

# The Catholic Church of St Peter & St Paul Lincoln

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Second Week of Lent - Psalter Week 2	INTENTIONS / LITURGIES / OTHER
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b> 5.15pm 6pm	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Confessions People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b> 9am  11am	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Sheila and Michael Shevlin RIP, Paddy McLoughlin RIP (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) and deceased members of the McLoughlin family Judith Gaughan RIP (Nottingham)
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b> No Mass	<b>Lenten Feria</b> -
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b> 2pm HMP Morton Hall 7pm	<b>Lenten Feria</b> Staff, Inmates and their Families Alfredo Caranci RIP (Anniversary)
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b> 9.30am	<b>Lenten Feria</b> Alfie Steele RIP
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February</b> 9.30am 7-8.30pm	<b>Lenten Feria</b> Betty Harrington and Family Deanery Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b> 11am 12 Noon (Note: There is no parish lunch today) 6.30pm	<b>FEAST OF SAINT DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>World Day of Prayer</b></span> Exposition and Confessions Margaret Anne Gallagher RIP (d.22.1.24) Lunches in the Parish Centre on 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays Stations of The Cross
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b> 11am 2-4pm 4.30pm  5.15pm 6pm	<b>Lenten Feria</b> Confessions Deanery Choir Rehearsals First Saturday Devotions <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Confessions Winnie Campbell RIP (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b> 9am 11am	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Bill McCarthy RIP (First Anniversary) People of the Parish

Readers	This	6pm – M Costello	9am – K Clarkson	11am – L Roberts
	Next	6pm – R Boyns	9am – D Easton	11am – D Russell
Weekend Coffee	This	9am – FHC Stan Davis	11am – FHC Stan Davis	
	Next	9am – Brian and Patricia	11am – Merrin Matthews	
Footsteps	3 March: Fiona Carroll and Lorraine Roberts No Footsteps in April 5 May: Mary Moore and Karen O'Connor			
Wednesday Coffee	This	Chris and Jo		
	Next	Cecilia, Maureen, Penny and Vera		
Weekend Welcomers	This	6pm – Y Musson, T Buckley, K Collingham	9am – W Robins, M York, M Thompson	11am – D Rooney, T Silva, L Roberts
	Next	6pm – Y Musson, T Buckley, K Collingham	9am – M Hardy, M York, M Thompson	11am – D Rooney, T Silva, L Roberts

WEEKLY INCOME W/E 18/02/2024		POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH		NOTE:
Standing Orders	£ 579.53	<b>For the New Martyrs</b>		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.
Envelopes	£ 105.23	We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm		
Loose Plate	£ 379.56	<b>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>SSPP Parish Draw</b> Please consider joining. Cost - monthly £5, quarterly £15, yearly £60. Thank you.  18/02/2024 £100 Sue Spicknell No 163	<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> <b><u>PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE HYMN BOOKS IN THE LADY CHAPEL RETURN THEM TO THE SHELVES AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH</u></b> <b><u>THANK YOU</u></b>
TOTAL	£1064.32			
Second Collection	-			
Friday Lunches	£ 75.00			
Weds Coffee	£ 15.50			
Sunday Coffee	£ 75.70			
Repository	£ 38.85			
Donations	£ 1.60			
Mass Stipends	£ 50.00			
Funeral Fees	-			
Hall Fees	£100.00			
Newsletters	£ 16.10			
<b>Parish Debt</b>	<b>£147,005.29</b>			
	<b>£17,316.53</b>			

Parish Administrator: Monday 9am-1pm, Tuesday and Thursday - 9.15am-5.15pm.

Votive Candles: Large £0.50 Small £0.20

Good selection of Greetings Cards, including Mothers' Day Cards, Lenten Day by Day and Walk With Me Booklets £1 each are on the Repository Table

**CAFOD Family Fast Day this year was on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February. We will have a voluntary retiring collection to support CAFOD's work, at all Masses this weekend.**

Canon Geoffrey will be away from the parish on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

Canon Geoffrey will be on retreat from the 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> March. There will be no weekday Masses during that time. There will be a Services of Word and Communion on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am.

**Parish Finances:** Firstly my sincere thanks on behalf of the Parish to all who contribute to the weekly offertory collection, either through the collecting plate or via a Standing Order. Likewise, sincere thanks to those who work so hard to raise vital funds through a variety of ways – Teas and Coffees on Sunday and Wednesday mornings, Friday Lunches, the weekly Parish Draw, Christmas Fayre, etc. As you are aware the Parish is in debt to the Diocese as a result of the works undertaken at 2a Skellingthorpe Road. The Parish Debt initially stood at £147,005.29 however, following two donations and a generous legacy this has now been reduced to £129,689.76. Last week however, I received the Quinquennial Report for the Parish Properties, i.e., The Church, The Parish Centre and The Presbytery, which identified £2200 worth of immediate works to be actioned. Furthermore, in the near future we will have to pay the retention to the main contractor for the works at 2a Skellingthorpe Road which will increase the debt further. I have agreed with the Diocese that initially we will pay back £500 per month and when possible will make additional payments. If we were only to pay the £500 per month, the debt would not be paid off for 25 years. May I request all who worship here or join us via The Livestream to consider seriously how the debt can be reduced sooner, rather than later. Obviously if anybody would like to donate towards the reduction of the debt, please do speak to me. As mentioned a few weeks back, the easiest and most efficient way the debt could be reduced is for all UK taxpayers to sign up for Gift Aid and make their contribution either via Standing Order or make use of the Planned Giving Envelope scheme. A reminder if you contribute for example £5 per week in the loose plate, BUT if you were to sign up for Gift Aid your contribution would rise to £6.25 per week at no extra cost to you. May I ask all taxpayers to consider this it would greatly help your Parish. Gift Aid Forms and Standing Order Forms may be found in the Lady Chapel or above the Hymn Books, or if you wish to sign up for Gift Aid Envelopes there is a sheet on the table adjacent to the Repository Table. Thank you, Canon Geoffrey.

The Lent issue of Catholic Outreach Lincoln is available in the Narthex.

The Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Patrick between 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July. By air from East Midlands Airport directly to Lourdes, prices for full-board five-day pilgrimage start at £819, including a full liturgical programme, and medical care and assistance for those who need it. For more details visit [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes) or email the Pilgrimage Deputy Director at [simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**A LOAD OF OLD HAT!** The colourful Victorian costumes make a striking impact when Our Lady's Carollers are out fundraising for local Lincoln Charities, but unfortunately many of their bonnets and top hats have seen better days. The wardrobe team is desperately searching for ladies wide brimmed felt hats to convert into poke bonnets. If any such hats are lurking on the top of a wardrobe and you have no further use for them, the Carollers would be extremely pleased to receive them. Similarly, if by chance, there are any unwanted top hats out there, that would be a real bonus. Please hand any preloved items to Tony Rowlett. Thank you.

**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.

**Items for sale:** Selling due to relocation. If interested call Anne 07960 015498.

1. Electric 3-seater recliner - £ 300
2. Coffee table and lamp table - £75
3. Nest of tables in lounge £ 20
4. Condenser dryer £100
5. Washing machine £100

6. Conservatory furniture (3-seater sofa and 2 armchairs plus coffee table) £350

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

**Still time to be a part of something BIG!** CAFOD's Big Lent Walk to help fight global poverty is underway and everyone can still join in. If you would like to do a 5k walk or are willing to pray the Rosary for CAFOD'S intentions please email: [ssprcc@yahoo.com](mailto:ssprcc@yahoo.com) or call Stuart Collingham 07715 048039 or make a donation at <https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/sspp-big-lent-walk> our Just Giving page. Thank you Stuart and Jo

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

**Nellie O'Leary RIP:** Please note there will be no parish coffee morning or warm spaces session on 13<sup>th</sup> March due to a funeral wake in the hall.

**St Peter & St Paul's Prayer Group:** Next meeting Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February from 7.30-9pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

**Please note the First Friday Soup Lunch on 1<sup>st</sup> March has been cancelled due to operational difficulties.**

**Date for your Diary - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Posters on the noticeboards:** Young Adult's Retreat – 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Women's Retreat – 9<sup>th</sup> March, Diocesan Music Department Concert at St Barnabas Cathedral 15<sup>th</sup> March and Men's Retreat – 24<sup>th</sup> March. Organ Recitals at SSPP on various dates. Please see individual posters for full details.

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

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 7pm Lenten Reflections Concert, details to follow ... Tools For a Mission, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March. Details to follow ...**

**Search for the Light** is back again this year! Take some time out this Easter to come to The Briars for an amazing retreat experience. You can come by yourself or with your friends, no parents or teachers needed, and take part in fun activities and opportunities to learn more about and deepen your faith alongside other like-minded young people. This retreat is open to all in years 10-13, between **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>–Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March**, and costs £55 per person (with bursaries through the St Francis of Assisi fund). Get in contact on our Instagram (@NDCYS) or Facebook (NDCYS – The Briars) or 01773 852044.

Second Collection for Holy Places of Palestine to be taken on Good Friday **29<sup>th</sup> March.**

**MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCTOBER 2024:** 7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or website [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)

#### **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