

# The Catholic Church of St Peter & St Paul Lincoln

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PSALTER WEEK 2	Intentions
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December - 6pm</b> Mass streamed	<b>Advent Feria</b> Maureen Withers and Rose Larby RIP
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>9am</b> Mass streamed <b>11am</b> Mass NOT streamed	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Holy Souls People of the Parish
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b> No Mass	<b>Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor (Memorial)</b> -
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December - 9.30am</b> Mass streamed	<b>The Immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of our Diocese (Solemnity)</b> Margaret Hughes RIP
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am</b> Mass streamed	<b>Advent Feria</b> Holy Souls
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December - 9.30am</b> Mass streamed	<b>Advent Feria</b> Teresa Beglin RIP (Anniversary)
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b> No Mass	<b>Advent Feria</b> -
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December - 6pm</b> Mass streamed	<b>Advent Feria</b> James Cafferkey (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance)
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>9am</b> Mass streamed <b>11am</b> Mass NOT streamed	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – GAUDETE SUNDAY</b> Kathleen and Anthony McDonnell RIP People of the Parish

Readers	This	Y Buckingham	J May	J Mitchell
	Next	H Levey	P Porter	TBA
Tea & Coffee	This	SUSPENDED		
	Next	SUSPENDED		
Cleaners	This	SUSPENDED		
	Next	SUSPENDED		
Footsteps	This	SUSPENDED		
	Next	SUSPENDED		
Exposition	This	SUSPENDED		
	Next	SUSPENDED		
Stewards	This	Ted and Nat	Alison and Val	Eileen and Sue
	Next	TBA	TBA	TBA

COLLECTION		Sincere thanks for your kind donations. The parish relies upon your generosity!	SECOND COLLECTION
Standing Orders	529.00	<b>HUNGRY BOX:</b> £ - <b>UGANDA COFFEE</b> (Wednesday) 2020/2021: £ -	Suspended £
Envelopes	-	<b>300 CLUB:</b>	
Loose Plate	-	Forms to join the club are in the Parish Centre. <b>NEW MEMBERS WELCOME</b>	

**ENTERING HOSPITAL:** Please let us know if you or a relative enter hospital, we will do what we can to assist you.

**SUNDAY OBLIGATION:** A reminder that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is suspended in the dioceses of England and Wales.

**PASTORAL VISITS:** Currently suspended, except for end of life. **CONFESSIONS:** By arrangement with Fr Eddy, please call 01522 696838.

**NEWSLETTERS:** Anyone wishing to receive the weekly newsletter via email or the postal service please contact the parish office or post your contact details through the door of 2a. Thank you

**PARISH SECRETARY:** Will be in the office on Monday, Tuesday and Friday 10am-4pm.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS – PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY CHRISTMAS CARDS TO THE CHURCH FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PARISH**

**ANY CHRISTMAS CARD LEFT IN THE CHURCH WILL BE DESTROYED**

**CHRISTMAS STAMPS COLLECTION for The Medical Detection Dogs:** Please put your collected stamps in a sealed envelope and post them through the door of 2a when you come to Mass, please **DO NOT** leave them anywhere in the Church Thank you



For the month of November there were 917 points for the Live Simply challenge. Tony

Dear Parishioners,

It is good to be able to celebrate Mass with a congregation once again even if we can't mingle with one another before or after Mass. However do remember that the obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday remains suspended so please think carefully about coming to Mass especially if you are in one of the groups that is vulnerable to Covid. Masses will continue to be livestreamed so some of you will find this a more practical way of continuing to participate in the Mass. If you are coming to Mass then please remember to wrap up warm and to wear a face covering unless you are medically exempt.

For many of you your thoughts will be turning to Christmas and what our parish programme will be. At the time of the newsletter going to print this is still to be confirmed but by the weekend there may be some further information on the parish web site. One of the things that the Bishops of England and Wales have emphasised at a national level and which has also been reaffirmed by our own Bishop Patrick is the significance not only of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day but of the whole eight days of the Christmas Octave ending on New Year's Day. Not everyone who wishes to will be able to get to Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. However you can think of any Mass during the Christmas Octave as your Christmas Mass and we will try and give all those Masses some festive character with Christmas Carols (pre-recorded) and a short seasonal homily. So if you can't get to the Mass you would have first chosen to attend then please come to another Mass during the days between Christmas and New Year. Full details of how and when to book will be available from next weekend. Please do not phone the parish office to book places for 'Christmas Masses' at this time.

With every prayer and best wish, Fr Eddy

**PASTORAL VISITS:** Clergy and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion have been advised not to make pastoral visits to parishioners whilst we are in a Tier 3 area. Please continue to keep in touch with one another by phone or e-mail. An exception will be made if 'end of life' ministry is required. If pastoral visits do become possible later this month then Fr Eddy would wish to prioritise those who will be without family company and support during the festive season. Also remember that 'Christmas visits' can be made after Christmas as well as before.

**FOOD BANK:** Thank you all for the continuing donations to Lincoln Foodbank. Last week someone called to the parish office with a Diwali gift of a large quantity of food for the poor. We took it to Moorland Methodist Church for Lincoln Foodbank for them to distribute through their system. This is a wonderful example of how different faiths and denominations can work together to serve those in greatest need.

**HOPE IN HARD TIMES: A Big Thank You** to everyone for giving such tremendous support to our Pilgrimage Walk from the Catholic Chapel of St Augustine in Wellingore to St Peter and Paul's by prayer and charitable donation. So far £755 has been donated for Aid to the Church in Need (UK) via our Just Giving Page to support fellow Christians in Lebanon who have suffered so much this year, far exceeding our expectations. Thanks again!!

**LIVESTREAMING:** Our livestreaming service can be accessed at [www.churchservices.tv/lincoln](http://www.churchservices.tv/lincoln) or through the 'web-cam' tab on the parish website. Sunday Mass will be at 9am and weekday Mass will usually be at 9.30am although check the newsletter and the on-line schedule for any changes. If you can't make Mass 'live' then a recording will usually be available within an hour of the end of Mass.

**WALK WITH ME – A Journey of Prayer for Advent 2020** is available from the Parish Office. Suggested donation is £1.

**REPOSITORY:** 2021 diaries and calendars and a small selection of Christmas cards are available from the Parish Office. If you would like to place an order, please contact the parish office or you can contact Alan Stephinson via [twohoots2011@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:twohoots2011@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 01636 892110 with your contact details and the item wanted. Alan will then deliver your chosen item to you, or post it if that is preferred or you can collect from the Parish Office. Cash/cheque payment will be due on delivery/collection. Thank you.

**ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL'S PRAYER GROUP:** The Prayer Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month on Zoom. You would be very very welcome to join us. Meetings are the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December from 7.30-9pm at the latest. ID-498 066 3426 Password- 999198.

**STATIONS OF THE NATIVITY:** As part of their preparations for Advent, two St Hugh's parishioners have devised a Stations of the Nativity service to be delivered online via Zoom. The service includes gospel readings, reflections, and prayers on the key events in the Christmas narrative. The service lasts approximately 35 minutes and will take place live on the following dates: 15 December at 7pm; 16 December at 10.30am; 21 December at 7pm.

If you would like to attend please email Mike [mike@hcsuk.com](mailto:mike@hcsuk.com) for the Zoom link.

**CHRISTMAS TOYS / GIFTS COLLECTION:** We are collecting on behalf of The Priory Witham Academy who work with some of the very poorest families in the Boultham/Moorland area. If you can donate a toy or seasonal gift this year, please come along to the parish office when it is open. **Please DO NOT wrap your donated gift as it will need to be checked to be age/culturally appropriate for each child on the list who is in need of a gift.** The last date to donate a gift is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December as gifts need to go into quarantine before they can be distributed.

**FOOD LARDER:** Seasonal goods and store cupboard items can be donated via the parish office over the coming weeks for families in need of help in our area this Christmas. **Please deliver your donated items to the parish office when it is open.**

**CELEBRATING ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND BEYOND WITH THE DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM:** We invite you to join others from across the diocese in preparing for and celebrating Christmas.

**Praying with Our Lady through Advent:** We invite you to pray one extra Hail Mary each day in Advent, asking for Our Lady's prayers to help all of us as a diocese, open our hearts and minds to welcome Jesus afresh this Christmas. She was the first person to welcome Him into her life and her intercession can help us to draw closer to Him and feel His presence with us anew this Christmas. Every other day you will be able to watch people from our diocese pray the Hail Mary in different languages on the diocesan social media sites, search for Diocese of Nottingham or Bishop Patrick McKinney on Twitter, Facebook and YouTube.

**Living Advent Podcast:** Living Advent is a weekly podcast series throughout Advent exploring the virtues of Hope, Love, Joy & Peace with people from across the diocese and how we can live them out. We speak to a young husband and father, a musician, a retired social worker and a police officer. You can find it on your usual podcast service by searching 'Living Advent Podcast' or visit [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/podcasts](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/podcasts) for links on how to stream or download it.

**Diocesan Carol Service:** Carol services are a wonderful family tradition of our Advent and Christmas celebrations, and often are a great opportunity to invite those who are not regular Churchgoers to connect with our parish or chaplaincy community. This can be quite challenging to do this year so we are offering a virtual diocesan carol service. We will celebrate a short online carol service on 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm on Bishop Patrick's YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/BishopPatrickMcKinney>) with readings, music, prayers and reflections. Please join us as a family and invite others to join us too. After the service grab a mince pie, something warm to drink and join us on zoom for our family Christmas Quiz (6:45-7:15pm). The link and access code will be given out during the service.

**'Being a disciple web series':** January is a time when we try and work at being a better person, why not explore how we can grow as a disciple of Jesus? On the 4 Thursdays of January we will explore a different aspect of what it means to be a Catholic disciple with Brendan Thompson the CEO of Catholic Voices in a web series on Zoom. Catholic Voices are an international organisation that shares the Good News in the global media. This will be a great foundation for parishes, chaplaincies and individuals to explore how we can support each other in growing as Catholic disciples. Register for the series here:

<https://zoom.us/join/register?jTmrcuyqjwpGdNBRC5NIQ46Eu1bleEg246A>

For information on how to access things on zoom visit:

[https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/information/diocesan-commissions/01\\_commission-adult-formation/using-zoom](https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/information/diocesan-commissions/01_commission-adult-formation/using-zoom)

If you have a Manger or Nativity Scene at home you might wish to say the following prayer:

God of every nation and people,  
from the very beginning of creation  
you have made manifest your love:  
when our need for a Saviour was great  
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.  
To our lives he brings joy and peace,  
Justice, mercy and love.  
Lord, bless all who look upon this manger;  
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,  
and raise up our thoughts to him,  
who is God-with-us and Saviour of all,  
and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen