

The Catholic Church of St Peter & St Paul Lincoln

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Third Week of Ordinary Time - Psalter Week 3	INTENTIONS / LITURGIES / OTHER
Saturday 25th January 5.15pm 6pm	THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Confessions Gerard Boshell RIP (4.12.24)
Sunday 26th January 9am 11am	THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR People of the Parish Vinnie Bush RIP
Monday 27th January No Mass	Feria -
Tuesday 28th January 2pm HMP Morton Hall 7pm	Saint Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor (memorial) Staff, Inmates and Their Families Gerard Boshell RIP (4.12.24)
Wednesday 29th January 9.30am	Feria Sharon Harrington RIP (First Anniversary)
Thursday 30th January 9.30am	Feria Gwen McFarlane RIP (Second Anniversary)
Friday 31st January 11am 12 Noon	Saint John Bosco, priest (memorial) Exposition and Confessions Mr Joe McCann RIP Lunch in the Parish Centre – First and Third Friday of the month
Saturday 1st February 11am 4.30pm First Saturday Devotions 5.15pm 6pm	Feria Confessions - FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – CANDLEMAS Confessions People of the Parish
Sunday 2nd February 9am 11am	FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – CANDLEMAS Sue Burke RIP Andy Payne RIP

Readers	This	6pm – E Neal	9am – D Easton	11am – J Lewis
	Next	6pm – S Collingham	9am – C Scanlon	11am – J Mitchell
Weekend Coffee	This	9am – Mary, Mary and Dave	11am – Diana	
	Next	9am and 11am Agnieszka		
Flower Rota	-	TBA		
Wednesday Coffee	This	Chris and Jo		
	Next	Cecilia, Maureen, Penny, Vera		
Weekend Welcomers	This	6pm - Y Musson, T Buckley	9am – J Briggs, M York, M Thompson	11am - D Rooney, T Silva, L Roberts
	Next	6pm - Y Musson, T Buckley	9am – W Robins, M York, M Thompson	11am - D Rooney, T Silva, L Roberts

WEEKLY INCOME W/E 19/01/2025		POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY		PLEASE CONSIDER LEAVING YOUR PARISH A LEGACY IN YOUR WILL
Standing Orders	£ 579.53	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.		
Envelopes	£ 49.00			
Loose Plate	£ 457.57	IN MEMORIAM BOOK Should you wish to see your loved one's name in the anniversary book, insertion details are below the cabinet.		
TOTAL	£1086.10			
Second Collection	-	SSPP Parish Draw Please consider joining. Cost - monthly £5, quarterly £15, yearly £60. 19/01/2025 £100 R Ray No 199		
Friday Lunches	-			
Weds Coffee	£10.50	PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY IN THE CHURCH CAR PARK PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE HYMN BOOKS IN THE LADY CHAPEL RETURN THEM TO THE SHELVES AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH		
Sunday Coffee	£224.77			
Repository	-	THANK YOU		
Donations	-			
Mass Stipends	£80			
Funeral Fees	£300			
Hall Fees	£6.30			
Newsletters	£6			
Debt £159,385.95	Paying £500 p/m			

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.

Parish Administrator: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9am-5pm

The Jubilee Prayer will be prayed at each Mass in the Diocese throughout 2025. Jubilee Prayer Cards are available in church.

The Annual White Flower Appeal for The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be held at all Masses this weekend. SPUC exists to radically transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes truly unthinkable. To accomplish this mission, the Society is positioning initiatives in politics, education, legislation and culture. Through these efforts we will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life to our society. This year's appeal postcards call on the Government to adhere to the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers.

Jubilee Year: Bishop Patrick has asked that we celebrate the contributions of various groups on various dates throughout the year. Some of the early dates include Sunday 26th January (Sunday of the Word of God): Jubilee of Readers, there will be a special prayer of blessing for all readers on this day. Sunday 2nd February (Special Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life): Jubilee of Religious, an occasion to give thanks for the contribution of religious especially the Sisters of Providence in Lincoln. Sunday 9th February: Jubilee of the Sick and of Health Care Workers, there will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick at all Sunday Masses.

Thank you to Priestly and Cockett, Funeral Directors for the donation of two full First Aid kits to our Parish. These are situated in the Church and the Parish Centre and my thanks also to those who have donated tea, coffee and cakes to the Warm Spaces group. Ann Calvey

Children's Rosary: A new group at St Hugh's Church, beginning Sunday 2nd February and continuing the first Sunday of each month. 5pm arrive and welcome, 5:15pm pray the rosary. For families with children of any age, from babies to teenagers. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. All abilities and languages are welcome. We would love for those who speak another language to lead a decade in their language. It will be interactive to engage children in the prayers and there will be a treat to take home at the end. It doesn't matter if you have never prayed the rosary before, you are welcome to attend and can participate as much or as little as you like. If you have any questions about the group, please contact Jess Beckett on 07561 315496.

The Lincoln Knights of Saint Columba would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everybody that contributed gifts to their first Reverse Advent appeal last December. As a result, hundreds of Lincoln children living in poverty received a Christmas present, when they might otherwise not have done so. Thank you everybody!

You are invited! More than 50 young people are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation this Jubilee year, and everyone is invited to be a part of the joyous occasion. From January 23rd to June 28th (the date the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the parish) a candle will remain alight, in the Lady Chapel, to symbolise the parish holding the candidates in constant prayer. Please do join in and support them through your prayers and words (one way would be to say and offer up the Nottingham Diocese Jubilee prayer daily for their intentions). Together let us show the young people that they are valued and vital members of our Catholic community and encourage them to grow in discipleship and missionary discipleship. Please remember, too, those assisting the candidates with their preparation. Thank you

Defibrillator Training: We need to have people at all masses who are competent and confident with the use of our defibrillator, and in issuing CPR. We therefore intend to hold a CPR and defibrillator training session in the near future. If you are interested in receiving the training, please add your name (and contact number if you wish) to the sheet in the Narthex. If you are already recently trained in this field and would like to add your name to our list, please do so and indicate that you are pre-trained. Thank you; Ted Coatsworth.

Safeguarding - CSSA Online Training: The deadline for completing the online training, for volunteers in DBS checked roles, has now been extended to 31st March 2025. All volunteers that hold a DBS for their role in the Parish are required to complete this training. The training is available at <https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/> If you have problems accessing the training, email me and I will re-send the link and guidance for the process. Thank you, Ted Coatsworth - Safeguarding Representative

The Diocesan Youth Service is looking to appoint a Business Manager to provide managerial oversight and hands on control of all aspects of financial management and reporting, people management and other resources such as the facilities in Derbyshire. The role is for 37.5 hours per week, salary range £38k-£42k. The deadline for applications is Friday 31st January, more details can be found at: www.ndcys.com/job-vacancies/

Collection - During January and February we are collecting items to fill Backpacks for the men being discharged from Lincoln Prison. 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 need Toiletries, Woolly Hats, Scarves, Socks and Gloves, Chocolate Bars and £5 Supermarket Vouchers. Please leave donations in the Narthex and a list of items needed.

Warm Spaces 1.30-3.30pm in the Parish Centre on a Wednesday afternoon.

Craft and Chat: In the Parish Centre 1.30-3.30pm on a Thursday. Bring your craft and join us. Nominal charge of £1 to cover refreshments.

The Dean of Lincoln Cathedral and the Lincolnshire Jewish Community invite us all to the **2025 Holocaust Memorial Day Service** held this year in Lincoln Cathedral. This special service of remembrance marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. It begins at 5.30pm on Monday 27th January and is followed by refreshments in the Chapter House. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

St Peter & St Paul's Prayer Group: The next meeting will be on Tuesday 28th January from 7.30-9pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

Baptism Course: To be held on Saturday 1st February in the Parish Centre 10am-12 Noon. Please ensure application forms are at the Parish Office by the 27th January.

READING GROUP, ON LOVE AND THE SACRED HEART: A group of parishioners will be meeting to explore **Pope Francis's latest encyclical: *Dilexit Nos*** (He loved us) on Saturdays from **4.30-5.45pm starting on Saturday 1st February in the Parish Centre.** All are welcome. For details contact Patrick Bond on 07425 011341.

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.

Jubilee of Marriages: Bishop Patrick warmly invites all married couples to Saint Barnabas Cathedral on Sunday 16th February when we will celebrate Mass at 3pm to mark the Jubilee of Marriages. Bishop Patrick will lead a Renewal of Vows during the Mass, impart a special Jubilee Blessing, and afterwards host a Reception in Cathedral Hall. All married couples (and their families) are very welcome to attend, especially those recently married, and those celebrating significant anniversaries this Jubilee year.

Are you between 16 and 35 years of age and are passionate about defending the rights of unborn babies and eager to make a lasting impact? Look no further **SPUC** invites you to be part of a transformative experience at the **2025 Youth Conference** themed '**Unmuted**' on **21st to 23rd February at Yarnfield Park Conference Centre, Stone, ST15 0NL.** Cost £140. For further details visit <https://spuc.org.uk/youthconference>

Reminder: The information meeting for First Holy Communion parents and children is on **Saturday 22nd February from 10-11am** in the Parish Centre.

FLAME is the largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales, and the Nottingham Diocese Catholic Youth Service is co-ordinating a group to attend next year, along with 8,000 young people who will fill the OVO Wembley Arena on Saturday, 15th March for a day of prayer, adoration, catechesis, reflection, celebration and praise. If interested email: michelle.thomas@ndcys.co

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