

The Catholic Church of St Peter & St Paul Lincoln

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Second Week of Advent - Psalter Week 2	INTENTIONS / LITURGIES / OTHER
Saturday 9th December 5.15pm 6pm	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
Monday 11th December No Mass	Advent Feria -
Tuesday 12th December 2pm HMP Morton Hall 7pm Age UK Christmas Concert	Advent Feria Staff, Inmates and their families. -
Wednesday 13th December 9.30am 7pm SSPP Academy "Emmanuel" Concert	Saint Lucy, virgin and martyr (memorial) Ron Thornton RIP (3rd Anniversary) -
Thursday 14th December 9.30am 7-8.30pm Deanery Choir Rehearsal	Saint John of the Cross, priest and doctor (memorial) Valerie Leahy RIP -
Friday 15th December 11am 12 Noon	Advent Feria Exposition and Confessions Bill Dod RIP (35 th Anniversary) Followed by lunch in the Parish Centre - 1 st and 3 rd Friday
Saturday 16th December 11am 2-4pm Deanery Choir Rehearsals 5.15pm 6pm	Advent Feria Confessions - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – GAUDETE SUNDAY Confessions Joe and Margaret McGuinness RIP
Sunday 17th December 9am 11am We welcome the African Choir to Mass	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – GAUDETE SUNDAY Bill McCarthy RIP (Birthday Remembrance) People of the parish

Readers	This	6pm – R Boyns	9am – D Easton	11am – Young Ones
	Next	6pm – J Hughes	9am – B Bond	11am - F Bean
Weekend Coffee	This	9am - 11am – No coffee morning due to a Baptism Party in the hall		
	Next	9am - 11am –		
Footsteps	7 January: Mary Moore and Karen O'Connor		4 February: Eileen Cooper and Hannah Bownes	
Wednesday Coffee	This	Di and Peggy		
	Next	Mike and Teresa		
Weekend Welcomers	This	6pm - Y Musson, T Buckley, K Collingham	9am – M Hardy, M York, M Thompson	11am - D Rooney, T Silva, L Roberts
	Next	6pm - Y Musson, T Buckley, K Collingham	9am – J May, M York, M Thompson	11am - D Rooney, T Silva, L Roberts

WEEKLY INCOME W/E 03/12/2023		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	£ 80.20	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.	
Loose Plate	£298.94			
TOTAL	£958.67	IN MEMORIAM BOOK Should you wish to see your loved one's name in the anniversary book, details for insertion are below the cabinet	03/12/2023 £100 J Rushby No 64	
Second Collection	-			
Friday Lunches	£ 56.00	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		
Wednesday Coffee	£ 14.75	PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE HYMN BOOKS IN THE LADY CHAPEL RETURN THEM TO THE SHELVES AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH		
Sunday Coffee	£ 14.00	THANK YOU		
Repository	£ 81.20			
Donations	-			
Mass Stipends	£ 30.00			
Funeral Fees	£300.00			
Wedding Fees	-			
Hall Fees	£240.00			
Newsletters	£ 7.80			

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

Votive Candles: Large £0.50 Small £0.20

Retiring Collection - 9th/10th December: Poor & Needy Parishes.

Thank you: A huge thank you for the gifts donated to The Priory Witham

Academy. All the children on the wish list will have a gift on Christmas Morning. They are hugely grateful to the parish for our generosity and kindness.

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.

Tuesday evening Masses: Please note there will not be a 7pm Mass this coming Tuesday, 12th December because of the Age UK Carol Concert. Mass. Tuesday 19th December, Mass will be at 6.30pm.

Will Bernadette Skalanka, Stuart Snell, M Elliott and BM Robson please collect your raffle prizes before Friday, or they will be redistributed. Thank you.

THIS WEEKEND - Seasonal Gift and Food Collection for SSPP Academy Foodbank for Christmas Hampers which will be made up for families in need before the end of term. Thank you.

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.

Christmas Offerings: Please note that the Christmas offering, including Christmas offering envelopes, does not go to Canon Geoffrey, but to the parish. If you would like to give a personal gift to Canon Geoffrey you may do so either in a card, or by placing a separate envelope clearly marked for that purpose in the collection basket at the Christmas Eve evening Masses and the Christmas Day Mass. Thank you.

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.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer: To God who blesses, we too respond by blessing - God has taught us how to bless and we must bless - through the prayer of praise, of adoration, of thanksgiving. The Catechism writes: "The prayer of blessing is our response to God's gifts: because God blesses, the human heart can in return bless the One who is the source of every blessing" (n. 2626).

The diocese is producing a monthly podcast for the Year of Prayer "Encounter Prayer". Each month a different type of prayer will be showcased; the first episode is given by Bishop Patrick who introduces the Year of Prayer, his hopes for it, and shares insights from his own prayer life. The Podcasts can be found on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music and Audible search Diocese of Nottingham; or www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer.

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 8 - 11 February 2024 or a Face-to-Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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.

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

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

"Healing Retreat Day & Evening" on 27th January with Fr Gladson Dabre, OSA. Come and join Transform Ministries to see what Jesus will do! A day and evening of inner healing, emotional, spiritual & physical healing in Jesus' name (9.30am Start, Finish at 9.30pm). Come for the whole time or just part - Mass, engaging talks, a Healing Service, praise & worship, adoration, reconciliation, testimonies, times for sharing & opportunities for individual prayer ministry. **FREE EVENT - ALL WELCOME!** Please bring a packed lunch.

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