

The Catholic Church of St Peter & St Paul Lincoln

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First Week of Advent - Psalter Week 1	INTENTIONS / LITURGIES / OTHER
Saturday 2nd December 5.15pm 6pm	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Confessions Recovery of health of Mel and Sally Rhodes
Sunday 3rd December 9am 11am	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Day of Special Prayer for Migrants People of the Parish Winnie Campbell RIP (Birthday Remembrance)
Monday 4th December No Mass	Advent Feria -
Tuesday 5th December 2pm HMP Morton Hall 7pm	Advent Feria Staff, Inmates and their families. Holy Souls
Wednesday 6th December 9.30am 1pm	Advent Feria Winifred Collingham RIP (Birthday and Anniversary, 7 th November) Requiem Mass for Margaret Elizabeth "Rita" Pedge RIP
Thursday 7th December 9.30am 7-8.30pm Deanery Choir Rehearsal	Saint Ambrose, bishop and doctor (memorial) Vincent Bush and Lorraine Bush (Recovery to Health) -
Friday 8th December 11am 12 Noon	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PATRON OF OUR DIOCESE (SOLEMNITY) Exposition and Confessions Valerie Leahy RIP Followed by lunch in the Parish Centre - 1 st and 3 rd Friday
Saturday 9th December 11am 5.15pm 6pm	Advent Feria Confessions SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Confessions Ilda Woodman RIP
Sunday 10th December 9am 11am 12.30pm	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Margaret O'Boyle RIP People of the Parish Baptism of Alfie Walukiewicz

Readers	This	6pm – R Boyns	9am – T Rowlett	11am – J Lewis
	Next	6pm – R Boyns	9am – D Easton	11am – Young Ones
Weekend Coffee	This	9am - 11am – Diane		
	Next	9am - all	11am – No coffee morning due to a Baptism Party in the h	
Footsteps	3 Dec	Fiona Carroll and Lorraine Roberts		
	7 Jan	Mary Moore and Karen O'Connor		
Wednesday Coffee	This	Sue		
	Next	Di and Peggy		
Weekend Welcomers	This	6pm - Y Musson, T Buckley, K Collingham	9am – W Robins, M York, M Thompson	11am - D Rooney, T Silva, L Roberts
	Next	6pm - Y Musson, T Buckley, K Collingham	9am – M Hardy, M York, M Thompson	11am - D Rooney, T Silva, L Roberts

WEEKLY INCOME W/E 26/11/2023		POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER		NOTE: If you would like a loved one's name listed as sick etc in the newsletter, for GDPR reasons you need their permission first. Thank you.
Standing Orders	£ 579.53	For persons with disabilities We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.		
Envelopes	£ 139.20	PLEASE CONSIDER LEAVING YOUR PARISH A LEGACY IN YOUR WILL	SSPP Parish Draw Please consider joining. Cost - monthly £5, quarterly £15, yearly £60. Thank you. 26/11/2023 £100 Margaret Ramsden No 95 £200 Mary Costello No 455	
Loose Plate	£ 430.47			
TOTAL	£1149.20	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 <u>PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE HYMN BOOKS IN THE LADY CHAPEL RETURN THEM TO THE SHELVES AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH</u> <u>THANK YOU</u>	
Second Collection	-			
Friday Lunches	-			
Wednesday Coffee	£17.37			
Sunday Coffee	£22.40			
Repository	£63.10			
Donations	£ 3.30			
Mass Stipends	£40.00			
Funeral Fees	-			
Wedding Fees	-			
Hall Fees	£80.00			
Newsletters	£ 8.75			

Parish Administrator: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am-5pm

Votive Candles: Large £0.50 Small £0.20.

Mass Intentions: Please note there are no dates available before January 2024. Retiring Collection - 9th/10th December: Poor & Needy Parishes.

Readers Rota – Please Collect a new Rota from the basket above the Hymn Books shelves. Thank You.

The Season of Advent is given to us as an opportunity to reflect upon our faith, what it means to us and how we might make our relationship between ourselves God and each other closer and more meaningful.

This Advent please try to attend a weekday Mass, come along to Exposition on Fridays, or celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. During this Season the Diocese have also asked us to pray the Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life, with this in mind, before every weekday Mass the Rosary will be prayed for that particular intention, please join us. Canon Geoffrey.

Christmas Fayre revised figure total to Parish Funds is now £3176.84 – well done!

Sincere thanks to the anonymous donor of £500 which was given towards the cost of obtaining and installing a new toilet in the Ladies Toilets of the Parish Centre.

Sincere thanks to Priestly & Cocket, Funeral Directors, for their kind donation of a Christmas Tree for the Lady Chapel.

Christmas Wreaths: As we have done for the past two years Christmas Wreaths will be hung from the Consecration Candle Holders, suggested donation £10. Should you wish to sponsor one of these perhaps in memory of a loved one or a particular intention, please contact Tina.

Repository: There is a good selection of quality Christmas Cards, Calendars, Advent Candles and Cribs available. Please take time to have a look and support our Repository.

From the start of December CAFOD is sharing daily Bible reflections. This online Advent calendar of daily prayer and reflection will offer an opportunity to pause, reflect, pray and act as we prepare for Christmas. To sign-up for the Calendar, visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar>

THIS WEEKEND - Toys/Seasonal Gift Collection for pupils at The Priory Witham Academy whose staff work with very poor families in the Moorland area. This year we have been informed there are no children under the age of 5 on the wishing for a gift list. We would therefore be very grateful for donated gifts for 5+ years. Please bring your donation up to the Sanctuary during the offertory. Your gift can be in a bag but **PLEASE DO NOT WRAP IN PAPER** as each gift will need to be checked to be age and culturally appropriate for the individual child on the list. Thank you very much for your kindness.

Walk With Me Advent Booklets available in the Church, Lady Chapel, above the Hymn Books and from the CTS Table at £1.

Gift Aid: If you are a Gift Aid Declaration Holder please advise your parish office, or the Diocesan Gift Aid Department of any change in your circumstances, such as name change / address change / no longer a taxpayer. If your spouse has died and the GA Declaration was in his / her name, and you wish to continue to contribute because you are a taxpayer, then a new GA Declaration Form will need to be completed. Please also advise of the date of your spouse's death. Your continued support of both parish and Diocese is always very much appreciated, thank you! If you do not Gift Aid your contributions, and you are a taxpayer, and wish to do so, please speak with your parish priest, or contact the parish office for a Gift Aid Declaration Form. parish.giftaid@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Weddings 2024: If you are planning to get married in 2024, and have not already spoken with Canon Geoffrey, please speak to him after Mass. Even if you are planning to get married elsewhere, if you live in our parish your first point of contact should be with the parish clergy.

A big thank you! Thank you all for the ink cartridges you have recycled. £55 was raised for Mary's Meals which is enough to feed 2 children for a year. It also means that the plastic is not in landfill. Please continue please remember you can recycle your cartridges at church.

Please note the December Parish Walk from OLOL has been cancelled.

Cake and Conversation every Wednesday afternoon in SSPP Parish Centre 1.30-3.30pm. All welcome.

Warmer Welcome Workshop - Monday 4th December at 7pm: As we head into winter, Caritas is offering an online workshop for those interested in opening a hospitality and outreach project in the parish, or already running one. Join fellow volunteers from around the diocese for an informal and friendly opportunity to find support, ask questions and gather ideas. This session will focus on publicity available from the diocese, training that might be useful, and help with fundraising. To book visit bit.ly/WarmerWelcome

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Academy - Christmas Carol Service: Please join students of our three Lincoln Catholic schools: St Hugh's, Our Lady of Lincoln, and St Peter and Paul's as they sing us into Christmas with a melody of Christmas Carols. St Hugh's Church, 7pm on Monday **4th December**.

Christmas Celebration Tea: Tuesday **5th December** 2-4pm in the Parish Centre. Tickets £3 on the door. All welcome.

Ukrainian Mass: Saturday **9th December** at 3pm. You are all very welcome to attend this Mass which will be celebrated in the Ukrainian language. Refreshments afterwards in the church hall at St Hugh's.

9th/10th December: SSPP Academy Foodbank Collection – Please donate seasonal food items for Christmas Hampers which will be made up for families in need before the end of term. Thank you.

Age UK Christmas Carol Concert - Tuesday 12th December starting at 7pm in St Peter & St Paul's Church. Tickets £5 and available to purchase at <https://christmas-concert-2023.raisealy.com/> The Concert will feature the Junior Choirs from St. Hugh's Catholic Primary Voluntary Academy and St. John's Primary Academy, Bracebridge Heath as well as the Deanery Choir & Youth Choir.

St Peter & St Paul's Prayer Group: Next meeting Tuesday **12th December** from 7.30-9pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

SSPP Academy are putting on a Christmas production, 'Emmanuel'. It has been written by staff and will be performed by pupils - it will be a wonderful celebration of the Christmas story. Donations on the door, with all funds going to CAFOD. Please join us in St Peter & St Paul's Church on Wednesday **13th December** at 7pm. You will not be disappointed!

16th/17th December: Retiring Collection after all Masses for Christmas Flowers.

Come and sing Carols with your friends – The Lincoln Catenian Association invite you on **20th December** to join them for a Christmas meal and Carols at OLOL, beginning with Holy Mass at 6:30pm followed by Carols in the hall at 7:15pm. The meal will be served at 8pm – Turkey trimmings, mince pies & cream and a cuppa. Ending with carols at 9pm. Contact Terry O'Halloran – telephone number 07798678705 or email tpo@ohal.org – just £12 for an amazing evening. Book now! Cheques to Lincoln Catenian Assn283 or transfer to 08-92-99 68375926 to confirm booking and pay the caterers.

Deanery Choir and Youth Choir Carol Concert - Thursday 21st December in St Peter & St Paul's church. - 7pm.

Christmas & New Year Masses & Confessions 2023/2024

Confessions:

Wednesday 20th December: 7.00pm

Saturday 23rd December: 11.00am – 12.00 Noon

Saturday 23rd December: 4th Sunday of Advent
Mass: 6.00pm

Sunday 24th December: 4th Sunday of Advent
Masses at 9.00am and 11.00am

Christmas Eve: 24th December

5.30pm: Carols followed by 6.00pm Vigil Mass

9.30pm: Carols & Readings followed by Midnight Mass: 10.00pm

Monday 25th December:

10.00am: Mass

Tuesday 26th December (Boxing Day) Feast of St Stephen

12.00 Noon Mass

30th/31st December Feast of The Holy Family

Saturday: 6.00pm and Sunday: 9.00am and 11.00am

1st January New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
12.00 Noon Mass

A Prayer for Peace in the Ukraine & the Middle East

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 Jesu and The Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen