

February/March 2026

Sat 28th Bourne	9.00 am 9.30 am	Rosary Mass: St Peter Damian	Protection of the unborn
Bourne	10.30-11.30am 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass: Vigil of Second Sunday of Lent	Edmund Liutkus RIP
Sun 1st Bourne	8.45 am	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Sunday Mass	Jo Honniball RIP
Deeping	10.30 am	Sunday Mass	People of the parish
Mon 2nd Bourne	9.00 am 9.30 am	Rosary Mass: Lenten Feria	Ben Harrison RIP
Bourne	6.00 pm	Mothers' Rosary	
Tues 3rd Bourne Deeping	9.00 am 9.30 am 2.30 pm	Rosary Mass: Lenten Feria Funeral Mass for Therese Greville RIP	Joe Feeley RIP
Wed 4th Deeping	9.30-10.30 am 10.30 am	Exposition and Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass: St Casimir	The sick and the dying
Thurs 5th Bourne	9.30 am 10.00 am 10.45-11.45am	Rosary Mass: Lenten Feria Exposition and Sacrament of Reconciliation	Priest's intention
Fri 6th Deeping Bourne	1ST FRIDAY 9.30 am 2.15-3.30 pm 6.00-6.45 pm 7.00 pm	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Mass: Lenten Feria Flame of Love Rosary and Chaplet Confessions Mass	Holy Souls Children and youth of the parish
Sat 7th Bourne Bourne	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.30-11.30am 6.00 pm	Rosary FIRST SATURDAY Mass: Sts Perpetua & Lucy Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass: Vigil of Third Sunday of Lent	Protection of the unborn Joseph Deasy RIP

THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT
March 1st 2026

BOURNE & THE DEEPINGS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

Readings Sunday Cycle Year A, the Weekday Cycle is Year 2

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Instagram: [bourneanddeepingcatholics](https://www.instagram.com/bourneanddeepingcatholics)



Source: Big C Catholics

'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' (Mt.17:1-9)

Nearest Catholic School: St. Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy.

Tel: 01780 762094 Email: enquiries@st-augustine.lincs.sch.uk

Website: www.st-augustine.lincs.sch.uk

Please pray for all our sick:

Brian Canwell, Julie Wolfarth, Pam Mackenzie, Janet Dowse, Marie-Thérèse Goldberg, Joe Wey, Angela Deasy, June Tamburrini, Heleine, Paul Barry, Danielle Heath, Yvonne D'Cruz, Ruth Tibbs, Lorena Zalyte, Vivien Robinson, Molly McDermott, Bernard Westwood, Philip Constantine, Sarah McDermott, Toni King, Odessa Lodge, Bobby Kane, Maria Berry, Rose Starkey, Audrey Hazeldine, Coryn Nixon, Bernie Emery, Searle Clark, Anne Watson, Jo Tarpey, Gill Krender, Maria, Margaret Kline, Chris, Adrian Howarth, Gregory Elliott, Mr Thomas, Sylvia Fleming, Mandy Azzopardi, Norman Stewart, Cheryl Nuthall, Matthew Gallagher, James, Peter McKenzie, Tony Miles, Grace Kendrick, Catherine Farndell, Nadia O'Brien.

Therese Greville RIP died recently.

Please pray for her eternal repose and for her husband Ted and their family. Her funeral mass will take place at 2.30pm on Tuesday March 3rd at our church at Deeping St James. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Finance:

Weekend collection: £333. Missio Red Box: £12.76. Thank you.

Second collection this weekend: CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

Email address for the newsletter and website additions

Please forward any newsletter items to bdrcpweb@gmail.com by **Wednesday**. Thank you.

Kids' Bulletin

A weekly, online bulletin written around the theme of the Gospel containing fun facts and activities to help children grow in their faith and understanding: <https://www.bourneanddeepingrc.org.uk/children/>

Vacancies in the Nottingham Diocese

Please see website: <https://www.bourneanddeepingrc.org.uk/vacancies/>

Stations of the Cross

I am looking for volunteers to lead Stations of the Cross throughout Lent, at each of our churches if possible. Please let me know if you would be willing to lead these prayers and at what time. (Tuesday afternoon/evening is available at Bourne currently.) With grateful thanks. Fr Paul.

Refurbishment at Bourne Church

The new carpet in Bourne will be laid during the week beginning **13th April**. The church will be closed from the Monday to Friday inclusive. We need to get the radiators painted before the carpet goes down. If anyone is able to help please contact Gill on 07504 760958. Thanks.

40 days for life – Lent Pro-Life

During Lent, a group of Christians take our belief in the sanctity of life to the public space and offer a life-giving alternative to the sadness of abortion. Our witness is legal, peaceful, compassionate and non-judgemental. To find out more, contact John at pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk or 40daysforlife.com/nottingham.

Stations of the Cross for Children

This can be found on our website and can be downloaded for children to colour in, at: [The Stations of the Cross - Bourne and Deeping RC Parish](#)
Please encourage your children to colour them and bring them in to the church to make a display. Thank you.

Sad news

Please remember baby Jaspar in your prayers, who sadly died before being born, at 16 weeks. Also please remember his parents, Liji and Justin, and his two brothers in your prayers. The private family funeral was held at Sacred Heart church this Saturday morning (28th) at 11.30 am. Life is very precious at all its stages, and we extend our sympathies to the family and assure them of our prayers.

Lent Family Activities

The **Celebrate Trust** has produced two resources for families in Lent: a **Family Activity Pack for Lent** and a **Journey to Easter Joy** game. Visit www.celebratetrust.org/shop/len-family-pack-celebratehome-s45pm and www.celebratetrust.org/shop/len-game-celebratehome-s45pm-39gpi

The Wisdom of the Saints

“For there are three ways of performing an act of mercy: the merciful word, by forgiving and comforting; secondly, if you can offer no word, then pray – that too is mercy; and thirdly, deeds of mercy. And when the Last Day comes, we shall be judged from this, and on this basis we shall receive the eternal verdict.”

St Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938)

Thank you from CAFOD

Thank you for your generous support this Family Fast Day. Your kindness is helping families like Shorai's in Zimbabwe and Rejoice's in South Sudan grow food, even in the face of drought and floods. You have shown what it means to love your neighbour this Lent – fasting, praying and giving so families can put food on the table. Find out how your donations are helping to build a better world at cafod.org.uk/thankyou

PS It's not too late to donate – pick up a CAFOD envelope in church or visit cafod.org.uk/envelope

Lenten reflections with Father Jonathan Cotton

Reflections through slides, music and prayers of **The Seven Last Words of Jesus** on **Tuesday 24th March** in Saint Wilfrid's Church, Coalville LE67 3JB, and on **Thursday 26th March** in Sacred Heart Church, Loughborough LE11 2HE. Both evenings begin at **7.00pm**, and conclude at 8.30pm with refreshments.

Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026

Respond to Our Lady's invitation, and join Bishop Patrick, in the Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. Departing from East Midlands airport on **Monday 13th July**, enjoy five days in Lourdes with over 200 people from across our diocese. Those with additional needs will be cared for by our health team and helpers' team. Mary invites us all to come to this holy place. More details from the tour operator: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-nottingham/>

This invitation is especially extended to **Young Adults** (18-35) who are encouraged to help in caring for those with additional needs. You will be offered a discounted rate of £822 with funding support available. See poster and contact Charles Archer or Father Simon Gillespie charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk
simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Lent Lunches in the Deepings

The remaining dates below. Suggested donation of £4.00. Noon start.

February 28 St Guthlac's
March 7 Priory Church
March 14 Open Door
March 21 Methodists

Proceeds to be split between Christian Aid and CAFOD. Many thanks.

Lent Course – Sacred Heart and St Gilbert's, Bourne

Every **Monday** during Lent AT 11.00 am followed by soup lunch.

World Day of Prayer – this Friday, 6 March 2026

A global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. A special service will be held at **Bourne Abbey Church** at **2:00 pm** on **Friday, 6 March**.

Parish outing to Walsingham

As a parish we are considering going to Walsingham in the summer (a midweek day in July or August). Can we please ask for expressions of interest, so that I can get a price for a coach or minibus etc. I can then let everyone know a rough price; the parish will subsidise part of the cost. I will leave a list at both churches if you could add your names if interested. This does not commit you to going. Thanks. Gill.

Deeping Food Bank

Due to changes in the operating procedures of the Deeping Food Bank, Our Lady and St Guthlac's will no longer be a collection point or have a collection box for donations.

Thank you for your generous support in the past. You will still be able to make donations at the main Supermarkets.

Youth Group Walk

The Youth Club at St Mary & St Augustine's, Stamford, have invited our parish youth to join them on their **BIG LENT WALK** on **March 7th**, to raise funds for CAFOD. This will take place walking by Rutland water and will end with Mass in Oakham. Further details and meet up places will be available nearer the time. All are welcome to participate, whether walking on the day or just supporting us through prayer and donations.

Contact Wendy Mitchell 07880 788783 for more information."

**"Many people are good at talking and bad at understanding."
Saint Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)**

**"One righteous soul can obtain pardon for a thousand sinners."
St Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690)**

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March

For disarmament and peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Latest Message from Medjugorje, 25 January 2026

"Dear children, Today, I am calling you to be prayer and a blessing for all those who have not come to know God's love. Little children, be different from others and be positive people of prayer and love towards God, that with your lives, you may be a sign of God's love to others. I bless you with my motherly blessing and intercede for each of you before my Son Jesus. Thank you for having responded to my call. "

Reflections on the Second Sunday of Lent

Each of the Synoptic Gospels refers to the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor. John doesn't but Peter does in his second letter. 'For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honour and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we heard this voice ..., for we were with him on the holy mountain' (2 Peter 1:16-18).

The Transfiguration is a glimpse of the life beyond the veil, the hope and promise of eternal life. This is a great mystery but one we can touch and penetrate. Rather like Rudyard Kipling's poem 'I Keep Six Honest Serving Men' we have to be inquisitive, probing and unafraid to ask questions. 'I keep six honest serving-men (They taught me all I knew); Their names are What and Why and When and How and Where and Who.' St Paul employed two of these men. 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' (1 Cor 15:35).

There are earthly bodies and there are heavenly bodies. We do not lose heart, our nature is being renewed every day (2 Cor 4:16). But every day isn't a mountain top experience for 'we must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God (Acts 14:22). Our pilgrimage is one of transformation and hope, and as we eat the Lord's Body and drink his Blood in the Eucharist we rejoice that we 'are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another' (2 Cor.3:18).

'For by the sacrifice of his own body, He [Jesus] did two things. He put an end to the law of death which barred our way; and He made a new beginning of life for us, by giving us hope of resurrection.' (St Athanasius)

Source: Bible Alive, March/April 2026, Alive Publishing.

CAFOD reflection on the Transfiguration

In today's Gospel, the disciples witness Jesus transfigured. Has he changed or have their eyes been opened to see him as he truly is? Perhaps this is an invitation to us to see the world in a new light. Just as the digging, weeding and pruning of a patient gardener is often rewarded by glimpses of beauty as shoots sprout and buds open, we too can see signs of God's power to bring growth and change in our world around us.

In this season of Lent, as we seek to listen more deeply to Jesus, may our generosity and love for our neighbours help communities transform ruined land into fertile farms. Together we can be active participants in bringing the glory of God's kingdom of justice, healing and hope into our wounded world.

Further Lenten resources

An online **Lent Retreat with Newman**, guided by Father George Bowen, designed to help Catholics to go deeper into the Gospels of Lent through the preaching of Saint John Henry Newman, at:

www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLITo3ifsRMurBVMGBzCliUnuqrTIusKIA

A **podcast** called 'Good Habits', exploring questions of meaning through the wisdom of the virtues, hosted by Father John Church OP (of Leicester Priory) and Fr Toby Lees OP, at:

www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLITo3ifsRMuqLGc5cGJiy4UT0EGP_hYW
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Prayers for Lent

Grant us, O Lord, to begin with holy fasts the exercises of our Christian warfare: that, as we do battle with the spirits of evil, we may be protected by the help of self-denial. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O my God, I love Thee with my whole heart, may I never offend Thee any more, may I love Thee without ceasing and make it my delight to do in all things Thy most holy will. Amen. *(From 'Holy Days', Burns Oates)*

Thank you!

Thank you very much, with all my heart, for your contribution to SPUC's White Flower Appeal which raised £346.29. I cannot thank you enough for your support and for all that you do for the defence of unborn babies in the UK. (John Deighan, Chief Executive.)