

The Catholic Church of St Peter & St Paul Lincoln

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First Week of Christmastide - Psalter Week 1	INTENTIONS / LITURGIES / OTHER
Saturday 28th December 5.15pm 6pm	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY Confessions Nelly and Michael Barrett RIP
Sunday 29th December 9am 11am	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY Mary and Martin Gaughan RIP People of the Parish
Monday 30th December No Mass	SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS -
Tuesday 31st December 2pm HMP Morton Hall 7pm	SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS Staff, Inmates and Their Families Seamus, Philomena and Jimmy Williams RIP
Wednesday 1st January 2025 12 Noon	MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (SOLEMNITY) Dan Kenny RIP (County Mayo) Recently Deceased
Thursday 2nd January 1.30pm	Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors (memorial) Funeral Mass - Sybil Guy RIP
Friday 3rd January 11am 12 Noon	Christmas (Before Epiphany) Feria Exposition and Confessions Michelle McDaid RIP
Saturday 4th January 11am 4.30pm 5.15pm 6pm	Christmas (Before Epiphany) Feria Confessions EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY) First Saturday Devotions Confessions Joe and Margaret McGuinness RIP (Anniversaries)
Sunday 5th January 9am 11am	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY) Richard Potter RIP People of the Parish

Readers	This	6pm – M Borman	9am – B Bond	11am – L Roberts
	Next	6pm – Y Buckingham	9am – J May / I May	11am – D Bil
Weekend Coffee	This	9am – 11am –		
	Next	9am – 11am –		
Flower Rota	TBA			
Wednesday Coffee	This	No Coffee		
	Next	Sue		
Weekend Welcomers	This	6pm - Y Musson, T Buckley	9am – M Hardy, M York, M Thompson	11am - D Rooney, T Silva, L Roberts
	Next	6pm - Y Musson, T Buckley	9am – J May, M York, M Thompson	11am - D Rooney, T Silva, L Roberts

WEEKLY INCOME W/E 21/12/2024	POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY	PLEASE CONSIDER LEAVING YOUR PARISH A LEGACY IN YOUR WILL
Standing Orders	For the right to an education Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.	PLEASE CONSIDER LEAVING YOUR PARISH A LEGACY IN YOUR WILL
Envelopes		
Loose Plate		
TOTAL		
Second Collection		
Friday Lunches	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. 21/12/2024 TBA
Weds Coffee		
Sunday Coffee		
Repository		
Donations		
Mass Stipends		
Funeral Fees		
Hall Fees		
Newsletters		PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY IN THE CHURCH CAR PARK <u>PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE HYMN BOOKS IN THE LADY CHAPEL RETURN THEM TO THE SHELVES AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH</u> THANK YOU
Debt £159,385.95	Paying £500 p/m	

Parish Administrator: Office Closed



Happy New Year

NEW YEAR WISHES FROM CANON GEOFFREY

The beginning of each New Year gives us all a wonderful opportunity to stop and reflect as individuals, families and as a Parish. To reflect on the year that has past, and recall those joyous occasions we will have experienced, to recall, perhaps with regret those things perhaps we wish we had done, and also to remember the passing of a loved one. As we as a Community and a Parish enter 2025 let us all as one recall what has happened over the past year here at SSPP and give thanks to God for who we are, witnesses to His Life-Giving Spirit, which gives purpose and reality to our lives. Let us be filled with hope, resolve and joy in our shared faith to face the future with faith, hope and love for ourselves and each other.

With every blessing
Canon Geoffrey

Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity shown to me through the cards and personal gifts received for Christmas. Your care, concern and support is greatly appreciated. Canon Geoffrey

Confirmations 2025

Bishop Patrick will be visiting our Parish on Saturday 28th June 2025 to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the young people of the Parishes of SS Peter & Paul, St Hugh's and Our Lady of Lincoln.

The preparation sessions for those who have applied to receive this Sacrament will commence on Thursday 23rd January in the Parish at 7.00pm. All candidates are requested to arrive no later than 6.50pm that evening, so that we can make a prompt start. This will be an introductory session and full details of further sessions and requirements of Candidates will be given during this session.

On Thursday 16th January 2025 young people who were confirmed in 2022 are invited to come along to a meeting with the Catechists (pizza) in the Parish Centre at 7.00pm to discuss who they can assist with this year's preparations.

Canon Geoffrey

Crib Offerings

The candle stand in The Lady Chapel is designated for the 2024 Christmas Crib Offerings to The Friends of The Holy Land. Thank you.

THE JUBILEE YEAR - 2025

The Jubilee Year will officially open in the Diocese of Nottingham this Sunday, 29th December at the 10am Mass which will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick in our Cathedral. A special prayer will be prayed in each of the eight other Jubilee churches in the Diocese and the Jubilee Prayer should be prayed at each Mass in the Diocese from 29th December onwards, and throughout 2025. Cards with the Jubilee Prayer will be handed out to all Parishioners over the weekend.



Many of you will have heard of the Charity LEPRA whose purpose is to care for those who suffer with leprosy and work to discover a cure for this disease. Over the weekend of 8th/9th February there will be a short presentation, and opportunity should you wish to support the work of LEPRA.

Readers Rota: New Rota available from the top of the hymn bookshelves.

Sunday Morning Tea/Coffee Rota: Please consider offering to volunteer and serve refreshments in the Parish Centre after the morning Mass you attend to raise funds towards the parish debt. The slots are all free in the New Year. All the refreshments are in the kitchen, you would just need to bring in some milk, set up, serve after Mass and tidy away. There will be current volunteers happy

to show you what to do so please do fill in a slot on the rota and give it a go. The Rota is on the noticeboard in the Lady Chapel. Thank you.

2025 WEDDINGS: If you are planning to marry and have not contacted Canon Geoffrey, please speak to him after Mass. If you live in our Parish this needs to be your first point of contact even if you are planning to marry elsewhere

Collection - During January and February we will be collecting to fill Backpacks for the men being discharged from Lincoln Prison. You have all been so very generous at Christmas, thank you. The Holy Father has recently reminded us that God is a God of Second Chances, and one of the Corporal works of Mercy is to Visit the Imprisoned. We will need Toiletries, Woolly Hats, Scarves, Socks and Gloves. Chocolate Bars. and £5 Supermarket Vouchers. From January there will be collection boxes in the Narthex and a list of contents just as a reminder. **Many thanks for your continuing generosity.**

Warm Spaces will resume on Wednesday 8th January 2025 from 1.30-3.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Second Collection – Sick and Retired Priests' will be taken at all Masses over the weekend of 11th and 12th January 2025.

St Peter & St Paul's Prayer Group: Resumes on Tuesday 14th January 2025 7.30-9pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies (Reception class) - children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021: The deadline for submitting applications for a school place is 15th January 2025. Application forms are available on 'home' Local Authority websites. For every Catholic school application where a child is to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion there should also be a supplementary information form, completed and returned to the school by the deadline; these forms are available from the LA and the school. Applicants must also include the supporting evidence as required with this form, e.g. baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable; contact the parish of baptism for a copy if needed, in good time). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean the child is ranked in a lower criterion, which may affect chances of a place.

Join CAFOD online on Saturday 18th January 2025 from 10.30am until 12 Noon for Get Jubilee Ready, a general introduction to the Jubilee Year with some special guests. Hear what Jubilee years are all about, how we're celebrating as a global and national Church, and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. Visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/a-year-of-hope-an-introduction-to-the-jubilee-year>

The Annual White Flower Appeal for The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be held over the weekend Masses on the 25th and 26th January.

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 Jesus and The Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Parish Office – The office is closed until Monday 6th January. Newsletters have been prepared in advance and missing information will be updated in the New Year.

