

The Catholic Church of St Peter & St Paul Lincoln

A Live Simply, Sustainably and in Solidarity Award Recipient

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Fifth Week of Ordinary Time - Psalter Week 1	INTENTIONS / LITURGIES / OTHER
Saturday 3rd February 5.15pm 6pm	FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Confessions Geraldine Bell RIP
Sunday 4th February 9am 11am includes FHC Candidate Enrolment 2pm Baptism of Denny Sloan	FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Christine Scanlon's Intentions People of the Parish -
Monday 5th February No Mass	Saint Agatha, virgin and martyr (memorial) -
Tuesday 6th February 7pm	Saints Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs of Japan (memorial) Mary Timothy RIP
Wednesday 7th February 11am	Feria Requiem Mass for Peter Belk RIP
Thursday 8th February 9.30am 7-8.30pm Deanery Choir Rehearsal	Feria Day of Special Prayer for the Victims of Trafficking Eddie Corrigan RIP -
Friday 9th February 11am 12 Noon	Feria Exposition and Confessions Geraldine Bell RIP (Birthday Remembrance 10.1.24) Lunches in the Parish Centre on 1 st and 3 rd Fridays
Saturday 10th February 11am 5.15pm 6pm	Saint Scholastica, virgin (memorial) Confessions SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Confessions Katie McCoy RIP (40 th Birthday Remembrance) and Mick McCoy RIP (Loved and missed always)
Sunday 11th February 9am 11am 12.30pm	SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Day of Special Prayer for the Sick and for the Unemployed People of the Parish In Memory of Stanislaw Bogucka RIP (With Baptism of Oro Emuraye) Baptism of Arlo Boyhan

Readers	This	6pm – Y Buckingham	9am – D Easton	11am – J Lewis
	Next	6pm – M Borman	9am – J May, I May	11am – Young People
Weekend Coffee	This	9am – Mary, Mary, Dave and Teresa 11am – No coffee morning due to a private hall booking		
	Next	9am and 11am – Paul and Linda Heaver		
Footsteps	4 February: Eileen Cooper and Hannah Bownes		3 March: Fiona Carroll and Lorraine Roberts	
Wednesday Coffee	This	Linda		
	Next	Mike and Teresa		
Weekend Welcomers	This	6pm - Y Musson, T Buckley, K Collingham	9am – K & J Clarkson, M York, M Thompson	11am - D Rooney, T Silva, L Roberts
	Next	6pm - Y Musson, T Buckley, K Collingham	9am – P & B Davis, M York, M Thompson	11am - D Rooney, T Silva, L Roberts

WEEKLY INCOME W/E 28/01/2024	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			
TOTAL			
Second Collection			
Friday Lunches	<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">PLEASE CONSIDER LEAVING YOUR PARISH A LEGACY IN YOUR WILL</p> <p>IN MEMORIAM BOOK Should you wish to see your loved one's name in the anniversary book, insertion details are below the cabinet</p>	<p>SSPP Parish Draw Please consider joining. Cost - monthly £5, quarterly £15, yearly £60. Thank you.</p> <p>28/01/2024 £100 Pauline Allnutt No 50 £200 Mrs Brazil No 415</p>	
Weds Coffee			<p>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</p> <p><u>PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE HYMN BOOKS IN THE LADY CHAPEL RETURN THEM TO THE SHELVES AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH</u> THANK YOU</p>
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 Diaries are £3.50 each, they can be found on the Repository Table in the Church, last few available.

Mission Appeal Given by Sr Mary Priscilla, of The Congregation of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ, at all Masses this weekend.

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 of £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

Mary's Meals - A Huge Thank you to all of you that attended last weekend's Coffee/Tea after the Masses or donated without staying for refreshments. Between you raised £675!! which will be doubled resulting in feeding 54!! children for a year which will transform the lives of those children. We were overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity. As the double the money deadline was 31st January the Mary's Meals rep took a cheque with her in order to claim the doubling. It will therefore not appear on the Parish weekly income information. Thank you to Canon Geoffrey for allowing that to happen. Once again heartfelt thanks to you all. Fundraising Circle of Friends.

Request for Teapots: There is a box in the Narthex for donations of unwanted teapots. These will be used by the Parish for Afternoon Teas and similar events. Thank you.

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 information contact Rachael Oxspring on 0115 953 9845. The closing date is Monday 12th February.

Calling Catholic Teachers: If you are a Catholic teacher currently working outside of Catholic education and would like to find out more about the joys of working in a Catholic school within the Diocese of Nottingham, a virtual information session will take place on **4th March from 7-8pm**. Please see the poster on the parish noticeboards. For further information, please contact: Julie Sweeney at julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk

Can you spare an hour after Mass on a Sunday during Lent? Still to be filled - 18 February and 3 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.

VACANCY: An opportunity has arisen at St Peter and St Paul Academy for a Minibus Driver. The position is permanent 16.5 hours per week Term Time only Salary: £8,602 - £8,745 per annum. Duties would include:

- Safely transport students in the school minibus at the start of the day and at the end of the day
- Carry out regular vehicle safety checks
- Clean the minibus as needed
- Be able to use your own initiative in driving situations
- Have flexibility as you might have to change routes or times as required, which could be at short notice.

If you would like further information, contact Mr J Smith at the Academy:

sspp@sspp.lincs.sch.uk If you are interested in this position, you have a clean driving licence and your licence permits you to drive vehicles in category D1 please go to [Vacancies - St Peter and St Paul Catholic Voluntary Academy -](#)

sspp.lincs.sch.uk and complete an online application by 16th February.

Be a part of something BIG! Once again CAFOD is challenging the people of this country to the Big Lent Walk 5km (3.1 miles) 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: ssprcc@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!

Confirmation: We expect to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in Summer 2025. Further details of how to enrol will be available in October.

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

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

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

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