

# The Catholic Church of St Peter & St Paul Lincoln

**A Live Simply, Sustainably and in Solidarity Award Recipient**

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Eighth Week of Ordinary Time - Psalter Week 4	INTENTIONS / LITURGIES / OTHER
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b> 5.15pm 6pm	<b>EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> Confessions People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b> 9am (First Holy Communion Enrolment) 11am	<b>EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> Day of Special Prayer for the Unemployed Bill McCarthy RIP (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) A Special Intention (successful treatment and return to health)
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b> No Mass	<b>Feria</b> -
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b> 2pm HMP Morton Hall 7pm	<b>Feria</b> Staff, Inmates and their Families Liam Martin RIP
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b> 9.30am 7pm (Deanery Choir attending)	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Day of fasting and abstinence Sheila Gibbons (Co. Leitrim – Return to health) Holy Souls
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b> 9.30am 1pm	<b>Lenten Feria</b> Kathleen Ann Munnely (Restored to health) Funeral Service for Muriel Fenton RIP
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>NOTE NO EXPOSITION / CONFESSION TODAY</b> 10am Women's World Day of Prayer 12 Noon 6.30pm	<b>Lenten Feria</b> Women's World Day of Prayer - John O'Boyle RIP Lunch in the Parish Centre on the First and Third Friday Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> 11am  5.15pm 6pm 7pm Tamil Community Mass	<b>Lenten Feria</b> Confessions <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Confessions Winnie Campbell RIP (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) -
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b> 9am 11am	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> People of the Parish Holy Souls

Readers	This	6pm – M Costello	9am – B Bond	11am – G Hughes
	Next	6pm – E Neal	9am – J May / I May	11am – Young People
Weekend Coffee	This	9am Mary, Mary	11am	
	Next	9am and 11am - Agniewszka		
Flower Rota	-	TBA		
Wednesday Coffee	This	Linda		
	Next	Di and Peggy		
Weekend Welcomers	This	6pm - Y Musson, T Buckley	9am – P & B Davis, M York, M Thompson	11am - D Rooney, T Silva, L Roberts
	Next	6pm - Y Musson, T Buckley	9am – J Briggs, M York, M Thompson	11am - D Rooney, T Silva, L Roberts

WEEKLY INCOME W/E 23/02/2025		POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH		PLEASE CONSIDER LEAVING YOUR PARISH A LEGACY IN YOUR WILL
Standing Orders	£ 579.53	<b>For Families in Crisis</b> Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.		
Envelopes	£ 85.20			
Loose Plate	£ 542.45	<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.		
TOTAL	£1207.18			
Second Collection	-	<b>SSPP Parish Draw</b> Please consider joining. Cost - monthly £5, quarterly £15, yearly £60.		PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY IN THE CHURCH CAR PARK  <b>PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE HYMN BOOKS IN THE LADY CHAPEL RETURN THEM TO THE SHELVES AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH</b>  THANK YOU
Friday Lunches	-	23/02/2025 £100 D E Gray No 66 £200 Brian Sklanka No 119		
Weds Coffee	£9.75			
Sunday Coffee	£140.60			
Repository	£5			
Donations	£2.38			
Mass Stipends	£20			
Funeral Fees	-			
Hall Fees	-			
Newsletters	£8.09			
<b>Debt £159,385.95</b>	<b>Paying £500 p/m</b>			

**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**

**Please keep the Confirmation candidates in prayer. A candle remains alight on the Lady Chapel altar, to symbolise the parish holding the candidates in constant prayer. Remember also those assisting the candidates to prepare. Thank you.**  
**The Candidates will be enrolled at all Masses next weekend.**

Bishop Patrick invites parishioners to join the Nottingham Diocesan Jubilee Lourdes Pilgrimage between 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July. The Pilgrimage includes a full liturgical programme, with Mass each day; return direct flights from East Midlands Airport to Lourdes; full board for four nights in a three or four star hotel; assistance (for those who need it) from the Diocesan Hospitality and Health Team. Prices from £899 [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes)

Young adults (18-35) are warmly invited to join the Jubilee Lourdes Pilgrimage. For young adults interested in supporting pilgrims, deepening faith, and coming together as a community, contact [charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or visit [www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-nottingham-ya/](http://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-nottingham-ya/)

**Thank you:** This week we delivered to Lincoln Prison all your incredible donations for the Released Prisoners Rucksack Appeal. The prison staff were astonished by your incredibly generous contributions which will help to make a positive difference to the recipients. Thanks again for your generosity and support.

**Lives Worth Living**, a campaign of SPUC, petition postcards 'Yes to our Hospices No to Assisted suicide.' These call on the Prime Minister to fund the urgent staffing needs of our hospices, so that dying patients get the best care available and can have a dignified, peaceful death. Postcards are available in the Lady Chapel and it is helpful if you could give them to friends and family also online [www.spuc.org.uk/campaign/yes-to-ourhospices/](http://www.spuc.org.uk/campaign/yes-to-ourhospices/)

**Warm Spaces** 1.30-3.30pm in the Parish Centre on a Wednesday afternoon. PLEASE NOTE On the 12<sup>th</sup> March Warm Spaces will start at 1pm.

**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.

**Children's Rosary:** A new group at St Hugh's will meet on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and on the first Sunday of each month thereafter. 5pm arrival 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. It doesn't matter if you have never prayed the rosary before, you are welcome to participate as much or as little as you like. If you have questions contact Jess 07561 315496.

**40 Days for Life** is an international movement which seeks to end the injustice of abortion through prayer and fasting, and by changing one heart at a time. It is peaceful, legal and non-judgemental. You can help protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers. The Nottingham Pro-Life Prayer Vigil starts on Ash Wednesday and continues through Lent. To take part or to find out more go to [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) or email [40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com)

Along with the Cathedral and seven other churches in the Diocese, Bishop Patrick has designated the Church of the Good Shepherd, Nottingham as a place of pilgrimage for the 2025 Jubilee Year. **A Pilgrim Trail** has been set up and a printed guide will be available at the church from 6<sup>th</sup> March. The Trail will be open for individual devotions after Mass each day and on most Thursday afternoons, subject to demand. Pre-arranged group visits from parish, deanery, chaplaincy, school or other groups are especially welcome - to discuss a group visit please contact the parish administrative suite on 0115 926 8288.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March SSPP Church 10am:** *World Day of Prayer*, prepared by the women of the Cook Islands. Come and join us at SSPP with the Women of the World in praying for peace and Justice for all living in conflict. All are welcome! PLEASE NOTE: There is no exposition and confessions on the 7<sup>th</sup> March.

**St Peter & St Paul's Prayer Group:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30-9pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome

**SSPP Defibrillator Training:** Thank you to all those who have shown an interest in the planned Defibrillator training. There are two sessions available: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7pm. Both sessions are in the Parish Centre. Ted Coatsworth

Father Matthew Blake, OCD will offer a weekend (14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> March) exploring the life and teachings of Edith Stein, or Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and her indomitable search for truth that led her to the Catholic faith. to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-truth-edith-stein/>

**Sing the Mass**, a day for parish choirs, cantors and anyone who believes that the one who sings prays twice, will cover: Psalms from the new lectionary; Chants in the missal; and Entrance and communion antiphons at Saint Wilfrid of York, Coalville, LE67 3JB, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30 for 11am start. Bring a packed lunch, hot drinks provided. The Day concludes with Sunday Mass at 4pm, singing what we have learnt. Facilitators: Lynda Durcan and Father Colin Patey, and the cost £5, payable on the day. [singthecatholicmass@gmail.com](mailto:singthecatholicmass@gmail.com)

**SAINT PATRICK'S DAY DINNER 15<sup>th</sup> March 7pm: Cost £10pp.** Join us in St Hugh's Hall for this very popular dinner. Tickets sell out fast so get yours early, on sale after the Sunday morning Masses at St Hugh's (8.30am John and Sheila Kissane and 10am Saoirse and Adam Williams, 07838 635982). Please let us know of any dietary requirements ASAP. Last date for sales 11<sup>th</sup> March.

**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, 15<sup>th</sup> March for a day of prayer, adoration, catechesis, reflection, celebration and praise. If interested email: [michelle.thomas@ndcys.co](mailto:michelle.thomas@ndcys.co)

**Voluntary Retiring Collection 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March:** CAFOD Lent Fast Day at all Masses. **Retiring Collection 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> March:** For Jubilee initiatives and projects at the Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham.

**Help Needed:** Joe Hopkins (Adult Formation Team, Nottingham) is looking for volunteers to help with the children at the parents' retreat (see below). The day starts with Mass at 10am and finishes around 4pm. If you are DBS checked with the Diocese and work with children, will you help with part of the day, in shifts, or the whole day. Email [joe.hopkins@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:joe.hopkins@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

Mike and Alicia Heron from **The Messy Family Project** will be leading a **retreat for parents/parents-to-be** on 16<sup>th</sup> March from 11am-4pm in Our Lady of Lincoln parish. A donation of £25 per couple is recommended for this event and registration is required - if you can't afford the cost of the day please still come. Couples are asked to bring a packed lunch. To register <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=K0aLivJiz0GWFBY9r3UQDuiJPmfhpEBEoL5QsatoShUM0hiODROWjc1Q0FPMOIWOTIxUk1NMkw2US4u&route=shortu>

**African Mass at St Hugh's – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 3pm. All are welcome.**

**The Catholic Union** is holding a webinar on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill on 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 6.30pm. Chaired by Baroness Hollins, President of the Catholic Union, it will give members and supporters the chance to unpick the Bill guided by three experts: Dr Matthew Doré; Dr Philip Howard and Professor Julian Hughes, before the Bill returns to the Commons' Chamber for a Third Reading on 25<sup>th</sup> April. [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hard-cases-dont-make-good-law-assisted-suicide-webinar-tickets1233106176769?aff=oddtcreator](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hard-cases-dont-make-good-law-assisted-suicide-webinar-tickets1233106176769?aff=oddtcreator)

**The Diocesan Choir** is hosting a morning rehearsal for singers of the diocese to come together to learn music to sing at the Diocesan Chrism Mass. All are welcome! The morning is on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30am - 1pm; and the Chrism Mass on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, from 10am. To sign up contact [cathedralmusic@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:cathedralmusic@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**SVP/CAFOD:** The Saint Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 22<sup>nd</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> June in London. Candidates must have completed their first or second year at university and have a passion for social justice. Applications close on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April. For enquiries please email [KeziaH@svp.org.uk](mailto:KeziaH@svp.org.uk)

**Peace Prayer for 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*