

The Catholic Church of St Peter & St Paul Lincoln

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

First Week of Eastertide - Psalter Week 1	INTENTIONS / LITURGIES / OTHER
Saturday 19th April 8pm	EASTER VIGIL Katie McCoy RIP and Mick McCoy RIP 7 th Anniversary (Easter Blessings, Loved and Missed Always)
Sunday 20th April 9am 11am 12.30pm	EASTER DAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD People of the Parish People of the Parish Baptism of Vivienne and Liliana Gucul
Monday 21st April No Mass	MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER -
Tuesday 22nd April 2pm HMP Morton Hall	TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER Staff, Inmates and their Families
Wednesday 23rd April 9.30am Service of Word and Communion	WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER -
Thursday 24th April 9.30am Service of Word and Communion	THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER -
Friday 25th April No Mass	FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER -
Saturday 26th April 11am 5.15pm 6pm	SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER Confessions SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Confessions People of the Parish
Sunday 27th April 9am 11am 12.30pm	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Carol Walton RIP Patsy Dillon RIP Baptism of Owain Hughes

Readers	This	8pm –	9am – K Clarkson	11am – Young People
	Next	6pm – R Boyns	9am – J May / I May	11am – S Mitchell
Weekend Coffee	This	9am	11am	
	Next	9am and 11am – Fundraising Circle of Friends for Embrace The Middle East		
Wednesday Coffee	This	Linda		
	Next	Chris and Jo		
Weekend Welcomers	This	6pm - Y Musson, T Buckley	9am – J Briggs, M York, M Thompson	11am -T Silva, L Roberts
	Next	6pm - Y Musson, T Buckley	9am – W Robins, M York, M Thompson	11am - T Silva, L Roberts

WEEKLY INCOME W/E 13/04/2025		POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL		PLEASE CONSIDER LEAVING YOUR PARISH A LEGACY IN YOUR WILL
Standing Orders	£ 579.53	For the use of the new technologies		
Envelopes	£ 100.00	Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person and will help us face the crises of our times.		
Loose Plate	£ 610.98			
TOTAL	£1290.51			
Easter Flowers	£218.60	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. 13/04/2025 £100 T Sproats No 183	READERS ROTA: PLEASE COLLECT A COPY OF THE NEW ROTA FROM THE TOP OF THE HYMN BOOKSHELVES 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	£12.25			
Sunday Coffee	£171.25			
Repository	£47			
Donations Statue	£470			
Mass Stipends	£60			
Funeral Fees	-			
Hall Fees	£60			
Newsletters	£10.01			
Debt £159,385.95	Paying £500 p/m			

Parish Administrator: Tuesday and Thursday 9am-5pm

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO MASS INTENTION DATES AVAILABLE BEFORE THE 27th JUNE

African Mass at St Hugh's – Easter Sunday, 20th April at 3pm. The Mass will be said in English. All are welcome to attend, see you there!

EASTER OFFERINGS: All Easter Offerings go to the Parish. If you wish to make a personal offering to Canon Geoffrey for Easter, please place it in an envelope marked for Canon Geoffrey. Thank you.



WISHING ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO THE PARISH A HAPPY EASTER
MY SINCERE THANKS FOR YOUR CARDS, GIFTS AND KIND WISHES THIS EASTER
 Canon Geoffrey

My sincere thanks to all who have contributed so much over the Season of Lent to the Spiritual Life of the Parish, and likewise to those who give so much of their time and talents during Holy Week and the Easter weekend.

There is always a small lull of activity following Easter, but things will pick up again and there are a few items I would like to remind you of and bring to your attention and to put into your diaries.

* Easter Vigil 19th April we will welcome three new members into the Church as they are Baptised, Confirmed and make their First Holy Communion

* An Ecumenical May Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 24th May starting from Our Lady of Lincoln and processing to the shrine of Our Lady at Lincoln Cathedral. The event will begin at 2pm. Both Bishop Patrick and the Bishop of Lincoln have agreed to take part.

* 8th June after 11am Mass there will be the Parish AGM in the Parish Centre

* We will celebrate First Holy Communion on Saturday 14th June at 12 Noon please do keep our children and their families in your prayers, as well as their Catechists.

* Saturday 28th June Bishop Patrick will be with us to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with upwards of 50 candidates from around the city. Please continue to keep them, their Sponsors and Catechists in your prayers.

* The weekend of 28th/29th June we will celebrate as a Parish our Patronal Feast Day – Masses at 6.00pm, 9.00am and 11.00am. Following the 11.00am Mass the celebrations will continue with our Annual International Meal, this year to be held in the Hall of SS Peter & Paul's Academy.

As well as all the above, there will be other activities and opportunities for us to come together as a Parish Community – please do support them, this is your parish.

A prayer for Pope Francis

*Almighty and Eternal God, you are the everlasting health
 of those who believe in you. Hear our prayers for your
 sick servant Francis for whom we implore the aid of your
 tender mercy, through Christ our Lord. Amen*

Sincere thanks to Sainsbury's, Tritton Road for the donation of tables, chairs, crockery and kitchen equipment from their recently closed Café.

Sunday 4th May Coffee and Teas following both morning Masses organised by Confirmation Catechists, Candidates and Families in aid of Parish Funds. A recently donated Lincoln City Football Team Signed Shirt will be raffled after the 11am Mass that morning.

Caritas Social Action Network (Csan) has launched a lived experience survey to better understand the impact of the two-child benefit cap on Catholic families in England and Wales and to explore how parishes are supporting families in need. The responses will contribute to a short report, and insights will inform advocacy work to support families affected by the cap, as well as other financial hardship. To complete the survey please visit www.csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey/ before the end of April.

The important vote for all MPs on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the **Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill**, is likely to take place on Friday 25th April. The charity **Right to Life UK** has a simple online mechanism to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament and it only takes a few moments to submit a message to ask an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It can be accessed at <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote> Right to Life UK is also distributing postcards to parishes for the lay faithful to send to their MPs on this subject. A range of further resources on opposing assisted suicide is available at www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/

Statue of the Sacred Heart: The approximate costs for repairs, refurbishment 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.
Donations to date £1892.85.

Planned Giving Envelopes: The last few boxes are on the hymn book stands, please collect your box. If you do not use envelopes but would like to, add your details to the list and complete one of the gift aid forms which you will find with the list if applicable. Details of eligibility are on the form. For every £1 you give we can claim an additional 25p from the government. Please do consider this.

There is a wide selection of religious artefacts and books available in the Narthex and on the Repository Table. All free to take away, but if you would like to donate something towards church funds, please place in the box provided, we will be most grateful. Thank you

CAFOD is hiring. Could you inspire Catholics to participate in the Church's mission, working to overcome poverty and injustice? Do you want to work for CAFOD and encourage support and partnership within the Church? CAFOD is looking for a Community Participation Coordinator to work in the Diocese of Nottingham. The closing date is Sunday 27th April. See the website page cafod.org.uk/work-with-us for more information.

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.

St Peter & St Paul's Prayer Group: Next meeting Tuesday 22nd April 7.30-9pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

Warm Spaces 1.30-3.30pm in the Parish Centre on a Wednesday afternoon. No meeting on the 23rd April. See you next on Wednesday 30th April!

Baptism Course: Saturday 26th April 10am-12 Noon in the Parish Centre. Applications to be with the Parish Office by 22nd April please.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) Pro-life Chain: This is a silent roadside witness, designed to send the Pro-life message to passing motorists. The chains are at the same time each year across the country to commemorate the Abortion Act coming into force in April 1968 - a law which has cost the lives of over 10 million unborn children and resulted in countless women and men harmed by an abortion experience. **The Lincoln Branch will be holding a Pro-life Chain on 26th April at Tritton Road, Lincoln 11am-1pm. We invite all who wish to join us to meet at approximately 200 yards from the Co-op funeral services LN6 7QY heading towards the city centre.** For information and advice with parking contact Julie Rogers 07465 440171 julierogers.uk@gmail.com

St George's Day Quiz Night: Saturday 26th April 6.30pm in St Hugh's Church Hall: Come along and have some fun at Perry and Cat's quiz night. The cost is £3 per person, which includes a hotdog and pudding. Soft drink and nibbles will also be provided, everyone welcome to bring their own snacks and alcoholic drink. See you there!

26/27 April - SSPP Divine Mercy Retreat – Angel of Mercy

Timetable Saturday: Polish Mass/Talk 1 11am-1pm, Break, Talk 2 1.30-2.30pm, Break, Chaplet 3-5pm, English Mass 6pm, Talk The Miracle of Mercy
Timetable Sunday: English Mass 11am, 12-1pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Talk, Polish Mass 1.30-2.30pm, Break, 3-4pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Break, 4.30-5.30pm Talk 3 followed by Q & A.

SSPP Catholic Academy Open Air Mass Friday 27th June 11.30am: The Mass will include up to eight Catholic schools from greater Lincolnshire and will form a central part of the schools' celebrations for the Jubilee Year of Hope. If you are interested in attending, please contact the school via our email sspp@sspp.lincs.sch.uk Please ensure your emails are titled "Open Air Mass". We would like to be able to anticipate interest and then plan for numbers. It would be lovely to welcome parishioners from all our parishes.

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