

# 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 Lent - Psalter Week 4	INTENTIONS / LITURGIES / OTHER
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b> 5.15pm 6pm 7.30pm	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – LAETARE SUNDAY</b> Confessions Alexander and Helen Clarkson RIP (D.12.2.51) Mass for the Tamil Community
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b> 9am 11am	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – LAETARE SUNDAY</b> People of the Parish Sr Bernadette McGovern (Birthday)
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b> 10.30am Funeral John Hobson RIP Lincoln Crematorium No Mass	<b>Lenten Feria</b> -
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b> 2pm HMP Morton Hall 6pm 7pm	<b>Lenten Feria</b> Staff, Inmates and their Families Reception of Nellie O'Leary RIP Healing of Sarah, Aleandro and Sven
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b> 10.30am (Fr Michael O'Donoghue) 5-6pm Deanery Choir Rehearsal	<b>Lenten Feria</b> Requiem Mass for Nellie O'Leary RIP -
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b> 9.30am Service of the Word and Communion 6pm LMVC Concert Rehearsal	<b>Lenten Feria</b> -
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b> 11am 12 Noon 6.30pm	<b>Lenten Feria</b> Exposition and Confessions Intentions of Heidi Lunches in the Parish Centre 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays Stations of The Cross
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b> 11am  5.15pm 6pm	<b>Lenten Feria</b> Confessions <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (PASSION SUNDAY)</b> Confessions John Sweeney (For his health)
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b> 9am 11am	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (PASSION SUNDAY)</b> Denis McCreesh RIP People of the Parish

Readers	This	6pm – J Hughes	9am – A Rowlett	11am – J Mitchell
	Next	6pm – Y Buckingham	9am – C Scanlon	11am – D Bil
Weekend Coffee	This	9am – Paul and Linda 11am – Zowierzeni Maryii		
	Next	9am and 11am – Ann Calvey		
Footsteps	No Footsteps in April – School Holidays 5 May: Mary Moore and Karen O'Connor			
Wednesday Coffee	This	-		
	Next	Di and Peggy		
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 03/03/2024		POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH		
Standing Orders	£ 579.53	<b>For the New Martyrs:</b> 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		<b>PLEASE CONSIDER LEAVING YOUR PARISH A LEGACY IN YOUR WILL</b>
Envelopes	£ 90.36			
Loose Plate	£ 373.51			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1043.40</b>			
Second Collection	-			
Friday Lunches	-	<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. <b>Cost - monthly £5, quarterly £15, yearly £60.</b> Thank you.  <b>03/03/2024</b> £100 Joan Briggs No 205	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	£19.30			
Sunday Coffee	£91.32			
Repository	£64.40			
Donations	£ 2.20			
Mass Stipends	£40.00			
Funeral Fees	-			
Hall Fees	-			
Newsletters	£ 5.05			
<b>Parish Debt £147,005.29</b>	<b>£17,691.53</b>			

**Parish Administrator:** Monday, Wednesday, 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 Lenten Day by Day and Walk With Me Booklets at £1 each are displayed on the Repository Table..

## 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 donations and a generous legacy this has now been reduced to £129,588.76. However, I have received the Quinquennial Report for the Parish Properties, i.e., The Church, The Parish Centre and The Presbytery, which identified £2,200 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.

We welcome Fr Elmo Jeyarasa, Chaplain to The Tamil Community to SSPP.

Thank you all so much for your generous contributions to Mother's Day bags.

The Diocese have issued an **Unacceptable Behaviour Policy** and **Code of Conduct** which is displayed on the Lady Chapel noticeboard for you to read.

**Parish Centre Toilets:** Yet again, the ladies toilets were left in a disgusting state after the weekend. It is not acceptable to be unwell, leaving vomit and faeces on the floor of the cubicles and then walk away leaving your mess for someone else to find and have to clear up. If this situation continues, we will have to think seriously about closing the facilities.

**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 LOAD OF OLD HAT!** The colourful Victorian costumes make an impact when Our Lady's Carollers are out fundraising for Lincoln Charities, but 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. 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.

**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: [sspprcc@yahoo.com](mailto:sspprcc@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.

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

**Posters to view on the noticeboards: 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.**

**St Peter & St Paul's Prayer Group:** Next meeting Tuesday **12<sup>th</sup> March** from 7.30-9pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

Canon Geoffrey is away from the parish on Thursday **14<sup>th</sup> March** to attend a family funeral. There will be a Service of the Word in place of morning Mass.

The Nottingham Secular Carmelites are hosting a Carmelite Open Day on **16<sup>th</sup> March**, between 10am and 4pm, at Saint John the Evangelist Church, Stapleford. Meeting monthly on Saturdays we pray together, study scripture, church teaching and writings from the Carmelite saints, and share reflections. You are very welcome to our open day: bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee provided. Contact Heather Ward 01773 599982 [heatherward67@yahoo.com](mailto:heatherward67@yahoo.com) or visit [nottinghamcarmelites.uk](http://nottinghamcarmelites.uk)

**African Mass** at St Hugh's on **17<sup>th</sup> March** at 3pm. The Mass will be in English. All are welcome.

**Retiring collection next weekend at all Masses for our Easter Flowers.**

SSPP Academy presents **Beautiful Exchange** on Monday **18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The Soldier's Tale** in St Hugh's Church Hall on **19<sup>th</sup> March** 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 at 7pm on Friday **22<sup>nd</sup> March**.

**Lincoln Male Voice Choir Concert**, in aid of Mary's Meals. At SSPP on Friday **22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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 **28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> 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.

There will be a retiring collection after the 3pm Liturgy on Good Friday for the Holy Places of The Holy Land.

### **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