

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 Christmastide - Psalter Week 2	INTENTIONS / LITURGIES / OTHER
Saturday 6th January 5.15pm 6pm	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY) Confessions Martin and Mary Gaughan RIP
Sunday 7th January 9am 11am	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY) Margaret O'Boyle RIP People of the Parish
Monday 8th January No Mass	FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD -
Tuesday 9th January 2pm HMP Morton Hall 7pm	Feria Staff, Inmates and their Families Jerry Kelly RIP
Wednesday 10th January 10am Fr Dennis O'Brien	Feria Requiem Mass for Geraldine Margaret Bell RIP
Thursday 11th January 9.30am 7-8.30pm Deanery Choir Rehearsal	Feria Alan Hutton RIP -
Friday 12th January 11am 12 Noon	Feria Exposition and Confessions Brendan O'Donnell RIP (2 nd Anniversary) Lunches in the Parish Centre on 1 st 3 rd Fridays
Saturday 13th January 11am 5.15pm 6pm Fr Dennis O'Brien	Feria Confessions SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Confessions People of the Parish
Sunday 14th January 9am 11am	SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Day of Special Prayer for Peace Stephen O'Boyle RIP Bridie Burns RIP (Birthday Remembrance)

Readers	This	6pm – S Collingham	9am – T Rowlett	11am – J Mitchell
	Next	6pm – M Costello	9am – C Scanlon	11am – Young People
Weekend Coffee	This	9am 11am		
	Next	9am 11am		
Footsteps	7 January: Mary Moore and Karen O'Connor		4 February: Eileen Cooper and Hannah Bownes	
Wednesday Coffee	This	No Coffee		
	Next	Cecelia, Maureen, Penny and Vera		
Weekend Welcomers	This	6pm - Y Musson, T Buckley, K Collingham	9am – J Briggs, M York, M Thompson	11am - D Rooney, T Silva, L Roberts
	Next	6pm - Y Musson, T Buckley, K Collingham	9am – W Robins, M York, M Thompson	11am - D Rooney, T Silva, L Roberts

WEEKLY INCOME W/E 24/12 + 31/12	POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY	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	For the gift of diversity in the Church Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church	
Envelopes		
Loose Plate		
TOTAL		
Christmas Collection	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	SSPP Parish Draw Please consider joining. Cost - monthly £5, quarterly £15, yearly £60. Thank you. 24/12/2023 £100 Brian Sklanka No 119 31/12/2023 £100 Mrs S E Spicknell No 11 £200 C T Darby No 110
Friday Lunches		
Weds Coffee		
Sunday Coffee		
Repository		
Donations		
Mass Stipends		
Funeral Fees		
Wedding Fees		
Hall Fees		
Newsletters		

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

Parish Administrator: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9.15am-5.15pm. **Votive Candles:** Large £0.50 Small £0.20
PLEASE NOTE: There is no Wednesday morning Coffee or Cake and Conversation on the 10th January due to a funeral wake being held in the Parish Centre.
We welcome Fr Dennis O'Brien to SSPP who will celebrate the Funeral Mass for Geraldine Bell RIP and will also celebrate the 6pm Mass on the 13th.

At the end of the year and the beginning of the New Year it can be a good thing to review the previous year to help guide us in faith for the year to come. There were several achievements during 2023, not least the completion of the refurbishment and reconfiguration of 2a Skellingthorpe Road – my thanks to the Architect, Main Contractor and Subcontractors for the successful outcome of this project. 240 Boultham Park Road has been sold, subject to contract. It was good to see that the social side of the Parish has begun to consolidate following the effects of the Pandemic and subsequent lockdowns. Links with our Academy school have been strengthened and I am pleased that they are now in a position to use the church for liturgical events and other occasions. As are our links with our Primary School, which I am pleased to visit for school masses and to welcome staff and students for visits to the Church. Liturgically we can continue to be thankful for all those who contribute in so many different ways towards the celebration of our Liturgies, which I know is greatly appreciated by parishioners, visitors and those who view our services online. A task that has to be completed each year is informing the Diocese of a number of statistics for the previous year. 2023 saw 20 Baptisms, No Weddings, 28 First Holy Communions, No Confirmations, 83 Sick Calls and Anointings, 38 Deaths and approximately 30 housebound Parishioners visited on a regular basis by our Eucharistic Ministers with Holy Communion. One of the most interesting statistics was the number of people who have viewed services here at SSPP since the Livestream came back online earlier in the summer of 2023, some 6527 people viewed our Masses, not only from the UK, but also from countries throughout the world! Of course 2024 will present its challenges for us as individuals and as a Parish Community but with our shared faith and with the love and support of each other I trust 2024 will be blessed for us all here at SSPP Lincoln. Sincerely, Canon Geoffrey.

2024 Calendars and Diaries are now £3.50 each, they can be found on the Repository Table in the Church.

First Holy Communion: The first class for this year will be on Saturday 20th January. If you wish your child to join the class and have not yet submitted an application form, it is imperative that you do so no later than 14th January. We will not accept late entries. [Stan, First Holy Communion Catechist.](#)

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 reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Solemnity of the Epiphany: Christ is the Mediator, the bridge that we cross to turn to the Father. He is the only Redeemer. He is the Mediator par excellence. Each prayer we raise to God is through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, and is fulfilled thanks to his intercession. The Holy Spirit extends Christ's mediation to every time and every place: there is no other name by which we can be saved. Jesus Christ, the only Mediator between God and humanity. To read the full reflection and find more resources - dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

An Introduction to Catholic Christianity – to be held at St Hugh's, Monks Road: In response to a number of enquiries we are proposing to run an introductory programme in the New Year for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith with a view to seeking initiation into the church in the future. If you would be interested in such a programme or know someone who would be, please send your contact details to the parish office so that we can ascertain the best time at which to run it.

Lincoln Community Grocery: Providing affordable weekly shopping and support services in Beaumont Manor 9 top end of Beaumont Fee LN1 1UL. This is not a food bank, and no referral is needed to shop here. Anyone can sign up for year for £5. Shop each day Monday to Friday for £5 per day. Also offers access to free courses – learning new skills, meeting new people, help with finding a new job.

Mary's Meals are now reaching more than two million children with a nutritious meal in twenty countries every school day. Further information is available at: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk>

DIARY DATES

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

Ukrainian Mass at St Hugh's: Saturday 13th January at 3pm. All welcome!

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) Annual White Flower Appeal will be held on the weekend of 13th and 14th January 2024: SPUC's vision is for a world where abortion is unthinkable. This year's appeal calls on the Government to end the pills by post abortion policy, which ends the lives of precious babies and puts mothers at physical and psychological risk of illegal late-term abortions due to lack of safeguarding. 86% of concerned GPs say women are vulnerable to coerced abortion with this scheme. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC highlight this urgent crisis.

Cake and Conversation will resume on Wednesday 17th January in the Parish Centre 1.30-3.30pm. All welcome.

Week of Prayer and Christian Unity: Thursday 18th January at Trinity URC (LN2 1HZ) at 12noon; Friday 19th at St Mary Magdalene (LN1 3AR) at 12noon; Monday 22nd at Monks Road Methodist Church (LN2 5JZ at 11am); Tuesday 23rd at St Hugh's at 12.30pm; Wednesday 24th at the Quaker Meeting House (LN1 1UR) at 12.30pm. All welcome!

Second Collection for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund at all Masses on the 20th and 21st January.

The City of Lincoln Catenians 283 are holding a Ladies night on the 24th February at Hemswell Court Hotel (DN21 5TQ) starting at 7.30pm. Dress code: formal, cost £40 per head. To book contact Philip Holme via email: philipholmeelectrical@gmail.com

Lourdes Health Team: Are you a nurse, doctor or healthcare support worker who would be interested in finding out about the health team support to the Nottingham Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes? We will be holding an information evening on Thursday, 25th January 7pm in St Hugh's Church Hall. Without a health team we would be unable to support many pilgrims to be able to undertake the pilgrimage, and we really do need your help and support, so why not come along to find out more. If you are unable to make the 25th please speak to either Dee Ellidge or Deacon David for more information.

Baptism Course: In the Parish Centre on Saturday 27th January from 10am-12 Noon. Applications to be submitted to the Parish Office by the 22nd January.

"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.*

Lincoln Council for Christians and Jews Kindertransport: International Holocaust Memorial Day - Sunday 28th January 2024 at 3pm Bailgate Methodist Church, Lincoln LN1 3AR. The Memorial Service will include poetry, blessings and prayers drawn from Christian and Jewish sources plus lighting memorial candles and laying stones in remembrance of all victims of genocide. This year we also feature a major musical contribution by Simcha, Lincoln's Klezmer Band, with their concert documentary. See poster on the noticeboard.

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. 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 or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on **8-11 February** call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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