

# The Catholic Church of St Peter & St Paul Lincoln

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**PLEASE READ NOTICES IN CHURCH AND THE PARISH CENTRE INDICATING THE DEFIBRILATOR LOCATION: ON THE LINK WALL BY THE FIRE DOOR**

Third Week of Lent - Psalter Week 3	INTENTIONS / LITURGIES / OTHER
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b> 5.15pm 6pm	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Confessions Marie Clark RIP
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b> 9am 11am	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> People of the Parish James Sweeney RIP (Co. Donegal, Ireland 20.2.2025)
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March NOTE CHANGE</b> 11am	<b>Lenten Feria</b> Requiem Mass for Daniel "Don" Noonan RIP
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March NOTE CHANGE</b> 12 Noon	<b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY)</b> Julie Gaughan RIP
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b> 9.30am 5-6pm Deanery Choir Rehearsal 7pm Service of Reconciliation – confirmation candidates	<b>Lenten Feria</b> Holy Souls - -
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> 9.30am 6pm 7-8.30pm Deanery Choir Rehearsal	<b>Lenten Feria</b> Patsy Dillon RIP Reception of Patrick "Patsy" Dillon RIP -
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March NOTE CHANGE</b> 10.30am 6.30pm	<b>Lenten Feria</b> Requiem Mass for Patrick "Patsy" Dillon RIP Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> 11am  5.15pm 6pm	<b>Lenten Feria</b> Confessions <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Confessions Betty Vaughan RIP (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1.4.25)
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b> 9am 11am	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – LAETARE SUNDAY</b> Brian Poole (For a speedy recovery) People of the Parish

Readers	This	6pm – J Hughes	9am – D Easton	11am – D Bil
	Next	6pm – L Wright	9am – C Scanlon	11am – J Mitchell
Weekend Coffee	This	9am – Mary, Dave, Mary	11am –	
	Next	9am –	11am –	
Wednesday Coffee	This	Cecilia, Maureen, Penny, Vera		
	Next	Heidi and Carol		
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 16/03/2025		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	£ 64.10			
Loose Plate	£ 519.61	<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	£1163.24			
Second Collection	£338.01 CaFOD	<b>SSPP Parish Draw</b> Please consider joining. Cost - monthly £5, quarterly £15, yearly £60.  16/03/2025 £100 Jill O'Farrell No 149		<b>READERS ROTA: PLEASE COLLECT A COPY OF THE NEW ROTA FROM THE TOP OF THE HYMN BOOKSHELVES</b>  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
Friday Lunches	-			
Weds Coffee	£29.70			
Sunday Coffee	£280			
Repository	£39.35			
Donations	£23			
Mass Stipends	£60			
Funeral Fees	-			
Hall Fees	-			
Newsletters	£6.22			
<b>Debt £159,385.95</b>	<b>Paying £500 p/m</b>			

**REPOSITORY There is a very good selection of Mothers' Day Cards, Easter Cards and Cards for all Occasions available on the Repository Table**

**START OF BRITISH SUMMER TIME CLOCKS GO FORWARD NEXT WEEKEND BY ONE HOUR AT 2AM ON 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**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.

**Service of Reconciliation: On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm there will be a Service of Reconciliation for our Confirmation Candidates, their Sponsors and Families. There will be four priest available to celebrate this Sacrament. All are most welcome to attend.**

**Divine Mercy Weekend: Over the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April the Polish Community are organising a Divine Mercy Retreat here at SSPP. All most welcome to attend and further details will be published soon.**

**Parish Centre Key: As mysteriously as the Parish Centre Key disappeared a fortnight ago, just as mysteriously it has reappeared! If you should borrow any keys, be they for the Parish Centre or the Church, please do return them afterwards.  
Thank you. Canon Geoffrey.**

**Paschal Candle 2025:** Sincere thanks to the Donor who has purchased this year's Paschal Candle for Easter 2025.

**Jubilee Year:** As we are aware, this year is a Jubilee Year. As a Deanery we will be celebrating this with a **Station Mass** at Our Lady of Lincoln on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April. The evening will start with Confessions and Exposition at 6pm, followed by Mass at 7pm celebrated by Bishop Patrick. All are invited to attend.

It is with sadness we heard about the passing of John Morgan who served as the Security Guard & Groundsman at The Briars for over 30 years. John, or 'Morgsy' as he was affectionately known, was a constant presence of warmth and welcome for the thousands of young people and staff who visited during this time. He had a way of making everyone feel at home, with a smile, or a story. He was an inspiration for generations of Briars teams and young people. In 2010, John was awarded the Benemerenti medal for services to the Church and is without doubt The Briars' greatest servant. He will be dearly missed. If anyone would like more details of the plans to celebrate John's life, please contact Hannah Leech - [hannah.leech@ololcatholicmat.co.uk](mailto:hannah.leech@ololcatholicmat.co.uk)

**Statue of the Sacred Heart:** Many of you will recall the Providence Convent here in Lincoln and its beautiful Chapel. I am most grateful to the Providence Sisters who have been able to donate to the Parish the statue of Sacred Heart which was in the Chapel to the Parish. It is need of repair and refurbishment. The approximate costs for this and for a plinth/stand are in the region of £2,200. Should anybody wish to make a specific donation towards the repairs etc, please contact Canon Geoffrey.

**Nottingham Diocesan Jubilee Lourdes Pilgrimage 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> July.** Includes a full liturgical programme with Mass each day; return direct flights from East Midlands Airport to Lourdes; four nights full board in a three or four star hotel; assistance (for those who need it) from the Diocesan Hospitality and Health Team. Prices from £899 visit [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/)

**Lives Worth Living** a campaign of SPUC petition postcards 'Yes to our Hospices No to Assisted Suicide.' 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 available in the Lady Chapel and also online [www.spuc.org.uk/campaign/yes-to-ourhospices/](http://www.spuc.org.uk/campaign/yes-to-ourhospices/)

**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)

**Warm Spaces** 1.30-3.30pm in the Parish Centre on a Wednesday afternoon. We will be closed on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April for the Easter Holidays.

See you all on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April!

**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.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Solemnity of The Annunciation:** Please note that Mass that day will be celebrated at 12.00 Noon and not at 7.00pm.

**St Peter & St Paul's Prayer Group:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30-9pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

Nottingham Cathedral Choir and Youth Choir are gearing up to perform the Bach St John Passion on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7.45pm, in Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham. The St John Passion is the perfect preparation for Holy Week. Since the performance falls the day before Mothering Sunday, the Choirs are offering 10% off tickets if you are treating your mum! This discount is available until 19<sup>th</sup> March; use the code MUM10 at the checkout.

**SSPP Defibrillator Training:** Thank you to all those who have shown an interest in the planned Defibrillator training. Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Ted Coatsworth

**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)

Turning the Church inside out. Join the Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission to receive the fruits gathered by the Synod from around the world, and bring its hopes to life here in our parishes, on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 7.00-8.30pm online. The Synod on Synodality began with parish conversations in 2021. It continued in Rome last Autumn. And now it's back with us in Nottingham Diocese to plant it locally and bring it to life. The Synod's final report offers an inspiring vision of a Church rich in the relationships, gifts and vocations of all its people. Find out more and book at [bit.ly/insideoutchurch](http://bit.ly/insideoutchurch)

**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)

The Diocesan **Women's Lent Retreat**, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April. The theme of the retreat is 'The Sacred Heart: An Icon of Hope' given by Canon Jonathan Cotton, a fantastic retreat leader. Good Shepherd Church, Nottingham NG5 4HT will host the retreat which will include Holy Mass, talks, confession, social time and more. The cost of the day is £15, please bring a packed lunch.

Join men from across the diocese on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April for our annual **Men's Retreat** at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey. The theme of the retreat is 'The Journey Through Holy Week' and it will be given by Father John Farrell OP, former provincial of the Dominican Order. The retreat will include Holy Mass in the Abbey, talks, confession, guided adoration and more. The cost of the day is £15, please bring a packed lunch. For more details and to book please visit [dioceseofnottingham.uk/events](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/events)

**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 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 20<sup>th</sup> April. For enquiries 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*