BAPTISM COURSE: To be held on **22nd January** in the Parish Centre from 10am-12 Noon. Please contact the Parish Office if you need an application form.

SECOND COLLECTION: For the Sick and Retired Priests Fund to be taken at all Masses over the weekend of **22nd/23rd January**.

ST PETER & ST PAUL'S PRAYER GROUP: The next Prayer Group is on **Tuesday 25th January** from 7.30-9pm in the Parish Centre.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2022: Lessons will start on **Saturday 29th January** at 9.30am in the Parish Centre. If you have not already filled out an application form, then please do so in the next couple of weeks.

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. If you or a friend or family member would like to join our group please speak with Fr Eddy, or email Helen Townsend: helen@sthughslincoln.org.uk

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 **8 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