

The Catholic Church of St Peter & St Paul Lincoln

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Third Week of Ordinary Time - Psalter Week 3	INTENTIONS
Saturday 22nd January 5.15pm 6pm Mass streamed	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
Monday 24th January -	Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor (Memorial) No Mass
Tuesday 25th January 7pm	Feast of The Conversion of Saint Paul Wellbeing of the Horan family
Wednesday 26th January 9.30am 5pm	Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops (Memorial) Thomas Joseph Parish Choir
Thursday 27th January 9.30am	Feria Brendan O'Donnell RIP
Friday 28th January 11am 12 Noon	Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor (Memorial) Confessions/Exposition Valerie Leahy RIP Lunches in the Parish Centre on 1 st and 3 rd Fridays
Saturday 29th January 11am 5.15pm 6pm Mass streamed	Feria Confessions FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Confessions Bernard Finneran RIP
Sunday 30th January 9am Mass streamed 11am Mass NOT streamed	FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice Fred McDonnell RIP People of the Parish

Readers	This	6pm – R Boyns	9am – K Clarkson	11am – E Neal
	Next	6pm – S Collingham	9am – T Rowlett	11am – N Mankwa
Flowers Rota	TBA			
Weekend Coffee	This	9am – 11am –		
	Next	9am – 11am –		
Footsteps	This	Fiona Carroll, Gloria Lakshman		
	Next	Eileen Cooper, Hannah Bownes		
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 £6453.17 Balance £2671.83
Standing Orders	£579.53	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	£ 91.50		
Loose Plate	£186.48		

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 would like to encourage everyone, who can, to get vaccinated and to obtain a booster when possible

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend for the Sick and Retired Priests Fund at all Masses. Donations to this fund are to provide a capital sum so that an annual grant can be paid to priests of the Diocese when they retire. It is also used to support these priests if they are sick and unable to work for any reason.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

DIARY DATES

This Sunday (23rd January) is the **Sunday of the Word of God** Vatican resources can be accessed at: www.pcpne.va/content/pcpne/en/attivita/parola/2022.html Catholic Biblical Federation resources can be accessed at: c-b-f.org/en/Materials/Biblical-Resources/Biblical-Pastoral-Resources/SotWoG-2022#english

The God Who Speaks resources can be accessed at: www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/focus-2021/sunday-of-the-word-of-god/

The **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** continues to 25th January: The theme is: "We Saw His Star in the East," written by a group of Christian Churches in the Middle East. They tell the story of the Wise Men, who travelled great distances to find the infant King; and build on the importance of listening to the poor, the weak and the marginalised. There is no Churches Together Service taking place in Lincoln, this year, but booklets and resources can be accessed via the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland website: www.ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022/

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

Thursday 27th January is **HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY** the theme this year is 'One Day'. Information can be found on their website: www.hmd.org.uk/news/we-launch-the-theme-for-hmd2022/ It is One Day that we put aside to come together to remember, to learn about the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and the genocides that followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur, in the hope that there may be One Day in the future with no genocide. We learn more about the past, we empathise with others today, and we take action for a better future.

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 none.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2022: Lessons will start on **Saturday 29th January** at 9.30am in the Parish Centre. Application forms to be submitted by this weekend

CONFIRMATION 2022: Applications now closed. The first session will be held on **Saturday, 29th January** starting at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre. The aim is to end the session by 5.30pm. **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.

SECOND COLLECTION for Racial Justice to be taken at all Masses over the weekend of the 29th / 30th January.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL - the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal on **5th and 6th of February**. SPUC is currently campaigning to protect Pro-Life speech. Pro-life witness is being restricted now more than ever; we must be able to speak freely to protect unborn babies. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack.

SUNDAY 6TH FEBRUARY: This Sunday we mark Accession Day, 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

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).

Friday 4th March - World Day of Prayer: To be held here at SSPP at 10am, coffee to follow in the Parish Centre.

Friday 22nd April, 2pm - Afternoon Tea to celebrate St George's Day donations raised will go to Help for Heroes.

Wednesday 29th June, 2pm - Afternoon Tea for Parish Funds.

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