

The Catholic Church of St Peter & St Paul Lincoln

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Eighth Week of Ordinary Time - Psalter Week 4	INTENTIONS
Saturday 26th February 5.15pm 6pm Mass streamed	EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Confessions Denis and Win Collingham RIP
Sunday 27th February 9am Mass streamed 11am Mass NOT streamed	EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Peggy and Family People of the Parish
Monday 28th February -	Feria No Mass
Tuesday 1st March 7pm Mass streamed	Feast of Saint David, Bishop, Patron of Wales Robert and Rose Hunton RIP
Wednesday 2nd March 9.30am Mass streamed 5pm 7pm Mass streamed	ASH WEDNESDAY A day of Fasting and Abstinence William and Elsie Parkinson RIP Followed by Tea and Coffee Parish Choir Gwendolen and Margery Knight
Thursday 3rd March 9.30am Mass streamed	Lenten Feria George Vincent Mayers RIP (2 nd Anniversary)
Friday 4th March 10am 11.00am 12 Noon Mass streamed 6.30pm	Lenten Feria World Day of Prayer Service Exposition Ruth Naile RIP Lunches in the Parish Centre on 1 st and 3 rd Fridays Stations of the Cross
Saturday 5th March 11am 5.15pm 6pm Mass streamed	Lenten Feria First Saturday Devotions and Confessions FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Confessions Memorial Mass - Winnie Campbell RIP (3 rd Anniversary)
Sunday 6th March 9am Mass streamed 11am Mass NOT streamed	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Eamon Dillon RIP People of the Parish

Readers	This	6pm – S Collingham	9am – K Clarkson	11am – F Bean
	Next	6pm – H Levey	9am – C Scanlon	11am – E Neal
Weekend Coffee	This	9am –	11am –	
	Next	9am – Zawierzeni Maryji	11am – Zawierzeni Maryji	
Wednesday Coffee	This	10am - Jo Briggs and Molly Ellicott	For Water Fund and Parish Funds	
	Next	10am - TBA	For Water Fund and 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 MARCH - A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges: We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action	Artefacts: Total £9125.00 Raised £6580.17 Balance £2544.83
Standing Orders	£579.53		
Envelopes	£ 83.90		
Loose Plate	£177.40		
TOTAL	£840.83		
Second Collection	-		
Friday Lunches	£25.00		
Sunday Coffee	-		
Weds Coffee	-		
Donations	£25.90		
Mass Stipends	£62.00		
Funerals	-		
Hall Fees	-		
Newsletters	£ 2.26		

300 CLUB:
We need a further 33 members to bring us up to 300.
If you are not a member, please do consider becoming a member.
Thank you, Canon Geoffrey

ENTERING HOSPITAL:	Please let us know if you or a relative enter hospital, we will do what we can to assist you.
LOST PROPERTY:	Will now be kept at the Parish Office. Contact Tina to collect lost items.
PARISH SECRETARY:	Will be in the office on Monday, Tuesday 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 below the display cabinet.

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

SEASON OF LENT: Ash Wednesday is this coming Wednesday, Masses will be at 9.30am and 7.00pm that day and ashes will be distributed in the traditional manner.

LENTEN DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS are available on the Display Table in the Church as are CAFOD Family Fast Day envelopes.

LENTEN INITIATIVES: The Season of Lent will soon be upon us, Ash Wednesday this year falls on 2 March. Apart from the four initiatives listed below as Lenten Exercises may I encourage you to support two further initiatives suggested to me by Parishioners. Lent is a time of prayer, reconciliation, fasting and almsgiving, it has been suggested that we as parish support ourselves and a charity by praying daily for our parish and parishioners, and PACT, The Prisoners Advice Care Trust, linked with this is that we all give up something for the forty days of Lent, e.g., a drink, chocolates, biscuits, etc., and over the forty of days of Lent donate forty pence a day to be shared equally between PACT and Parish Funds. The second initiative is for forty hours of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament spread over 2 hours per day spread over 20 days. Envelopes for the Parish/PACT idea and a sign-up sheet for the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are available on the CTS Table.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & COMMUNION ENROLMENT MASS: This will be celebrated at the 11am Mass this weekend, please keep our Candidates in your prayers.

TUESDAY MASS: Perhaps with the lighter evenings and during Lent more of you may wish to come along. Canon Geoffrey

FRIDAYS - EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 11am each Friday followed by Benediction at 11.45am, and Mass at 12 noon. May I encourage Parishioners who are able to take the opportunity to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament, in particular may I encourage our Eucharistic Ministers to come along, Canon Geoffrey.

PROPOSED PLANS for 2a Skellingthorpe Road are on display in the Church; please do take the time to view them. Canon Geoffrey

NEW HEATER FOR THE LADY CHAPEL: Donations would be very welcome towards the costs of installing the new heater, the total cost is: £3027.19. Please put any donations in an envelope marked "Heater Lady Chapel". Thank you. Donations received: £20.00 Canon Geoffrey

The diocesan draft **Response to the Synod** is published this weekend on the Diocesan website. Please take some time to read it, and send any further responses or reflections, **by Saturday 19th March**, directly to the Diocesan Co-ordinators: Father David Cain (david.cain@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or Joe Hopkins, Adult Formation Director for Mission (joe.hopkins@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

Bookings are now open for the **Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** – under the leadership of Bishop Patrick, from Monday 4th until Friday 8th July. Full details are on the Tangney Tours website: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/nottingham>, or for more details contact Father Simon Gillespie (simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

STAMPS FOR MEDICAL DETECTION DOGS: Many thanks for the many stamps donated this year. The response has been great, and the stamps so well trimmed there has been little wastage. Canon Geoffrey has agreed to the basket remaining in the Church so please keep donating. **How stamps are used** - 45% sold overseas, 35% sold to British collectors, 10-15% sold to British artists. Unusable stamps are recycled. Nothing goes to waste.

BACKPACKS: Christmas seems so long ago! I wondered if any of your children had had new Backpacks for Christmas and if so and you do not need to pass the old ones on to family or friends, would you be kind enough to give them to Mary's Meals Backpack project? Second-hand backpacks are very acceptable and will bring great joy to children who have nothing. Mary's Meals have just had permission to begin serving 4,000 meals a day to the children in **The Yemen**, it will transform their chances in life.

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.

STUDENT CROSS 2022: Do you want to do something different for Holy Week? Why not join the Pilgrim Cross Walking Pilgrimage to Walsingham? held over Holy Week from various destinations in the country. From our diocese the 'legs' start from Nottingham and Leicester. It is an ecumenical pilgrimage but has a very strong Catholic ethos. It's both spiritually uplifting and great fun. The group lives and walks in community for one, three, or seven days before spending an amazing weekend celebrating Easter in the Walsingham Basilica. For information, contact Deacon Chris Stevens at c.stevens@lboro.ac.uk or visit the pilgrimage

website at <https://pilgrimcross.org.uk/> Deacon Chris will be walking the over 18s Midland Leg as one of the Chaplains, so come and join us!

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE HYMN BOOKS IN THE LADY CHAPEL; PLEASE RETURN TO THE SHELVES AT THE REAR OF THE MAIN BODY OF THE CHURCH. THANK YOU.

DIARY DATES

ART FOR ALL: Would you like to do some painting and enjoy socialising at the same time? Why not come along to this new art group 'Art for All'. The sessions take place in Our Lady of Lincoln Parish Centre, the first one is on **Tuesday, 1st March** 10.30am-12.30pm. Please bring your own equipment. Refreshments, and Merv's pancakes will be served. Contact Desiree for more information. Tel: 01522 529494.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 4th March, SSPP at 10am - The service, prepared by Christian Women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland is a 'service for everyone' and we will be serving tea and coffee after the service in the Parish Centre. *Alternatively, there will be a Service at St Hugh's at 11am and a Service at Our Lady of Lincoln at 2pm.*

An **ANNUAL REQUIEM MASS FOR THE LOSS OF CHILDREN** will be celebrated on **Friday 4th March** at 6pm in Saint Joseph's Church, Matlock. The Mass will be celebrated in memory of our children who have died whatever age or how long ago - the hope is that this will be a source of hope and grace to us all. Everyone is most welcome to attend this beautiful Mass and Ceremony of Light, celebrated by Father Robbie O'Callaghan. There is also an opportunity to send a message through the parish website (<http://matlockcatholicchurch.org.uk/>: just fill in the form) and we shall be honoured to light a candle for your loved ones.

ST PETER & ST PAUL'S PRAYER GROUP: The next Prayer Group is on **Tuesday 8th March** from 7.30-9pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to come along.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT: The Diocese is organising a retreat for women on **Saturday, 12th March** (at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Nottingham) and a retreat for men on **Saturday 19th March** (at The Briers in Crich). The women's retreat will be led by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and will be focused on 'Make the tent you live in larger; lengthen its ropes and strengthen the pegs!' how we live out our faith in all areas of our lives and the people we interact with. The men's retreat will take the theme "Friendship with Christ and Friendship in Christ" exploring how we can grow in friendship and fraternity. For more information and booking email adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE ON CLIMATE POLLUTION: The Lincoln Catenians has an open meeting on the 15th March for parishioners to attend as guests to hear Terence O'Halloran chartered financial planner and one-time engineer, current president of the City of Lincoln Catenian Circle. Terry will present an overview on why climate change is natural and what we can do to positively reduce climate pollution.

The meeting starts at 8.15pm with a meal (lasagne) cooked on the premises at St Peter and Paul's church community centre followed by Terry's presentation at 9.15. The meeting will close at 10.15. There is a charge of £10 per head for the meal and attendance needs to be notified beforehand for the caterers. Pay on the night. Max attendance 60 on a 'first come' basis. Names by Saturday 12th March please.

Please email your intension to attend to David Gray on davidgray72@talktalk.net and copy to tpo@ohal.org. We look forward to an enjoyable and informative evening. The meeting is preceded with Mass at 7.00 and the Lincoln Circle meeting at 7.40.

TOWARDS A SYNODAL CHURCH: Insights and Experiences – A symposium hosted by Campion Hall, Oxford on the **24th March** at 6pm and the **26th March** at 14.30pm. Expressions of interest and enquiries please email events@campion.ox.ac.uk. See full details of costs on the Lady Chapel notice board.

PRAYER FOR PEACE – THE UKRAINE

O God, from whom are holy desires, right counsels and just deeds,
give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give;
that we may serve you with our whole hearts,
and live quiet lives under your protection,
free from the fear of our enemies. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

If shielding, or if you have symptoms of COVID please continue to protect yourself and others by staying at home. Those attending an act of worship are encouraged to wear a face covering (covering both nose and mouth) whilst in the church building