

The Catholic Church of St Peter & St Paul Lincoln

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| Second Week of Eastertide – Low Week - Psalter Week 2 | INTENTIONS / LITURGIES / OTHER |
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| Saturday 23rd April 5.15pm 6pm Mass streamed | SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Confessions Joan Gande RIP (Cousin) and Mary Jane Briggs RIP (4 th Anniversary) |
| Sunday 24th April 9am Mass streamed 11am Mass NOT streamed | SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY People of the Parish Mick McCoy RIP (4 th Anniversary 25/4) |
| Monday 25th April - | Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist No Mass |
| Tuesday 26th April - | Saint George, Martyr, Patron of England (Solemnity) No Mass |
| Wednesday 27th April 9.30am | Easter Feria Service of Word & Communion |
| Thursday 28th April - | Easter Feria No Mass |
| Friday 29th April - | Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor, Patron of Europe No Mass |
| Saturday 30th April 11am 5.15pm 6pm Mass streamed | Easter Feria Confessions THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Confessions Ruth Naile RIP |
| Sunday 1st May 9am Mass streamed 11am Mass NOT streamed | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Mary and Martin Gaughan RIP People of the Parish |

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| Readers | This | 6pm – H Levey | 9am – C Scanlon | 11am – E Neal |
| | Next | 6pm – M Costello | 9am – T Rowlett | 11am – F Bean |
| Weekend Coffee | This | 9am – Plant Sale 11am – Plant Sale | | |
| | Next | 9am – First Holy Communion 11am – First Holy Communion | | |
| Wednesday Coffee | This | 10am - Linda For Water Fund and Parish Funds | | |
| | Next | 10am - Jo and Molly For Water Fund and Parish Funds | | |
| Footsteps | This | Mary Moore, Eileen Cooper | | |
| | Next | Emma Baker, Kayleigh Burkitt | | |
| Weekend Stewards | This | 6pm – Ted | 9am – Alison | 11am – Stan |
| | Next | 6pm – Ted | 9am – Alison | 11am – Stan |

| WEEKLY INCOME | | POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY | | ARTEFACTS |
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| Standing Orders | £ 579.53 | Universal intention – For faith-filled young people We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates and the dedication to service | | Total £9125.00 |
| Envelopes | £ 144.60 | | | Raised £6714.86 |
| Loose Plate | £ 738.06 | | | Balance £2410.14 |
| TOTAL | £1,462.19 | | | |
| Second Collection | £210.83 Holy Places | Please do consider leaving your Parish a Legacy in your Will Thank you | 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 | 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. |
| Friday Lunches | - | | | |
| Wednesday and Sunday Coffee | - | | | |
| Repository | - | | | |
| Donations | £ 18.54 | | | |
| Mass Stipends | £ 35.00 | | | |
| Funerals | - | | | |
| Hall Fees | - | | | |
| Newsletters | £ 10.77 | | | |
| PACT/Parish | £46.60 / £46.60 | | | |

Please note the Parish Administrator will be in the office on Tuesday and Thursday next week 9am-5pm

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

PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY IN THE CHURCH CAR PARK – PLEASE NOTE THAT SSPP SCHOOL CAR PARK IS AVAILABLE EACH WEEKEND FOR PARISHIONERS TO PARK THEIR CARS SHOULD THE PARISH CAR PARK BE FULL

Thank You! Thank you to those who came along on Holy Thursday morning, Good Friday morning and Holy Saturday morning to assist with the setting up of our Parish Church for the various ceremonies and also for cleaning. Much was achieved over those three mornings – ciboria and chalices cleaned, brasses cleaned, hymn bookshelves and CTS stands, dusted and cleaned, Main Altar, Lady Chapel, and Tabernacle washed in readiness, Stations of the Cross washed and cleaned, Votive Candle Stands cleaned, the grounds tidied – this I hope will have been appreciated by all who attended Church last week and last weekend. I mentioned last week in my homily that a parishioner who passed by and called in one of those mornings was impressed by the activity, and the good mix of people who had volunteered. For them it indicated that the green shoots of new life were springing forth in the Parish. I would strongly agree with that. However, as any gardener knows green shoots have to be nurtured and encouraged. May I seriously request that all consider what they can do in a practical way for our Parish. More than likely within the coming year, perhaps even sooner, the number of priests resident in Lincoln will be reduced to two. This has serious implications for all three parishes in the City of Lincoln and surrounding areas that our parishes cover; it will mean that more people will have to come forward to help in so many ways. Perhaps, here at SSPP could we make a start for taking responsibility for our Parish Church Properties and Grounds by forming a team of people to ensure that what I listed above carries on and is built upon. Teams to keep the inside of the church clean and tidy, particularly before and after each weekend Mass; teams to keep an eye on the grounds and keep them free from litter and detritus; teams of welcomers and collectors at the three weekend Masses, teams to organise the Sunday and Wednesday morning Teas and Coffees; another couple of teams so we can have Friday Lunches each Friday of the month. Teams to work in the Sacristy. More people to help with the flower arranging for the Church. Musicians, singers, readers, servers. The list is of course endless, but in so many small ways we need to prepare ourselves for what will be a challenging future for our Community here. I am addressing these thoughts to all in the parish, every age group, background, and ethnic community – this is your Parish. Please do pray and think about this and consider seriously what you can do. Canon Geoffrey

2a Skellingthorpe Road Project: A brief update. Tenders have been sent out, a variety of permissions have been granted from the Local Authority, and contractors have visited the site. Shortly, there will be a need for a major assessment of what is stored and held in the garage of 2a and in 2a itself. May I ask all stakeholders to start seriously thinking of what needs to be retained and what can be disposed of? For your information I have been able to donate the redundant washing machine in 2a to a young person who has recently been rehoused through the YMCA. Canon Geoffrey

COLLECTION ENVELOPES: The new boxes are available from the CTS Table. Please can the remaining few people who have not collected their 2022/2023 box please do so. If you do not use envelopes, but would like to do so, please let the Parish Office know. If you previously had a box but haven't used them since March 2020, please re-apply for a new 2022/2023 box.

NEW HEATER FOR THE LADY CHAPEL HAS NOW BEEN INSTALLED: Donations would be very welcome towards the cost of the new heater, the total is: £3027.19. Please put any donations in an envelope marked "Heater Lady Chapel". Thank you. **Donations received: £660.** Canon Geoffrey

PACT/PARISH: Thank you to those who participated in the PACT Initiative during Lent, a total of £93.20 was raised which will be split equally between PACT and the Parish

Diocesan Year Books: These are available in the Lady Chapel. £4 per copy.

FROM THE CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK: Below is a link to the CSAN Ukraine Toolkit. This will be continually updated as more information is released by HM Government and other agencies regarding the support of Ukrainians arriving in this country. The weblink for Reset is <https://www.homesforukraine.org.uk/> weblink for the CSAN Ukraine Toolkit is <https://www.csan.org.uk/ukrain>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PARISH PLANT SALE: After two years of covid, the Plant Sale will be back this **Sunday 24th April** after both masses in the Parish Centre, so come and have a coffee and support us by buying a plant. All proceeds go towards plants, bulbs etc for the church gardens.

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY - SUNDAY 24th APRIL will be celebrated **at OUR LADY OF LINCOLN CHURCH** at 2pm Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayer of Divine Mercy Chaplet & Readings from the Diary of St Faustina. 3pm Holy Mass, Blessing, and Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. **The Novena of Divine Mercy, which consists of saying the Chaplet of Mercy daily for nine days, started on Good Friday.**

ST PETER & ST PAUL'S PRAYER GROUP: The next Prayer Group is on **Tuesday 26th April** from 7.30-9pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next baptism preparation course will be held in the Parish Centre on **Saturday 30th April** from 1pm-2pm.

WEEKEND RETREAT - 30th April to 2nd May: led by Sisters of the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham. It will take place at The Polish Scouting Centre, Fenton High House, Torksey Lock, and the retreat programme will be in both Polish and English. Price (including full board) is £29 for adults, £25 for students and youth, and a separate charge for children aged 11 and under. Further details from Agnieszka on 07856 388840.

THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO MELWOOD in honour of Saint Augustine Webster will be led by Bishop Patrick on **Saturday 7th May**. The Rosary begins at 12 noon, on the road about 400m from the farm, and ends where Mass will be celebrated. Please bring a chair, and a picnic which can be eaten outside. Contact Jane Sarsfield jane.sarsfield@talk21.com or 01724 711434 for more information.

SECOND COLLECTION – at all Masses over the weekend of **7th and 8th May** for the **Clergy Formation Fund**.

LINCOLN HCPT SOCIAL AFTERNOON: All are welcome on **Sunday 15th May** – 1pm-2.30pm at St Hugh's Catholic Primary, LN6 0SH. If you are a supporter or would like to find out more about our group and our future pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2023, come along for coffee and a chat. For more information email: group106@hcpt.org

On **Tuesday 17th May** the Council for Christians and Jews are holding a bible and bagels evening, supported by Canon Geoffrey and the Catenians. The theme for the evening is: "A Jewish Rabbi and a Methodist minister go into a bar". Presenters will be the Rev. Bruce Thompson, the Methodist Chair for Lincolnshire and Rabbi Tania Sakhovich, who was based at the Liberal Synagogue in Nottingham but is now based in London. The event will be held in St Peter & St Paul's Parish Centre and will commence at 8pm. All are welcome, to what promises to be an entertaining evening. There will be a charge of £2 for CCJ members and £4 for non-members, to cover the cost of refreshments and other expenses. For further information contact Mike Costello on 01522 787362.

HAPPY AND GLORIOUS: A musical celebration of HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, will be held in our Cathedral, St Barnabas, Nottingham, on **Thursday 2nd June**. Open to parishioners from across the diocese more information about this event, and tickets, will be available soon - note the date!

WALSINGHAM DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULTS' PILGRIMAGE (age 18 - 35) Friday/Saturday 10th /11th June: Includes lunch and dinner on Friday, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and accommodation on the Friday night. Cost £60. Register at: shorturl.at/cBOU1

NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - Under the leadership of Bishop Patrick - Monday 4th until Friday 8th July: Bookings are now open, details are on the Tangney Tours website: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/nottingham>, or contact Father Simon Gillespie by email: simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk



A Prayer for Peace in The Ukraine & Europe

Gracious God, we pray for all persons suffering from war. May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure great suffering and hardship. Transform the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.