

The Catholic Church of St Peter & St Paul Lincoln

999: If you need to call the Emergency Services to attend the Church or Parish Centre, **(please use what3words – VOTE FUNNY CRIED)**

Evacuation: Should we need to evacuate the buildings, please assemble in front of 2a by the garage and fencing and not in the car park in front of the church doors or by the gates. Please keep the front of the car park clear for emergency service vehicles to access the site.

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

First Week of Advent - Psalter Week 1	INTENTIONS / LITURGIES / OTHER
Saturday 29th November 5.15pm 6pm	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Confessions Joyce Doran RIP
Sunday 30th November 9am 11am	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT People of the Parish Michael Martin RIP (County Galway)
Monday 1st December 6-8pm SSPP Academy Joint Advent Service	Advent Feria -
Tuesday 2nd December 7pm	Advent Feria Mary Cafferkey RIP
Wednesday 3rd December 9.30am	Saint Francis Xavier, priest (memorial) Day of Special Prayer for Migrants and Refugees Maureen Nadin RIP
Thursday 4th December 9.30am 7-8.30pm Deanery Choir Rehearsals	Advent Feia Christopher and Elen Ryan RIP -
Friday 5th December 11am 12 Noon	Advent Feria Exposition and Confession Maureen Withers and Rose Larby RIP Friday Lunches in the hall on the first and third Friday
Saturday 6th December NOTE NO AM CONFESSIONS 5.15pm 6pm	Advent Feria SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Confessions David John Bell (anniversary) and Geraldine Bell (anniversary)
Sunday 7th December 9am 11am	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT John Dillon RIP (4 th Anniversary) People of the Parish

Readers	This	6pm – Y Buckingham	9am – D Easton	11am – J Geary
	Next	6pm – M Costello	9am – K Clarkson	11am – S Mitchell
Weekend Coffee	This	PARISH CHRISTMAS FAYRE		
	Next	9am – Linda – EM Fund	11am -	
Wednesday Coffee	This	Sue		
	Next	Mike and Teresa		
Weekend Welcomers	This	6pm – Y Musson, T Buckley	9am – J Briggs, M York, M Thompson	11am – T Silva, L Roberts, Shay
	Next	6pm – Y Musson, T Buckley	9am – W Robins, M York, M Thompson	11am – T Silva, L Roberts, Shay

WEEKLY INCOME W/E 23/11/2025	POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER	PLEASE CONSIDER LEAVING YOUR PARISH A LEGACY IN YOUR WILL THANK YOU
Standing Orders	For Christians in areas of conflict Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.	
Envelopes		
Loose Plate	IN MEMORIAM BOOK Should you wish to see your loved one's name in the anniversary book, insertion details are below the cabinet.	PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY IN THE CHURCH CAR PARK THANK YOU
TOTAL		
Second Collection	SSPP Parish Draw Please consider joining. Cost - monthly £5, quarterly £15, yearly £60. 23/11/2025 £100 No 49 Sharon Francis	PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE HYMN BOOKS IN THE LADY CHAPEL RETURN THEM TO THE SHELVES AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH THANK YOU
Friday Lunch		
Weds Coffee		
Sunday Coffee		
Donations		
Repository		
Mass Stipends		
Funeral Fees		
Hall Fees		
Newsletters		
Debt £178,889.10		
Paying £500 p/m		

Parish Administrator: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9am-5pm.
Warm Spaces: Wednesday at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.
Craft and Chat: In the Parish Centre Lounge, Wednesday 1.30-3.30pm. Bring your craft and join us. Nominal charge of £1 to cover refreshments.
Prayer Group: Next meeting Tuesday 9th December at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

Christmas & New Year Masses & Confessions
Confessions:

Monday 22nd December 7.00pm

Wednesday 24th December: 11.00am – 12.00 Noon

Christmas Eve: Wednesday 24th December

5.30pm: Carols followed by 6.00pm Vigil Mass

9.30pm: Carols & Readings

Midnight Mass: 10.00pm

Thursday 25th December:

10.00am: Mass

Friday 26th December (Boxing Day) Feast of St Stephen

12.00 Noon: Mass

Saturday Sunday 27th/28th December Feast of The Holy Family and Institution of Altar Servers and presentation of Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am and 11.00am

1st January 2026 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

12.00 Noon: Mass

Please note there are no Masses on 29th, 30th and 31st December

Please do support the parish at the Christmas Fayre in the Parish Centre on Sunday 30th November. The raffle will be drawn at the Fayre after the 11am Mass finishes. Sincere thanks to all who have worked so hard and supported this year's Fayre, results of Raffle and Final Figures will be published next weekend.

I will be away next weekend, 6th/7th December attending Mass to celebrate Archbishop Malcolm McMahon's Silver Jubilee of Ordination as a Bishop; please do keep Archbishop Malcolm in your prayers. Fr Simon Gillespie will be saying the masses here that weekend. Canon Geoffrey

The **Nottingham Catholic Medical Association** Mass is being celebrated on Monday 1st December at 8pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham NG1 5AW. All are warmly invited to Mass, and to join together for drinks at Browns, afterwards. If you have any questions about the Nottingham CMA, for all healthcare workers, students and retired, please get in touch with Caroline: 0775 7285 888.

Vacancy: Join the Diocesan Finance Team as a Parish Bookkeeper, a rewarding opportunity to support parishes across the Diocese of Nottingham in maintaining accurate financial and Gift Aid records. Based at St Hugh's House, Nottingham, this 2-year fixed-term role (with potential transition into Deanery Service Hubs) offers a salary of £27-£30k pa, depending on experience. The successful candidate will provide professional bookkeeping services, help clear backlogs, and ensure compliance with diocesan standards. Strong technical skills and the ability to work collaboratively with clergy and volunteers are essential. Apply by 9am on Monday 1st December via www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers/parishbookkeeper

Second Collection for **Poor and Needy Parishes** – to be taken at all Masses on the 6th and 7th December.

Collection of toys and seasonal gifts for children attending The Priory Witham Academy and Fosseyway Academy: During the offertory over the weekend of 6th and 7th December please bring your gift to the Sanctuary steps. Please bring your gift in a bag, if able, please do not wrap in paper as it will need to be checked to be age appropriate for each child on the list in need of a gift on Christmas morning. Thank you for your kindness.

Altar Servers: The next servers practice is on the 7th December at 2pm. This is an important meeting for servers to attend as we will be discussing the Christmas Services Schedule.

Children's Rosary - Sunday 7th December at 5pm in St Hugh's Church. Meets on the first Sunday every month. Join us in praying the rosary, with a big, colourful, interactive rosary and reflections on each mystery. Children of any age and their families are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult family member.

SSPP Academy Production: Following the huge success of our 2024 Christmas production, we would like to invite parishioners to join us again on Monday 8th December. Due to the unprecedented numbers last year, it will be a ticket only event this year; tickets cost £3 each, with under 10s free. Tickets can be ordered by contacting the school on sspp@sspp.lincs.sch.uk

Christmas Carol Concert in aid of Age UK Lincolnshire – SSPP Church on Wednesday 10th December from 7-8.30pm. Doors open at 6.30pm. See poster in church for full details.

The young people at St Peter and St Paul's Academy would like to invite you to a festive community event in the Parish Centre on Friday 12th December from 12:30pm-2pm. We will be offering festive activities (such as quizzes and crafts), refreshments, a small raffle and most importantly intergenerational conversation. Please RSVP to l.wright@lolcatholicmat.co.uk stating your name(s) and any dietary requirements or add these details to the attendance register in church by Monday 8th December. Thank you.

Christmas Come and Sing Event – SSPP Church on Saturday 13th December 2-3.30pm.

Retiring collection for **Christmas Flowers** for our church to be taken at all Masses over the weekend of 13th and 14th December.

The **African Catholic Community Choir**, Nottingham, warmly invites you to their Christmas Carol Service, A Christmas Story: The Coming of the Lord on Friday 19th December at 7pm, in Saint Teresa's Catholic Church, Nottingham NG8 3EP. Come and experience the beauty of the season through scripture, music, and reflection as we prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ. All are welcome to share in this evening of faith, song, and community spirit.

African Mass in St Hugh's church on Sunday 21st December at 3pm. All are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you.

CAFOD World Gifts: Brochures are at the church exits for those who wish to give a gift this Advent to support our global family.

Stella Maris: Children of the parish are invited to make Christmas cards for the seafarers that dock in Immingham over the Christmas period. The cards will go into the shoeboxes we put together. All completed cards can be handed in to the parish office at the beginning of December and will be collected by OLOL.

Stand up for religious freedom! Consider signing Aid to the Church in Needs' petition supporting persecuted Christians globally. Your voice matters. Help urge world leaders to act on behalf of those who suffer for practicing their faith acnuk.org/article-18-petition-religious-freedom-human-right-not-privilege

Admissions Catholic Primary Academies (Reception Year) Children born between 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022: The deadline for applications for school place is 15th January 2026. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you should also complete a supplementary information form and return the form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school). You must also include the supporting evidence as required with this form, ie a baptism certificate (photocopies are acceptable; contact the parish of baptism if you do not have a copy); failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place.

Diamond Jubilee of the Laying of the Foundation Stone of SSPP: 2026 sees the 60th anniversary of the Laying of the Foundation an important event in the life of our Parish. A suggestion has been made that we should record memories of that day 60 years ago. If any of you would be willing to write an article or provide photographs of the event, please contact Canon Geoffrey. Also, I would appreciate other ideas of how we may commemorate this event, likewise, please contact Canon Geoffrey.

First Holy Communions 2026: We will celebrate First Holy Communion here at SSPP on Saturday 13th June. Further information and Application Forms will be made available early in 2026.

Confirmations 2026: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St Hugh's next year on 2nd July. Further information regarding preparation should be directed to St Hugh's.

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.