

# The Catholic Church of St Peter & St Paul Lincoln

**A Live Simply, Sustainably and in Solidarity Award Recipient**

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Third Week of Advent - Psalter Week 3	INTENTIONS / LITURGIES / OTHER
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b> 5.15pm 6pm	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – GAUDETE SUNDAY</b> Confessions Joe and Margaret McGuinness RIP
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b> 9am 11am We welcome the African Choir to Mass	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – GAUDETE SUNDAY</b> Bill McCarthy RIP (Birthday Remembrance) People of the Parish
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b> No Mass 7pm SSPP Academy Awards Evening	<b>Advent Feria</b> -
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b> 2pm HMP Morton Hall <b>6.30pm Please Note Change of Time</b> 7-8.30pm Deanery Choir Rehearsal	<b>Advent Feria</b> Staff, Inmates and their families. Geoff Walker RIP -
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b> 9.30am  7pm Confessions	<b>Advent Feria</b> Christmas Wishes for Philip and Lannie King, James and Mary McGovern, Sister Bernadette, Pat and Kathleen Dolan -
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b> 9.30am 7-8.30pm Christmas Carol Concert	<b>Advent Feria</b> Ron Goulding RIP (Anniversary) -
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b> 11am 12 Noon	<b>Advent Feria</b> Exposition and Confessions Norah Gaughan RIP (Birthday Remembrance) Lunch in the Parish Centre - 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b> 11am-12 Noon  6pm	<b>Advent Feria</b> Confessions <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Christmas wishes for Katie and Mick McCoy RIP (Loved and Missed Always)
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b> 9am 11am  5.30pm Carols and 6pm Vigil Mass 9.30pm Carols and Readings and 10pm Midnight Mass	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Day of Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers</b></span> People of the Parish Margaret O'Boyle RIP <b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – CHRISTMAS DAY (SOLEMNITY)</b> People of the Parish Edna O'Leary RIP (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

Readers	This	6pm – J Hughes	9am – B Bond	11am – F Bean
	Next	6pm – Y Buckingham	9am – J May, I May	11am – L Roberts
Weekend Coffee	This	9am and 11am – Zawierzeni Maryji (Polish Prayer Group)		
	Next	9am 11am		
Footsteps	7 January: Mary Moore and Karen O'Connor		4 February: Eileen Cooper and Hannah Bownes	
Wednesday Coffee	This	Mike and Teresa		
	Next	No coffee		
Weekend Welcomers	This	6pm - Y Musson, T Buckley, K Collingham	9am – J May, M York, M Thompson	11am - D Rooney, T Silva, L Roberts
	Next	6pm - Y Musson, T Buckley, K Collingham	9am – K & J Clarkson, M York, M Thompson	11am - D Rooney, T Silva, L Roberts

WEEKLY INCOME W/E 10/12/2023	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	<b>For persons with disabilities</b> 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		
Loose Plate	<b>PLEASE CONSIDER LEAVING YOUR PARISH A LEGACY IN YOUR WILL</b>	<b>SSPP Parish Draw</b> Please consider joining. Cost - monthly £5, quarterly £15, yearly £60. Thank you.
TOTAL		
Second Collection	<b>IN MEMORIAM BOOK</b> Should you wish to see your loved one's name in the anniversary book, details for insertion are below the cabinet	10/12/2023 £100 James Clarkson No 98
Friday Lunches		<b>PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY IN THE CHURCH CAR PARK.</b> <b>SSPP SCHOOL CAR PARK IS AVAILABLE AT WEEKENDS TO PARK IF THE PARISH CAR PARK IS FULL</b>
Wednesday Coffee		<b>PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE HYMN BOOKS IN THE LADY CHAPEL RETURN THEM TO THE SHELVES AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH</b> <b>THANK YOU</b>
Sunday Coffee		
Repository		
Donations		
Mass Stipends		
Funeral Fees		
Wedding Fees		
Hall Fees		
Newsletters		

**THIS WEEKEND Retiring collection after all Masses for our Christmas Flowers. Votive Candles: Large £0.50 Small £0.20**

### A Prayer for Advent

Coming Lord, every Advent we enter into this time of hopeful expectation. We prepare our hearts to welcome You once again at Christmas. We praise and thank You for seeking us, for leaving the glory of heaven and choosing to come to us. Help us to see that You continue to come to us in the most Blessed Sacrament and in the hearts of all our parishioners and visitors. Fill us with the Holy Spirit, so that we may have the courage and creativity to welcome and invite others into our parish family. Help us see how we can better work together to be a welcoming community that makes You present in word, action, sacrament and deed. So that all who enter our churches this Christmas and Advent season encounter Your love and invitation of friendship. May this begin with ourselves, that we feel renewed and joy filled by being a member of our parish community, so that we can be a beacon of hope in a broken world. We ask this in Your powerful name. Amen.



**Parish Administrator:** Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9am-5pm. The Parish Office will close from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024. There will be no Masses in the parish on the 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> December.

**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).

**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](mailto: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.

**Come and sing Carols with your friends** – The Lincoln Catenian Association

invite you on **20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> December in St Peter & St Paul's church. - 7pm.

### Christmas & New Year Masses & Confessions 2023/2024

#### Confessions:

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December: 11.00am – 12.00 Noon**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
Mass: 6.00pm

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Masses at 9.00am and 11.00am

**Christmas Eve: 24<sup>th</sup> December**

5.30pm: Carols followed by 6.00pm Vigil Mass

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

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December:**

10.00am: Mass

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December (Boxing Day) Feast of St Stephen**

12.00 Noon Mass

**30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> December Feast of The Holy Family**

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

**1<sup>st</sup> January New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**

12.00 Noon Mass

**St Peter & St Paul's Prayer Group:** Next meeting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January from 7.30-9pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

**Cake and Conversation** is taking a festive break and will resume on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January in the Parish Centre 1.30-3.30pm. All welcome.

**"Healing Retreat Day & Evening"** on 27<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**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** or a Face-to-Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

The City of Lincoln Catenians 283 are holding a Ladies night on the **24<sup>th</sup> February** at Hemsell Court Hotel DN21 5TQ, 7 for 7.30pm. Dress, formal. Cost £40 per attendee. For bookings contact Philip Holme via email: [philipholmeelectrical@gmail.com](mailto:philipholmeelectrical@gmail.com), at time of booking please transfer £40 per guest to account 08-92-99 68375926 using your surname as reference and the number of guests.

### 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