

March 2026

<u>Sat 7th</u> Bourne	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.30-11.30am 6.00pm	Rosary Mass: Sts Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass: Vigil of Third Sunday of Lent	Protection of the unborn Joseph Deasy RIP
<u>Sun 8th</u> Bourne Deeping	8.45 am 10.30 am	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Sunday Mass Sunday Mass	People of the parish Therese Greville RIP
<u>Mon 9th</u> Bourne	9.00 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm	Rosary Mass: St Francis of Rome Mothers' Rosary	James and Betty Huges and family
<u>Tues 10th</u> Bourne	9.00 am 9.30 am	Rosary Mass: Lenten Feria	Michael Bainbridge RIP
<u>Wed 11th</u> Deeping	9.30-10.30 am 10.30 am	Exposition and Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass: Lenten Feria	Holy Souls
<u>Thurs 12th</u> Bourne	9.30 am 10.00 am 10.45-11.45am	Rosary Mass: Lenten Feria Exposition and Sacrament of Reconciliation	Ashton Hunt and Ethan Shead
<u>Fri 13th</u> Deeping Bourne	9.30 am 2.15-3.30 pm	Mass: Lenten Feria Flame of Love Rosary and Chaplet	Catalina Mas RIP
<u>Sat 14th</u> Bourne	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.30-11.30am 6.00 pm	Rosary Mass: Lenten Feria Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass: Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Lent	Protection of the unborn People of the parish

THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT
March 8th 2026

BOURNE & THE DEEPINGS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

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Jesus and the Samaritan Woman



'Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' *John 4:14*

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:

Jacqueline Walster, Carole Butler, 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.

Finance:

Weekend collection: £337. Donation: £100. Flowers (Bourne): £32. CAFOD second collection: £826. Thank you.

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/>

Radio Maria England

24hr Catholic Radio Station <https://radiomariaengland.uk/>

Newsletter by email

Contact us at bourneanddeepingrc@dioceseofnottingham.uk if you would like to receive the newsletter by email.

CAFOD Big Lent Walk

Saturday 14th March, meeting at 1.30pm, Cromford Wharf Car Park DE4 3RQ. All are welcome!

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/leat-family-pack-celebratehome-s45pm and www.celebratetrust.org/shop/leat-game-celebratehome-s45pm-39gpj

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

Marriage preparation courses

At Christian Heritage Centre between **Friday 13th and Sunday 15th March**. See: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation> Marriage Care, Somerby, Lincolnshire, **Saturday 6th June** and **Saturday 6th September**. Contact: Karen Wainwright, Appointments Coordinator, at karen@marriagecare.org.uk

Mothers' Rosary

Every Monday at 6.00 pm in Bourne to pray for our children and grandchildren.

"When mothers pray, hell trembles; the most dangerous person on earth is a praying mother. Her children become flaming torches in God's hands."
St Paisios of Mt Athos, 1924-1994, Greece.

National Novena to St Joseph 2026

This popular novena starts on 10 March until 18 March. If you would like to say the novena, you can find it at: <https://missio.org.uk/stjoseph/>

Liturgy group for Easter Services

There is a meeting for those involved in the liturgy group on **Wednesday, 18 March, 7.00 pm in Bourne**. All our musicians who support the liturgy are also invited to attend. We will discuss and arrange the liturgy for Holy Week. I look forward to seeing you. With grateful thanks. Fr Paul.

Extreme Way of the Cross

Led by the Polish Catholic Community in Nottingham on **Friday 13th March** from **8.00 pm to 6.00am** next morning. The route takes in 41 kilometres across the city centre and fields around and is an initiative started in Poland several years ago. It is not a sport activity but a spiritual journey through meditations. For those wishing to participate, gather at the Polish Church of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Nottingham NG7 6JN, by 8.00pm (Mass in Polish will be celebrated at 7.00pm). More information is at: <https://extremewayofthecross.org/>

Lenten Women's Retreat

Saturday 21st March at Holy Family Church, Blenheim Drive, Allestree DE22 2LG, **10.00am to 4.00pm**. Entitled "The Great Women of the Old Testament", and led by Sister Susan Richert. Cost £15 per person, including cream tea; please bring your own packed lunch. To book, visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/womensretreatday

Lenten Men's Retreat

Saturday 28th March, 9.45am to 3.45pm, at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, Coalville. Led by Canon Chris Thomas and entitled "Limitless: In the Lenten Gospel readings the Limitless power of God is revealed. In Christ we too can be limitless". Cost £15 per person; please bring your own packed lunch. All men aged 18 or over are very welcome; to book (by 20th March) visit: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=K0aLivJiz0GWFBY9r3UQDuiJPmfhpEBEo-L5QsatoShUOTNOSThPTzdYV1FXWINEQ0UwT0I2VzM4SC4u&route=shorturl>

'Relying on God has to begin all over again every day as if nothing had yet been done.' C S Lewis (1898-1963)

'Man sees your actions, but God your motives.' St Thomas Kempis (c.1380-1471)

Churches Together Prayer Meeting for Peace in the World

This **Sunday, 8 March**, at **Bourne Baptist Church, West Street, 6.30-7.30 pm**. Everyone invited to join. Prayers for peace are so important in the light of the tragic events unfolding, especially in the Middle East and sadly, in so many other countries.

Visiting Priest

Fr Dominic will hear confessions from **4.30–5.45 pm** on **Saturday, 21 March** then celebrate the vigil Mass at 6.00 pm. Fr Paul will be doing the same at St Mary's in Boston.

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

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

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.

Parish outing to Walsingham

As a parish we are planning to go to Walsingham on **Tuesday, 4 August 2026**. There are still some places on the coach, so please put your name on the list at either church as soon as possible if you would like to attend. The parish will subsidise part of the cost. 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.

Lent Lunches in the Deepings

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

March 14 Open Door
March 21 Methodists

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

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 February 2026

“Dear children, In this time of grace, anew, I am calling you to offer your lives to God that He may lead you towards the resurrection through your personal conversion. Little children, God is near to you and heeds your prayers, but you are lulled to sleep, and that is why He sent me to you to awaken you, and that you may shine holiness like a spring flower. Thank you for having responded to my call. ”

Reflections on the Third Sunday of Lent

The woman at the well in John's Gospel (Chapter 4) was thirsty for water but also for truth. A Gentile from Samaria, her name is lost to us. Her conversation with Jesus is the longest one-to-one recorded in the whole Bible. The conversation began at noon, in the heat of the day. Jesus' question to her, ironic and profound: 'Will you give me a drink?' is the ice-breaker and gets things under way.

Jesus, unhindered by cultural norms, flips the world upside down. Jews weren't supposed to speak to Samaritans. Men weren't permitted to speak to women without their husbands present. Rabbis had no business speaking to the opposite sex, especially if they had some ill-repute, such as this Samaritan woman.

The woman, sensitive to the cultural norm, questions Jesus' wisdom in asking her for a drink: 'You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman,' she reminds him. 'How can you ask me for a drink?' This is a conversation about two different worlds – the everyday versus the everlasting. Water does quench thirst, but Jesus was talking about a different kind of thirst and a different kind of water

Jesus revealed himself to her as the Messiah, the Christ, and the woman begins her journey of conversion. In a society which considered women to be less than second-class citizens, Jesus chose her to have this most profound theological/spiritual conversation. We all need this conversation because we all thirst, and this thirst can only be satisfied by the living water of the living God.

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

The Stations of the Cross 1-5

We adore thee O Christ and we praise thee, because by thy Holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world

First Station: Jesus is Condemned to Death

My loving Jesus, it was not Pilate, but my sin that condemned thee to die. I beseech thee, by the merits of this sorrowful journey, to assist my soul's journey towards eternity.

Second station: Jesus is made to bear His Cross

My most beloved Jesus, I embrace all the tribulations thou has destined for me until death. I beseech thee, by the merits of the pain thou didst suffer in carrying thy cross, to give me the necessary help to carry mine with perfect patience and resignation.

Third station: Jesus falls the first time under His Cross

My Jesus, it is not the weight of the cross, but of my sins, which has made thee suffer so much pain. By the merits of this first fall, deliver me from the misfortune of falling into mortal sin.

Fourth station: Jesus meets his afflicted Mother

My sweet Jesus, by the sorrow thou did experience in this meeting, grant me the grace of a truly devoted love for thy most holy Mother. And thou, O Queen, who was overwhelmed with sorrow, obtain for me, by thine intercession, a continual and tender remembrance of the passion of thy Son.

Fifth station: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry His Cross

My most beloved Jesus, I will not refuse the cross, I accept it, I embrace it. I accept the death thou has destined for me, with all the pains which may accompany it; I unite it to thy death; I offer it to thee. Thou has died for love of me; I will die for love of thee. Help me by thy grace.

I love thee Jesus, my love above all things. I repent with my whole heart for ever having offended thee. Never permit me to separate myself from thee again. Grant that I may love thee always, and then do with me what thou wilt.

Source: The Way of the Cross, G Vicentini

The Wisdom of the Saints

'Above all, everyone should in conversation try to avoid anger or bad temper, or showing he is annoyed with someone, and no one should hurt another in word or deed, or in any way.' St Vincent de Paul (1581-1660)

'A Christian receives divine wisdom in three ways: by the commandments, teachings and faith. The commandments free the mind from passions. Teachings lead it to true knowledge of nature. Faith leads to the contemplation of the Holy Trinity.'

Saint Maximus of Constantinople (580-662)