

The Catholic Church of St Peter & St Paul Lincoln

A Live Simply, Sustainably and in Solidarity Award Recipient

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Fourth Week of Ordinary Time - Psalter Week 4	INTENTIONS / LITURGIES / OTHER
Saturday 27th January 5.15pm 6pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Confessions Christine Halton RIP and Susan Hobson RIP
Sunday 28th January 9am 11am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice Gwen McFarlane RIP (First anniversary 29.1.2024) People of the Parish
Monday 29th January No Mass	Feria -
Tuesday 30th January 2pm HMP Morton Hall 7pm	Feria Staff, Inmates and their Families (Elizabeth) Betty Norris RIP (20.12.23)
Wednesday 31st January 9.30am	Saint John Bosco, priest (memorial) Charlie Schofield RIP (Anniversary)
Thursday 1st February 9.30am 7-8.30pm Deanery Choir Rehearsal	Feria Charles Shields RIP and the dead of the Shields Family -
Friday 2nd February 11am 12 Noon	FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (CANDLEMASS) Day of Special Prayer for Consecrated Life Exposition and Confessions Mary Reid (Birthday Remembrance) Gerrard Reid RIP (In Remembrance) Lunches in the Parish Centre on 1 st and 3 rd Fridays
Saturday 3rd February 11am 4.30pm 5.15pm 6pm	Feria Confessions FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR First Saturday Devotions Confessions Geraldine Bell RIP
Sunday 4th February 9am 11am 2pm Baptism of Denny Sloan	FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Christine Scanlon's Intentions People of the Parish -

Readers	This	6pm – J Hughes	9am – D Ballard, L Ballard	11am – G Hughes
	Next	6pm – Y Buckingham	9am – D Easton	11am – J Lewis
Weekend Coffee	This	9am and 11am – Patricia Davis		
	Next	9am - Mary, Mary, Dave and Teresa 11am - No coffee morning due to a private hall booking		
Footsteps	4 February: Eileen Cooper and Hannah Bownes		3 March: Fiona Carroll and Lorraine Roberts	
Wednesday Coffee	This	Di and Peggy		
	Next	Linda		
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 21/01/2024	POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY	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 terminally ill We pray that those with a terminal illness and their families receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.	
Envelopes		
Loose Plate	PLEASE CONSIDER LEAVING YOUR PARISH A LEGACY IN YOUR WILL	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
TOTAL		
Second Collection	SSPP Parish Draw Please consider joining. Cost - monthly £5, quarterly £15, yearly £60. Thank you.	PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE HYMN BOOKS IN THE LADY CHAPEL RETURN THEM TO THE SHELVES AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH THANK YOU
Friday Lunches	21/01/2024 £100 Andre Wood No 203	
Weds Coffee		
Sunday Coffee		
Repository		
Donations		
Mass Stipends		
Funeral Fees		
Wedding Fees		
Hall Fees		
Newsletters		

Parish Administrator: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday - 9.15am-5.15pm. **Votive Candles:** Large £0.50 Small £0.20
2024 Calendars and Diaries are £3.50 each, they can be found on the Repository Table in the Church.

The renovation of 2a Skellingthorpe Road is now complete, apart from some snagging issues that remain to be resolved. The works have obviously been at a cost. Whilst the sale of 240 Boultham Park Road realised a total of £244,050.00, the total cost of the project cost much more than that. The total for the complete reconfiguring, refurbishment, purchase of certain items of furniture and Professional Fees came to £530,060.29. This ate into our reserves and even with the sale of 240 Boultham Park Road we have been left with a debt to the Diocese £147,005.29. This debt will have to be paid off over the coming years through our Parish Income. Currently I am in negotiation with the Diocese as to how best we pay off this debt; i.e., how much per month and for how long. This situation gives me an opportunity to ask all who worship physically at SSPP or virtually via the Livestream to consider prayerfully and seriously their financial contribution. The best way any worshipper can help increase the income of the Parish is to consider Gift Aid and making your contribution via a Standing Order. If you are a UK Taxpayer the Parish can claim back from the Government £0.25 for every pound you give, which I know from experience if this was to be taken up by all who pay income tax this would greatly help the Parish and service our debt sooner rather than later. Forms are available at the back of the church whereby you can set up a Standing Order and also sign up for Gift Aid.

Sincerely, Canon Geoffrey

Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank all parishioners who raised £287.73 through the church crib collection, for Christians in the Holy Land. Conditions continue to be extremely challenging. Please continue to remember FHL and those we support in your prayers.

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> There will be a talk from a Mary's Meals' representative at all Masses this weekend.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Fourth Sunday of the Year: All human suffering is sacred to God. So prays the prayer of Psalm 56: "You have kept an account of my wanderings; you have kept a record of my tears! Are they not written in your book?" (v. 8). Before God we are not strangers, or numbers. We are faces and hearts, known one by one, by name. To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

The Diocese of Nottingham is currently recruiting for a Land and Buildings Officer and for a Compliance and Support Property Officer. Details can be found on the poster at the back of church, or by visiting www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers. For more information contact Rachael Oxspring on 0115 953 9845. The closing date is Monday 12th February.

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR AFTER MASS ON A SUNDAY DURING LENT? 18 February, 25 February, 3 March, 10 March, 17 March, 24 March. During Lent we are hoping to be able to reinstate Coffee Mornings after Sunday Mass. To simplify this we are asking for volunteers to run these after the Mass they attend. We suggest that only tea, coffee and biscuits are provided with no raffle. Please consider this and volunteer - it is an excellent way to develop the Parish Community - and sign up on the list in the Lady Chapel. Thank you.

Be a part of something BIG! Once again CAFOD is challenging the people of this country to the Big Lent Walk 5km (3.1miles) per day for 40 days to raise money to fight global poverty. This year, Lent begins on St Valentine's Day and knowing SSPP has a big heart, we would like to unite in fraternal love and do it as a parish and are looking for individuals or families/groups willing to commit to doing one of the days i.e. 5km (you can sign up for more than one day if you would like!). You decide where and when you walk, it could even be on a treadmill at home or your normal daily life so long as you cover 5km. It would be great if you could take a photo of you doing the walk and at the end of Lent we will display them all together in church. There will also be a parish walk and details will follow. To join in, email: sspprcc@yahoo.com or contact Stuart Collingham (07715 048039). Donations can be given via a Just Giving page <https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/sspp-big-lent-walk> or handed to Stuart. Even if you can't do 5km, you are very much needed! Please support the work of CAFOD through prayer and donations. Let's come together and share the love!

Warm Spaces - Cake and Conversation: Wednesday afternoon in the Parish Centre 1.30-3.30pm. All are welcome.

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.

Change of date - Parish Walk: The next parish walk will take place on Tuesday 30th January in the Woodhall Spa area. A 4.5 mile flat and fairly dry walk! Please meet in the parish car park at Our Lady of Lincoln at 9:30am and bring a packed lunch.

First Holy Communion Class: Please note on the 3rd February the FHC class will be held in the rear sacristy of the church from 9.30-11am. Please meet at the side door to the rear sacristy to gain entry to the building.

Mission Appeal by The Congregation of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ at all Masses on the 3rd and 4th February.

Talking Philosophy & Theology - A Carmelite Perspective: Zoom meetings are on Wednesday evenings 8-10pm: 7th February (Philosophy); 21st February (Theology); 6th March (Philosophy); 20th March (Theology); 3rd April (Philosophy); 17th April (Theology); and on Thursday afternoons, 1-3pm: 8th February (Philosophy); 22nd February (Theology); 14th March (Philosophy); 11th April (Philosophy); 25th April (Theology). Please contact Deacon James Hunter for more information james.hunter200@btinternet.com

AN INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLIC CHRISTIANITY: A programme of six sessions begins on 12th February in the hall at St Hugh's. Sessions will last from 6pm to 7pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Canon Geoffrey on his telephone number or email address.

St Peter & St Paul's Prayer Group: Next meeting Tuesday 13th February from 7.30-9pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

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

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) Youth Pro-life Conference 'Call to Courage' for ages 16-35 years of age. 23rd -25th February at Yarnfield Park Training and Conference Centre, Stone, ST15 0NL. For information ring 020 7091 7091 or visit www.spuc.org.uk

Jesus Youth is organising a Young Adults' Retreat for those aged 18-23 at The Briars, Matlock (DE4 5BW) on the weekend of 23rd -25th February. Come join us for this Catholic Youth Weekend, where we'll explore deeper into aspects of Gender and Identity through the core theme for the weekend, the reality that we are 'Created For Love'. To register, visit: <https://forms.gle/2JCX9JWCQRBdi21q7>

Voluntary Retiring Collection - CAFOD Family Fast Day this year will be on Friday, 23rd February. We will have a voluntary retiring collection to support CAFOD's work, at all Masses over the weekend of 24th and 25th February.

Date for your Diary - Friday 1st March, World Day of Prayer, 10am at Holy Cross Church: This year the service was prepared by the women of Gaza (at least 3 years ago). Please, please come and join us and take this amazing opportunity to pray for the people of Gaza, joining with all the Christian women in the world over a 24-hour period. Every hour a new service will begin somewhere in the world. Let us pray that God will send His Divine Peace to the land, all the hostilities will cease, and the Governments have the wisdom and integrity to find a long-term Peace with Justice for all those affected.



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