

# The Catholic Church of St Peter & St Paul Lincoln

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Third Week of Ordinary Time - Psalter Week 3	INTENTIONS / LITURGIES / OTHER
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b> 5.15pm 6pm	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> Confessions For my darling Dennis Alnutt RIP
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b> 9am 11am	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> Doreen Dolan (Intentions for Recovery to Health) People of the Parish
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b> No Mass	<b>Feria</b> -
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b> 2pm HMP Morton Hall 7pm	<b>Feria</b> Staff, Inmates and their Families Aivaras Zuraitis RIP
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b> 9.30am	<b>Saint Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor (memorial)</b> Stan Sklanka RIP
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b> 9.30am	<b>FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL</b> Mrs Kathryn K. Markey RIP
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b> 11am 12 Noon	<b>Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops (memorial)</b> Exposition and Confessions Peace in the Holy Land and all war zones Lunches in the Parish Centre on 1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b> 11am  5.15pm 6pm	<b>Feria</b> Confessions <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> Confessions Christine Halton RIP and Susan Hobson RIP
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b> 9am 11am	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice</b></span> Gwen McFarlane RIP (First anniversary 29.1.2024) People of the Parish

Readers	This	6pm – R Boyns	9am – J Clarkson	11am – E Neal
	Next	6pm – J Hughes	9am – D Ballard, L Ballard	11am – G Hughes
Weekend Coffee	This	9am 11am		
	Next	9am and 11am – Patricia Davis		
Footsteps	4 February: Eileen Cooper and Hannah Bownes		3 March: Fiona Carroll and Lorraine Roberts	
Wednesday Coffee	This	Sue		
	Next	Di and Peggy		
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 14/01/2024	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 £ 579.53	<b>For the gift of diversity in the Church</b> 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 £ 115.80		
Loose Plate £ 436.71		
<b>TOTAL £1132.04</b>		
Second Collection -	<b style="color: red;">PLEASE CONSIDER LEAVING YOUR PARISH A LEGACY IN YOUR WILL</b>  <b>IN MEMORIAM BOOK</b> Should you wish to see your loved one's name in the anniversary book, insertion details are below the cabinet	<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>  <u><b>PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE HYMN BOOKS IN THE LADY CHAPEL RETURN THEM TO THE SHELVES AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH</b></u> <b>THANK YOU</b>
Friday Lunches -		
Weds Coffee -		
Sunday Coffee -		
Repository £ 8.00		
Donations -		
Mass Stipends £40.00		
Funeral Fees -		
Wedding Fees -		
Hall Fees -		
Newsletters £ 6.00	<b>SSPP Parish Draw</b> Please consider joining. Cost - monthly £5, quarterly £15, yearly £60. Thank you.  14/01/2024 £100 – David Hellier No 382	

**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.**

**Lost Property:** Anything currently in the box not claimed by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January will be taken to the charity shop. Please do check the box this weekend

**Second Collection for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund** to be taken at all Masses this weekend. By donating you will help ensure all our sick and retired priests are cared for at their time of need, after years of service to God and their parishioners. If you are able, please do gift aid the donation. Thank you.

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.

**240 Boultham Park Road:** As you are now aware the sale of 240 Boultham Park Road has now gone through, and the new owners have now moved in; we welcome our new neighbours and hope and pray they will be happy in their new home. Canon Geoffrey

**Thank you - Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) Annual White Flower Appeal:** A big thank you to all those who contributed to the Collection which raised £270.59 and also those who signed cards to the Health Secretary calling on The Government to end the dangerous 'Pills by Post Do it yourself abortion' policy.

**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.

**Crib Offerings 2023:** Many thanks for your generous Crib Offerings over the Season of Christmas, a total of £287.73 has been sent to The Friends of The Holy Land for the works they undertake for our brothers and sisters in The Holy Land.

**A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Third Sunday of the Year:** If during prayer we feel sluggish and empty, we must at that moment beg that Jesus' prayer also become our own. "I cannot pray today, I don't know what to do: I don't feel like it, I am unworthy". In this moment Jesus is before the Father, praying for us; let us trust in this! If we are trustful, we will then hear a voice from heaven, "You are God's beloved, you are a child, you are the joy of the Father in heaven". To read the full reflection and find more resources at: [dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer)

#### DIARY DATES

**Warm Spaces - Cake and Conversation:** Wednesday afternoon in the Parish Centre 1.30-3.30pm. All are welcome. The session on 24<sup>th</sup> January will include a seated exercise class,

**Rosary at the Cathedral:** A new ecumenical rosary prayer group at Lincoln Cathedral takes place at 11am, at the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, every second Tuesday of each month. If intending to join in, please mention to the reception staff when you enter the cathedral. All are welcome.

**African Mass** - There will be an African Mass held at St Hugh's on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 3pm. The Mass will be in English. All are welcome.

**Week of Prayer and Christian Unity:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> at Monks Road Methodist Church (LN2 5JZ at 11am); **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> at St Hugh's at 12.30pm;**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> at the Quaker Meeting House (LN1 1UR) at 12.30pm. All welcome!

**St Peter & St Paul's Prayer Group:** Next meeting Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January from 7.30-9pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

**Parish Walk:** The next parish walk will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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, 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> please speak to either Dee Ellidge or Deacon David for more information.

**First Holy Communion Class:** Please note on the 27<sup>th</sup> January and 3<sup>rd</sup> February the FHC class will be held in the rear sacristy of the church from 9.30-11am. The parents meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> January will be held in the main church from 11am-12 Noon. Please meet at the side door to the rear sacristy to gain entry to the building. Thank you.

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

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

**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 over the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January.

**Lincoln Council for Christians and Jews Kindertransport:** International Holocaust Memorial Day - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

There will be a **Mission Appeal** by The Congregation of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ at all Masses over the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> February.

**Homes for Ukraine Gathering** - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2.30-4pm at the Frassati Centre, Holy Cross, Leicester LE1 6HW. Nearly two years on from the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the need for refuge in the UK is still high. Join this afternoon hosted by Caritas Social Action Network and Saint John of God Hospitaller Services, where you can find out about the current situation, eligibility for sponsoring refugees, and key considerations for hosting. Visit [bit.ly/ukraine2feb](http://bit.ly/ukraine2feb) for details

**AN INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLIC CHRISTIANITY: A programme of six sessions will begin on Monday, 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.**

#### 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