

The Catholic Church of St Peter & St Paul Lincoln

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Fourth Week of Advent - Psalter Week 4		INTENTIONS / LITURGIES / OTHER
Saturday 17th December 5.15pm 6pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Confessions Bill Dod RIP (34 years)	
Sunday 18th December 9am 11am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Day of Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers Martin and Mary Gaughan RIP People of the Parish	
Monday 19th December No Mass	Advent Feria -	
Tuesday 20th December 2pm Mass HMP Morton Hall 7pm	Advent Feria Staff, Inmates and their Families Holy Souls	
Wednesday 21st December 9.30am 7pm	Advent Feria Ron and Geraldine Goulding RIP Confessions	
Thursday 22nd December 9.30am	Advent Feria Norah Gaughan (Birthday Remembrance)	
Friday 23rd December 11am 12 Noon	Advent Feria Exposition and Confessions RIP Agostinha Rodrigues Jones	
Saturday 24th December 11am-12 Noon 5.30pm 6pm 9.30pm 10pm	Advent Feria Confessions THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – CHRISTMAS DAY (SOLEMNITY) Carols Vigil Mass Mick and Katie McCoy RIP (Christmas Blessings for those much missed) Carols and Readings Midnight Mass Edna O'Leary RIP (First Anniversary)	
Sunday 25th December 10am	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – CHRISTMAS DAY (SOLEMNITY) People of the Parish	

Readers	This	6pm – M Borman	9am – K Clarkson	11am – L Roberts
	Next	6pm 24/12 H Levey	10pm 24/12 – L Heaver	10am 25/12 – E Neal
Weekend Coffee	This	9am - 11am –		
	Next	No tea and coffee today		
Footsteps	8 Jan	Fiona Carroll, H Bownes		
	Feb	E Cooper		
Wednesday Coffee	This	10am – Linda For Water Fund and Parish Funds		
	Next	No tea and coffee today		
Weekend Welcomers	This	6pm - Y Musson, K Collingham	9am – W Robins, M York, M Thompson	11am - D Rooney, T Silva
	Next	6pm - Y Musson	10pm T Silva	10am J May

WEEKLY INCOME		POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER		LADY CHAPEL HEATER £3027.19
Standing Orders	£ 579.53	Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation		Raised £2700.62
Envelopes	£ 90.00			Balance £326.57
Loose Plate	£ 445.22	PLEASE CONSIDER LEAVING YOUR PARISH A LEGACY IN YOUR WILL IN MEMORIAM BOOK Should you wish to see your loved one's name in the anniversary book, details for insertion are below the cabinet		PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY IN THE CHURCH CAR PARK. SSPP SCHOOL CAR PARK IS AVAILABLE AT WEEKENDS TO PARK IF THE PARISH CAR PARK IS FULL PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE HYMN BOOKS IN THE LADY CHAPEL RETURN THEM TO THE SHELVES AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH THANK YOU
TOTAL	£1114.75			
Second Collection - P&NP	£165.56	SSPP Parish Draw If you are not a member, please join. Cost - monthly £5, quarterly £15, or yearly £60. Thank you. 11/12/22 £100 Mr J Power No 173		
Friday Lunches	-			
Wednesday Coffee	£ 10.75			
Sunday Coffee	£ 73.88			
Repository	£ 89.85			
Donations	£171.40			
Mass Stipends	£ 40.00			
Funerals Fees	-			
Wedding Fees	-			
Hall Fees	-			
Newsletters	£ 6.45			

Available in the Lady Chapel - Diocesan Year Books: £4 per copy Catholic News, December Issue 20p

Parish Administrator will be in the office on Monday and Thursday 9am-5pm and Tuesday (9am-4pm). The office will be closed from 23/12/22 - 2/1/23

Helping the Homeless this Christmas: This weekend we will again be collecting your filled Shoeboxes to be donated to the YMCA Appeal for homeless people this Christmas. Suitable gift ideas for your shoebox are - winter hat, scarf and gloves, socks, toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant, sanitary products, shower gel, shampoo, face wipes, hot chocolate sachets, chocolates, sweets, biscuits, individual pasta and rice packets, puzzle books, playing cards etc. Boxes can be wrapped in Christmas paper, with the lid wrapped separately please. **The shoebox lid must be able to be opened, so that the contents of the box can be examined.**

There will be a **Retiring Collection** after all Masses this weekend for church **Christmas Flowers**. Thank you. Canon Geoffrey

Christmas Offerings 2022. If you wish to make a personal offering to Canon Geoffrey for Christmas, please place in an envelope marked "Christmas Offering – Canon Geoffrey". Thank you.

SSPP Academy Trust: Thank you for the foodbank donations last weekend for Christmas Hampers for families who need help over the Festive Season. Your generosity was amazing. On behalf of those who will benefit our sincere and heartfelt thanks.

External Crib: The external crib is once again in place and this year is illuminated. Thanks too Ted Coatsworth for putting it up and thanks to the Staff and Students of SSPP Academy who redecorated the front piece.

Raffle ticket draw results 2nd Helen Dillon. Any unclaimed prizes can be collected from the Parish Office when Tina is there.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2022 INCOME & EXPENDITURE - Revised:

Income:	Donations	£ 420.50
	Stalls	£1779.29
	Raffle	£ 396.00
	Total	£2595.79
Expenditure:	Raffle Tickets	£ 60.00
	Raffle Prizes	£ 400.00
	Nomad Trust	£ 135.70
	Total	£ 595.70
Total To Parish Funds:		£2000.09

The Repository: Thank you all who continue to support our Parish Repository, since the beginning of November a total of £794.29 worth of stock has been sold. There will be a New Year's Sale in January 2023 which will give us an opportunity to restock the Repository for the coming year.

Christmas Advent Wreaths: If you wish to sponsor one of the Christmas Advent Wreaths that will be hung around the Church this year, please contact Tina. A donation of £10 is requested. There are 8 wreaths still available – Wreath dedications are Calvey Family, For Rita, In Loving memory, Richard Potter Remembered and M Costello.

Crib Offerings: Our Crib Offerings this year will be donated to "The Friends of The Holy Land". This organisation supports in many ways, education, health care, etc., to fellow Catholic Christians resident in The Holy Land.

Advent 'retreat' Christmas is coming! If you would like to prepare with the help of the four female Doctors of the church then please see the **display** board near the confessional. Each week a different Saint will help us reflect on God's great love for us as we await His coming.

Stamps for Medical Detection Dogs: Please do remember to save your stamps for this charity. The box is at the back of Church. Many thanks to the many parishioners who have supported this during the year.

Consultation on Sixth Form Admissions Arrangements: The following sixth forms are consulting on their admission arrangements - All Saints' Sixth Form, Mansfield, Christ the King Sixth Form, Arnold, St Peter & St Paul Sixth Form, Lincoln, The Becket School Sixth Form, West Bridgford and The Trinity School Sixth Form, Nottingham. The consultation will run from 7 December 2022–17 January 2023. Details of the consultation, the proposed changes and how to make comment at www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/governance/admissions

SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) National Prayer Campaign. 10 MILLION PRAYERS FOR 10 MILLION LIVES. 27th April 2023 marks the 55th Anniversary of the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act and to remember the 10 million lives lost to abortion let us unite in prayer and build a culture of life. You will be offered payer cards at Mass on which you can pledge your choice of prayers to be said.

From 1st November 2022 to 31st January 2023 donations made to **Mary's meals** will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1,500,000. Today we face some of our greatest challenges yet in a world devastated by conflict, food insecurity and the cost-of-living crisis, which we know is affecting people here in the UK as well as in the countries where Mary's Meals works. With Double the Love donations will be matched, and kindness will go even further – meaning Mary's Meals can reach even more desperately hungry children with a life-changing school meal. www.marysmeals.org.uk

First Holy Communion 2023: Classes for 2023 will start on Thursday 12th January at 6pm in the Parish Centre; they will last for an hour and a half until 7.30pm. If you would like your child to join the class and have not yet applied, then please do so before the end of the year. Application forms are available in the church. Please return them to myself, Stan Davis or in to the Sacristy. You can contact me at stanleydavis1@virginmedia.com or on 07703 234433. Stan Davis 1st Holy Communion catechist.

Warm Rooms and the Cost-of-Living Crisis - <https://www.warmwelcome.uk/> are mapping where warm spaces are, and what they have available. Churches Together in All Lincolnshire (CTAL) have also set up a webpage at <http://www.ctal.org.uk/cost-of-living.html> which includes some helpful links. <https://www.placesofwelcome.org.uk/> spaces for everyone to have a place to go for a friendly face, a cup of tea and a conversation if and when they need it. **St Hugh's Church** is taking part their Church Hall will be open between 11am-1pm on Fridays during the cold winter months.

Sunday Morning Tea/Coffee Rota: Volunteers are needed especially for the 9am Mass, a rota is up in the Lady Chapel
Please volunteer to help our parish community

African Mass: There will be an African Mass held at St Hugh's on Sunday 18th December at 3pm. The Mass will be in English. All are welcome to join us.

City of Lincoln 283 Circle the Catenians: Carol Singing Evening with Christmas Dinner 21st December 6:30pm at Our Lady Lincoln Parish Centre, Loughton Way Lincoln LN2 2HE. The evening begins at 19:15pm to start at 8pm with carols for everyone to sing, supported and led by Our Lady's Carollers, who will be happy to receive a donation from the evening to support their charity work. You are invited to come along to sing and then at 19:30, enjoy a Christmas meal followed by mince pies and cream, vegetarian and gluten free options available. The cost is £14 per head, maximum of 60 people. non-alcoholic drinks available. Please feel free to bring your own wine/beer. For catering purposes please book before 12 Noon on 17/12/22 by email: philipholmeelectrical@gmail.com

RECONCILIATION SERVICES – Lincoln Parishes: Tuesday 20th December Our Lady of Lincoln 7pm, Wednesday 21st December SSPP 7pm, and Thursday 22nd December St Hugh's 7pm.

CHRISTMAS 2022 - SS Peter and Paul, Lincoln (See opposite page)
Monday 26th December (Boxing Day) Feast of St Stephen
12.00 Noon Mass
You are welcome!

The Synod – Continental Stage Consultation. All the Synod feedback from parishes, dioceses, and national Bishops' Conferences around the world has been gathered, considered, discerned, and distilled into a Report which is now being given to each continent to consider in light of their own tradition, history, experience, and religious perspective. Within Europe we now have the opportunity to consider the Synodal feedback from around the world and to report on:

- What we feel resonates with our own experiences – list the top three priorities from those given
- Consider what are the challenges and tensions in each of those three areas
- Define the next steps which move us (parish, deanery, diocese, the Church) forward

Please engage with this consultation by:

- Completing the form available in church
- Complete the feedback form on-line at: <https://forms.office.com/e/2Yfs77hHsp>
- Follow the QR code and access the on-line diocesan consultation

All responses should be received by 9th January 2023 so they can be included in the overall diocesan response. Let us dream of the Church the Holy Spirit is calling us to become.