

The Catholic Church of St Peter & St Paul Lincoln

A Live Simply, Sustainably and in Solidarity Award Recipient

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Third Week of Lent - Psalter Week 3	INTENTIONS / LITURGIES / OTHER
Saturday 2nd March 5.15pm 6pm	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Confessions Winnie Campbell RIP (5 th Anniversary)
Sunday 3rd March 9am 11am	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Bill McCarthy RIP (First Anniversary) People of the Parish
Monday 4th March 9.30am SSPP Academy Yr 9 Year Group Mass	Lenten Feria -
Tuesday 5th March No Mass	Lenten Feria -
Wednesday 6th March 9.30am Service of the Word and Communion	Lenten Feria -
Thursday 7th March 9.30am Service of the Word and Communion	Lenten Feria -
Friday 8th March No Mass 6.30pm	Lenten Feria - Stations of The Cross
Saturday 9th March 11am 5.15pm 6pm 7.30pm	Lenten Feria Confessions FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – LAETARE SUNDAY Confessions Alexander and Helen Clarkson RIP (D.12.2.51) Mass for the Tamil Community
Sunday 10th March 9am 11am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – LAETARE SUNDAY People of the Parish Sr Bernadette McGovern (Birthday)

Readers	This	6pm – R Boyns	9am – D Easton	11am – D Russell
	Next	6pm – J Hughes	9am – A Rowlett	11am – J Mitchell
Weekend Coffee	This	9am – Brian and Patricia	11am – Merrin Matthews	
	Next	9am – Paul and Linda	11am – Zowierzeni Maryii	
Footsteps	3 March: Fiona Carroll and Lorraine Roberts No Footsteps in April 5 May: Mary Moore and Karen O'Connor			
Wednesday Coffee	This	Cecilia, Maureen, Penny and Vera		
	Next	-		
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 25/02/2024	POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH	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 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	
Envelopes		
Loose Plate	PLEASE CONSIDER LEAVING YOUR PARISH A LEGACY IN YOUR WILL IN MEMORIAM BOOK Should you wish to see your loved one's name in the anniversary book, insertion details are below the cabinet	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>
TOTAL		
Second Collection Cafod		
Friday Lunches		
Weds Coffee	SSPP Parish Draw Please consider joining. Cost - monthly £5, quarterly £15, yearly £60. Thank you.	
Sunday Coffee	25/02/2024 £100 Jill O'Farrell No 149	
Repository	£200 Stephanie Gilluly No 70	
Donations		
Mass Stipends		
Funeral Fees		
Hall Fees		
Newsletters		
Parish Debt £147,005.29		
£17,416.53		

Parish Administrator: Monday, Tuesday (no access from 1pm to the office due to training) and Thursday - 9am-5pm.

Votive Candles: Large £0.50 Small £0.20. The Lent issue of **Catholic Outreach Lincoln** is available in the Narthex.

A good selection of Greetings Cards, including Mothers' Day cards and homemade Easter Cards at £2 each, as well as Lenten Day by Day and Walk With Me Booklets at £1 each are available on the Repository Table.

Canon Geoffrey is away from the parish on retreat from the 4th-8th March and on 14th March to attend a family funeral.

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.

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Lent. Your generous donations, given in love, will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good. You can still give online at cafod.org.uk

Mass for the Tamil Community: We welcome next weekend Fr Elmo Jeyarasa, Chaplain to The Tamil Community who is based in London. Fr Elmo will be celebrating Mass for The Tamil Community here in Lincoln on Saturday 9th March at 7.30pm.

Podcast: The latest episode of the Diocese of Nottingham's Podcast, *Encounter Prayer*, is now live. Sister Susan Richert, a Presentation Sister working in our Diocese, leads us in meditative prayer. You can download or stream it from Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts

The latest edition of the DIOCESAN E-MAGAZINE was published on Ash Wednesday, featuring reflections, articles, and news from across the diocese, including NDCYS, CAFOD and Caritas. Read and subscribe to receive it directly via email at: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news

The **Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** will be led by Bishop Patrick between 15th and 19th 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 or email the Pilgrimage Deputy Director at simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk

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.

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 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.

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 Monday 4th March from 7-8pm. More information available from Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service julie.sweeney@nottinghamdes.org.uk

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

Friday 8th March – 7.00pm Lenten Reflections Concert at St Hugh's, Monks Road – All welcome, entrance by donation.

Posters to view on the noticeboards: Women's Retreat – 9th March, Diocesan Music Department Concert at St Barnabas Cathedral 15th March and Men's Retreat – 24th March. Organ Recitals at SSPP on various dates.

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

Nellie O'Leary RIP: Change to details previously given – The family have decided to hold the wake elsewhere on the 13th March. Therefore our warm spaces session can now go ahead at 1.30pm as usual.

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.

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 28th–Sunday 31st 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 29th March.

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-interested 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