

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 Lent - Psalter Week 1	INTENTIONS / LITURGIES / OTHER
Saturday 16th March 5.15pm 6pm	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (PASSION SUNDAY) Confessions John Sweeney (For his health)
Sunday 17th March 9am 11am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (PASSION SUNDAY) Denis McCreesh RIP People of the Parish
Monday 18th March Daytime SSPP Academy Rehearsals 7pm SSPP Academy Easter Production Beautiful Exchange	Lenten Feria - -
Tuesday 19th March 1pm St Barnabas Cathedral 7pm	SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (SOLEMNITY) Chapter Mass For a loved one to overcome their alcohol addiction
Wednesday 20th March 9.30am 5-6pm Choir Rehearsal	Lenten Feria Michelle McGovern Abbott (Recovery to health) -
Thursday 21st March 9.30am 7-8.30pm Deanery Choir Rehearsals	Lenten Feria Josie Gilheany (Birthday) -
Friday 22nd March 11am 12 Noon 6.30pm 7.30pm LMVC Concert in aid of Mary's Meals	Lenten Feria Exposition and Confessions Roy Metheringham RIP (2 nd Anniversary) Lunches in the Parish Centre 1 st and 3 rd Fridays Stations of The Cross -
Saturday 23rd March 11am 5.15pm 6pm	Lenten Feria Confessions PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD Confessions People of the Parish
Sunday 24th March 9am 11am 1pm	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD Marie Bray RIP (70 th Birthday 29.3.24) Nellie O'Leary RIP Baptism of Rory Perkins

Readers	This	6pm – Y Buckingham	9am – C Scanlon	11am – D Bil
	Next	6pm – M Borman	9am – T Rowlett	11am – E Neal
Weekend Coffee	This	9am and 11am - Ann Calvey		
	Next	9am and 11am - First Holy Communion		
Footsteps	No Footsteps in April – School Holidays 5 May: Mary Moore and Karen O'Connor			
Wednesday Coffee	This	Di and Peggy		
	Next	-		
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 10/03/2024		POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH		
Standing Orders	£ 579.53	For the New Martyrs: 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		PLEASE CONSIDER LEAVING YOUR PARISH A LEGACY IN YOUR WILL
Envelopes	£ 98.40			
Loose Plate	£ 365.81			
TOTAL	£1043.74			
Second Collection	-	IN MEMORIAM BOOK Should you wish to see your loved one's name in the anniversary book, insertion details are below the cabinet	SSPP Parish Draw Please consider joining. Cost - monthly £5, quarterly £15, yearly £60. Thank you. 10/03/2024 £100 M Rushby No 63	
Friday Lunches	-		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 <u>PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE HYMN BOOKS IN THE LADY CHAPEL RETURN THEM TO THE SHELVES AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH</u> <u>THANK YOU</u>	
Wednesday Coffee	£ 13.35			
Sunday Coffee	£126.63			
Repository	£ 18.80			
Donations	-			
Mass Stipends	£ 20.00			
Funeral Fees	£300.00			
Hall Fees	£ 20.00			
Newsletters	£ 11.90			
Parish Debt	£147,005.29			
	£17,711.53			

Parish Administrator: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am-5pm. **Votive Candles:** Large £0.50 Small £0.20. A good selection of Greetings Cards, and homemade Easter Cards £2 each, as well as Walk With Me Booklets at £1 each are displayed on the Repository Table.
Retiring collection this weekend at all Masses for our Easter Flowers

Parish Centre Toilets: Unfortunately, I am left with no option but to issue a final warning regarding use of the Parish Centre Toilets. Once again, a toilet, this time the disabled toilet was left with faeces on the floor after the 6pm Mass. Please note from this weekend ALL CHILDREN whatever their age, must be accompanied to and from the toilets by a Responsible Adult. If it is found that the toilets are abused again then I will have to seriously consider closing the toilets before, during and after the 6pm Mass on Saturday evenings. I do not want to do this, but sadly I am left with no other option. Canon Geoffrey

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Fifth Sunday of Lent: Prayer is not always easy; often it demands of us a struggle with God and a recognition of our weakness and frailty before him and his will. Yet it is precisely in that struggle and in our woundedness that we experience the healing power of grace and grow in faith. Let us pray for the gift always to be open to this encounter with God, to the conversion of our hearts, and to the many blessings the Lord wishes to pour upon us. To read this in full please visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofpray

There are more than 40 retired priests in our Diocese. Some live in Ireland and some in England. We wish to express our gratitude to you for the ways you have helped us over the years especially by your love of Our Lord and His Church. With your love and prayers, support, and example we have been encouraged to try to be the priests Jesus called us to be. You have also with great generosity supported the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund over many years and especially during the recent appeal. We will always be grateful to you and happily fulfil our responsibility to pray for you and your families. Your Retired Priests

Help Requested: Elderly lady living within yards of the church is requiring assistance with washing and dressing on Saturday and Sunday mornings. For further information please contact Helen on 07572 733415.

A Dare to Say (a reflection on the Lord's prayer): In 2025 Pope Francis has given the church the blessing of a "Holy Year" A Jubilee year. He has asked us for a "Great Symphony of Prayer" and The Bishops of England and Wales have called for a year of Prayer this year to prepare for the Jubilee Year. They have published a resource entitled "We Dare to Say" a 5-week Course/Meditation on The Lord's Prayer. Starting on the week of Sunday 8th April we will run 2 courses – one during an afternoon and another during an evening. The course will be complete by Pentecost and will be a wonderful way to prepare for the Feast day. We will have sign-up sheets prepared for next weekend and we ask you to express your interest in one or the other so that we are able to order enough booklets. We expect the sessions to run for 1-1 1/2 hours maximum. We look forward to seeing you. Patricia Davis, Patrick and Barbara Bond.

TWAM - Tools with a Mission: Please see board in the Narthex for details. We are a Christian charity that collects unwanted usable tools, refurbishes them, sorts them into trade tool kits and sends them to the developing world for livelihood creation. In doing so, we also support UK communities through volunteering opportunities and contribute significantly to environmental sustainability by reducing waste and carbon emissions in the UK. Through our 'local to global' model, we prevent over 400 tonnes of tools from crowding UK landfills annually and engage local communities, offering volunteering opportunities that nurture skills and foster social connections. The impact of our work resonates globally, as we supply refurbished tools to over 500 organisations in Sub-Saharan Africa. These tools equip individuals with the skills needed to completely transform their lives and communities. By refurbishing and recycling, we save over 1,100 tonnes of CO2 emissions annually, demonstrating our commitment to environmental sustainability. Our toolkits serve as catalysts for change, from supporting families and education to strengthening communities. Our local efforts have a global impact, helping to create a world where everyone has the chance to thrive. Thank you. Mary Hardy - 01522 789771.

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: sspprc@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.

African Mass at St Hugh's this Sunday 17th March at 3pm. The Mass will be in English. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

SSPP Academy presents **Beautiful Exchange** on Monday 18th March 7pm at St Peter and St Paul Church. Payment is donation on the door, you can also purchase fibre-optic lights for the end performance at £1 each. All proceeds are going to the CAFOD Lent appeal 2024. See posters on the noticeboards.

The Soldier's Tale in St Hugh's Church Hall 19th March at 7pm. A dramatised reading based on the Passion of Our Lord through the eyes of a Roman soldier - we hear the voices of many of the people Jesus met on his journey to Calvary. This is an opportunity to reflect on the Passion as we head towards Holy Week. The reading lasts around 50 minutes and admission is free. We will also be reading at Trinity URC, St Martin's Square 7pm on 22nd March.

Talking Philosophy & Theology - A Carmelite Perspective: Zoom meetings are on Wednesday evenings 8-10pm: 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

Lincoln Male Voice Choir Concert, in aid of Mary's Meals. At SSPP on Friday 22nd March at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 from Sidney McFarlane or on the door. Refreshments in the Parish Centre after the concert. Raffle on the night.

First Holy Communion Coffee Moring – 24th March: Please remember this coffee morning where we will need donations of baking items and raffle prizes.

SSPP Schedule for Holy Week

Monday 25th March - No Mass

Tuesday 26th March – 9.30am NB change of time
Wednesday 27th March – No Mass due to Chrism Mass

6.30pm Confessions

Holy Thursday 28th March

11.30am Funeral Service for Stephen Mellusco RIP
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm followed by watching at The Altar of
Repose with Night Prayers at 9.30pm

Good Friday 29th March

Confessions 11am-12 Noon

Passion of the Lord 3pm

(There will be a retiring collection for the Holy Places of the Holy Land)

Stations of the Cross 7pm

Holy Saturday 30th March

Confessions 11am-12 Noon

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter 8pm

Easter Day Masses 31st March

9am and 11am

Easter Offering: Should you wish to make a personal Easter Offering to Canon Geoffrey, please place it in an envelope marked with "Easter Offering – Canon Geoffrey".

St Peter & St Paul's Prayer Group: Next meeting Tuesday 26th March from 7.30-9pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

Search for the Light! Take some time out this Easter to come to The Briars for an amazing retreat experience, 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 years 10-13, between 28th–31st March, and costs £55pp (with bursaries through the St Francis of Assisi fund). Get in contact on our Instagram (@NDCYS) or Facebook (NDCYS – The Briars) or 01773 852044.

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