

November 24th 2024, 34th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

BOURNE & DEEPINGS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

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The Feast of Christ the King

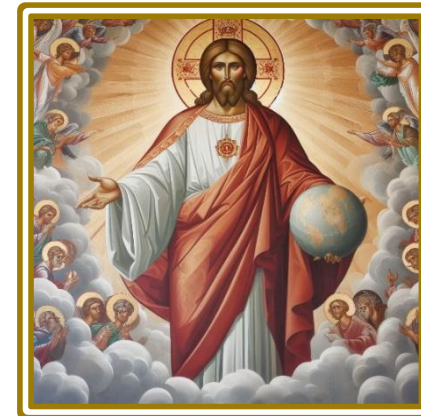


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World Youth Sunday "Let your Kingdom come"

Our 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

NOVEMBER 2024			
Sat 23rd Bourne Bourne	9.00am 9.30am 10.30 – 11.30am 6.00 pm	Rosary Mass: St Clement Sacrament of Reconciliation Vigil Mass of the 34th Sunday Ordinary Time Christ the King	Protection of the Unborn People of the Parish
Sun 24th Bourne Deeping	8.45am 10.30am	34th Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday Mass Christ the King Sunday Mass Christ the king	Samatha Orpen- Booth RIP Graeme Mutton RIP
Mon 25th Bourne	9.00am 9.30am	The Rosary Mass: St Catherine of Alexandria, martyr	Jeremy Rittener
Tues 26th Bourne	9.00am 9.30am	The Rosary Mass: Feria	The sick and the dying
Wed 27th Deeping Bourne	9.30 – 10.15am 10.30am 3.00-4.00pm	Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass: Feria Holy Hour: Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary: that the Assisted Suicide Bill will not become law.	Holy Souls
Thurs 28th Bourne	9.30am 10.00am 10.45-11.45 am	The Rosary Mass: St Catherine Laboure, religious Exposition. No Sacrament of Reconciliation today	The defeat of the Assisted Suicide Bill
Fri 29th Deeping Bourne	9.30am 10.00 am 2:15-3.30pm	No Mass or Rosary this morning **Please pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet today that the Assisted Suicide Bill will be defeated.	*No Flame of Love Rosary today in Church.
Sat 30th Bourne Bourne	10.00- 12.30pm 6.00 pm	No Mass or Confessions this morning Christmas Fair Vigil Mass of the First Sunday of Advent	Protection of the unborn People of the Parish

Please pray for all our sick

Danielle Heath, Yvonne D'Cruz, Ruth Tibbs, Lorena Zalyte, Vivien Robinson, Molly McDermott, Bernard Westwood, Philip Constantine, Sarah McDermott, Toni King, Julie Wolfarth, Caroline Pope, Therese Greville, Odessa Lodge, Bobby Kane, Maria Berry, Rose Starkey, Audrey Hazeldine, Grace Gamble, Coryn Nixon, Bernie Emery, Searle Clark, Anne Watson, Jo Tarpey, Gill Krender, Maria, Josie Gentry, 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, Catherine Dooley, Susan Pullen and Pam Manville.

If you would like someone else's name included on the sick list and have received their permission, then please email Fr Paul.

Finance:

Collection: 359. 100 Club Subscriptions: £147

Holy Hour this Wednesday At Bourne 3.00 pm-4.00 pm

There will be an extra Holy Hour this week at our church in Bourne to pray that the Assisted Dying/Suicide Bill will not be passed into law. This is 2 days before the vote takes place in the House of Commons. Please do your best to attend it and continue praying every day for its defeat. Thank you, Fr Paul

We are Hiring! - Parish Administrator

An exciting opportunity has arisen at our Sacred Heart & St Gilbert Bourne, with Our Lady of Lincoln and St Guthlac Deeping St James Parish for a part time parish administrator 12 hours per week at £12.60 per hour
Closing date:

Monday 25th November 2024 at 9am To apply visit our website www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers

Christmas Flower collections for Bourne and Deeping

There will be collections for flowers to decorate Bourne and Deeping Churches for Christmas the weekend of **7th- 8th December**.

Film night at Bourne – this Monday 25th November.

This month we will be watching the film “Amazing Grace”. Please arrive at 6.45pm for a 7pm start. Thank you.

Email address for the newsletter.

The email address for Newsletter additions is bdrcpweb@gmail.com
Please forward what you would like to be included by **Wednesday**.
Thank you.

Facebook: Bourne and Deeping Roman Catholic Parish

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100093409421877>

Website: www.bourneanddeepingrc.org.uk

Additions for website to bdrcpweb@gmail.com

Volunteers needed for a maintenance person at each church.

You don't have to be able to do the work yourself just contact trades people to get any necessary work done. Guidance will be given.

We would also like any recommendations for trusted tradespeople at both ends of the parish.

Please contact Gill Mcilhagga (Bourne) or Mark Currier (Deeping).

Volunteers needed for After Mass coffee at Bourne

As a popular means of meeting up with our fellow parishioners, the refreshments after mass play a key role.

However, we would appreciate 2/3 more people to come forward to help with serving. This is not an onerous task, we would hope to have a rota of between 6/8 weeks.

If you would be happy to make tea/coffee occasionally, please contact Terry on 07912624313. She will be making the new rota in a couple of weeks and would love to see your name there.

On Friday 13th December all Young Adults are invited to Sacred Heart church, Leicester, for Carols, Vespers, Mince Pie, and Mulled Wine with Bishop Patrick. The evening starts at 7.00pm, but please join us from 5:45pm for the Rosary and Mass. We look forward to seeing you! If you would like to support the evening, please contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.

Donations through website

Please note that the donation facility through our website is currently unavailable as the Dioceses are changing collection providers from PAYA to Stripe. We will let you know when it is up and running again.

First Holy Communion

Children's First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion classes continue at 6pm on Thursday at Bourne. Please keep them in your prayers.

100 Club Our Parish Fundraiser

A very big thank you to everyone who purchased a number or numbers, for the start of the 100 Club's New Year 2023-2024 for Our Parish Fundraiser.

The end of a very successful year for the 100 club. A big thank you to Fr Paul for drawing the numbers each month, also to all who participated in helping with the monthly draw. Why not join the fun of the 100 Club success and help raise much needed parish funds and maybe win some money!! Forms are available in the 100 Club folder in the porch of both churches. Looking forward to receiving your form in time for the December Mega Draw, after all if you are not in it, it's impossible to win it!!

The next 100 Club draw will be the Mega draw, first for the new year of 2024-2025, held at Bourne Parish Church on **Sunday 8th December 2024** after 08.45 Mass in the refreshment area.

Once again, a very big thank you for your loyalty and very much needed parish funds. It is never taken for granted and is truly appreciated. May God Bless you for supporting your parish.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, for the 33rd Sunday of the Year.

We reflect on how constant prayer was the driving force of the missionary activity of the first Christians. Saint Luke tells us that they "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42). In prayer we experience the life of the risen Jesus who, in the power of the Spirit, continues to be present to our world, especially in the Church's teaching and sacraments, and our efforts to advance his kingdom of reconciliation, justice and peace. Like the early Christians, may we learn, through personal and communal prayer to be ever more closely united to the Triune God of love, and to bring that same love to the world around us.

Christmas Cupcake Workshop.

Come and enjoy an evening full of festive fun decorating cupcakes, you don't need to be an expert cake decorator as a professional baker will be on hand to guide you. Everything will be provided including cupcakes to decorate, all the decorations, icing and buttercream and boxes to take them home in and much more. In addition to this A Hot Chocolate Station and nibbles will be included. Please come along to help kick start the festive season on Monday 16th December at 6.45pm at Our Lady of Lincoln and St Guthlacs Church, Hereward Way. The cost for all of this will be £35pp. If you are interested, please call Carol Cooper on 078906740

Christmas Fair – NEXT WEEKEND

Volunteers are needed to set up the tables on the Friday from 2pm.

Please can stall holders arrive for 9.30am on the day.

Bottles, gifts, tombola prizes and items for the hamper can be left at the churches.

Cakes and food items for sale need to be dropped off by 9.30am on the day.

If you are able to help, or if you need items to be collected, please contact Gill (07504 760958) or Sue (07848 252800)

Raffle tickets

Please can you return your raffle tickets as early as possible. Thank you.

Opening the Church in Deeping during Advent

The church in Deeping will be open on Tuesday mornings from 10am, for private prayer, quiet reflection and general visits. This will start next week on **Tuesday 26th November** and continue until Christmas Eve.

Please take the opportunity to spend a little extra time in church during this special season of the year. If you could also pass on the message to others who may not read this newsletter that would be greatly appreciated, whether they are parishioners or not.

If you have a couple of hours to spare to look after the church at any other time when it is not already open for mass, so that others can visit, please consider doing so. You never know someone may just step inside, maybe out of curiosity and find themselves making a first tentative step to a life within the church. If you can help, please speak to Mark Currier.

School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies

Reception class -children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021. The deadline for submitting applications for a school place is 15th January 2025. Application forms are available on 'home' Local Authority websites. For every Catholic school application where a child is to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion there should also be a supplementary information form, completed and returned to the school by the deadline; these forms are available from the LA and the school. Applicants must also include the supporting evidence as required with this form, e.g. baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable; contact the parish of baptism for a copy if needed, in good time). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean the child is ranked in a lower criterion, which may affect chances of a place

This Sunday is World Youth Sunday

World Youth Sunday (WYS) is a day to recognize and celebrate the role of young people in the Catholic Church. It is celebrated on the Solemnity of Christ the King. Pope Francis asks young people to "Stand up; I appoint you as witnesses of what you have seen" on this day. The day also includes a pledge to stand up for climate justice and protect the Earth.

Is God calling me to be a priest?

Do you feel that God might be calling you to the priesthood? If so, please contact Father Neil Peoples, Vocations Director, at vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk to book a place at the next discernment meeting, taking place in Cathedral House, Nottingham, NG1 5AE after 10.00am Mass on **Saturday 7th December**.

Catholic Bishops of England, Wales, and Scotland unite in compassionate action to oppose Bill on assisted suicide

Full statement Be compassionate

As Catholic Bishops in England and Wales, and in Scotland, we believe that genuine compassion is under threat because of the attempts in Parliament to legalise assisted suicide. 'Compassion' means to enter into and share the suffering of another person. It means never giving up on anyone or abandoning them. It means loving them to the natural end of their life, even if and when they struggle to find meaning and purpose. Compassion means accompanying people, especially during sickness, disability, and old age. This kind of genuine compassion is witnessed through the care and respect we show to people with terminal illness as they complete their journey in this life.

We appeal to those who share our Catholic belief in human dignity and sanctity of life, including fellow Christians, other religious people, and people of reason and good will, to join with us in defending the weakest and most vulnerable who are at risk through this proposed legislation.

Life is a gift to be protected, especially when threatened by sickness and death. Palliative care, with expert pain relief, and good human, spiritual, and pastoral support, is the right and best way to care for people towards the end of life. More adequate funding and resources for hospices and palliative care teams authentically serve and honour our shared human dignity. In the discussion around assisted suicide, so much is made of freedom of choice and autonomy; but autonomy is not absolute and must

always be placed within the context of the common good of society as a whole. People who are suffering need to know they are loved and valued. They need compassionate care, not assistance to end their lives.

Assisted suicide raises serious issues of principle. The time given for Parliament to consider the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which will permit assisted suicide is woefully inadequate. Although the Bill indicates safeguards will be in place, the experience of other countries where assisted suicide has been introduced shows that such promised safeguards are soon forgotten. In Belgium, the Netherlands, Canada, and parts of the USA, the criteria for assisted suicide have been expanded significantly, in law or in practice, often to include people with mental illness and others who have no terminal diagnosis. It is not always easy to predict the length of time a person with a terminal illness has to live, making this Bill unworkable.

We are alarmed by the impact that legalisation will have on the most vulnerable members of our society. The option to end life can quickly, and subtly, be experienced as a duty to die. Some may well feel their continued existence is a burden to others, and, implicitly or explicitly, be pressured into assisted suicide. This includes people who are elderly, infirm, and living with disabilities. The protection of such people is the foundation of civilised society. It is at the heart of good government.

We are also concerned that this Bill will fundamentally damage the relationship between medical practitioners and their patients. It will potentially lead to pressure on medical staff to recommend or facilitate such procedures. Will the right to conscientious objection for individuals and institutions be guaranteed? The impact on hospices, care homes, and those who work in social and community care cannot be underestimated. It will radically alter the ethos of trust and support which underpins our service to those in need and their families.

The bishops urge Catholics and those who share our belief in the dignity and value of every human life, to [contact their local MP](#) to make their opposition known, asking him or her to oppose or not support the Bill.

Many bishops have issued pastoral letters on assisted suicide. You can find those promulgated by the Bishops of England and Wales here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/category/cbcew/life-issues/assisted-suicide>