

## December 22nd 2024 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 2024			
<b>Sat 21st</b>	9.00am 9.30am 10.30-11.30	The Rosary Mass: <b>St Peter Canisius</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation	Protection of the Unborn
Bourne			
Bourne	<b>4.30-5.45pm</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
Bourne	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent - <b>LOVE</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sun 22nd</b>	8.45am 10.30am	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE</b> Sunday Mass Sunday Mass	Jo Honniball RIP Phil & Ena Ronayne
Bourne Deeping			
<b>Mon 23rd</b>	<b>**8.00am</b> <b>4.30-6.30pm</b>	Mass: <b>Feria</b> <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	Seamus & Frances Killen
Bourne Deeping			
<b>Tues 24th</b>	9.00am 9.30am <b>5.00pm</b> <b>10.00pm</b>	The Rosary Mass: <b>Feria</b> <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> <b>Mass Family Mass</b> <b>Mass. Midnight Mass</b>	Peter Honniball People of the Parish Priest's Intention
Bourne Deeping Bourne			
<b>Wed 25th</b>	<b>8.45am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> <b>Mass; The Nativity of the Lord:</b> <b>Mass: The Nativity of the Lord</b>	Holy Souls The Protection of the Unborn
Bourne Deeping			
<b>Thurs 26th</b>	9.30am 10.00am  10.45-11.45 am	The Rosary Mass: <b>St Stephen</b>  Exposition and Sacrament of Reconciliation	The Altar Servers and their families
Bourne			
<b>Fri 27th</b>	9.30am 10.00 am  2:15-3.30pm	<b>St John the Evangelist</b> No Mass today  Flame of Love Rosary and Chaplet	
Deeping Bourne			
<b>Sat 28th</b>	9.00am 9.30am  6.00 pm	No Mass or Sacrament of Reconciliation today  Vigil Of The Holy Family (Feast) First week of Christmastide Vigil Mass: <b>The Holy Family</b>	Protection of the Unborn
Bourne Bourne			

## BOURNE & THE DEEPINGS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### **The Jubilee Year 2025**

The Pope will open the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica on **Christmas Eve 2024** signalling the start of the Jubilee year. It will remain open until the **6<sup>th</sup> of January 2026** when the year will come to an end.

Bishop Patrick will open the Jubilee in our diocese with a special Mass at the Cathedral on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of December**.

We are asked to pray the Jubilee prayer at each Mass from that day onwards.

### **Christmas 2024 Mass Times**

#### **Christmas Eve**

Deeping 5pm: Family Mass

Bourne 10pm: "Midnight" Mass

#### **Christmas Day**

Bourne 8.45am

Deeping 10.30am



Please note the time and places of Christmas Masses this year.

### **Christmas Eve Mass 5pm, Deeping Church**

All families are welcome to come to our Christmas Eve Mass at 5pm. We are having Nativity dress up clothes for the children to wear if they would like to. We would also encourage the youngsters to process into church at the beginning of Mass and at the Offertory. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles etc are all welcome to join in welcoming the baby Jesus at this special Mass.

Thank you.

**The Funeral Mass for Bridget Roberts RIP** will take place in Bourne at 11.00am on Friday January 10<sup>th</sup>. The funeral service for Patrick Moore will take place at Peterborough Crematorium on Monday January 30<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm. May they rest in peace.

### **Get Jubilee ready**

Join CAFOD online on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025** from 10.30am until 12.00 noon for **Get Jubilee Ready**, a general introduction to the Jubilee Year with some special guests. Hear what Jubilee years all are about, how we're celebrating as a global and national Church, and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. Visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/a-year-of-hope-an-introduction-to-the-jubilee-year>

### **Donations through website**

We are currently working on a temporary solution to online donations. Donations can be made through the diocese website, when prompted to leave a message please write: **Bourne and Deeping RC Parish**, this will ensure that the donation is allocated to our Parish. Thank you.

### **Persecuted Christians and Modern Slavery**

**ACN (UK)** has launched an **Open Letter Campaign** calling on Foreign Secretary David Lammy to make persecuted religious communities priority recipients of UK Overseas Development Aid (ODA). They need your help to reach their goal of 10,000 signatures, which will trigger a response from the Government. Please sign their open letter today: <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/red-wednesday-advocacy-letter>. Together, we can help Christians and other religious minorities trapped in modern slavery, extreme poverty and worse.

### **Email address for the newsletter.**

The email address for Newsletter additions is [bdrcpweb@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.bourneanddeepingrc.org.uk)

Additions for website to [bdrcpweb@gmail.com](mailto:bdrcpweb@gmail.com)

### **The Christmas Concert**

I thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas Concert on Thursday evening in Bourne Church. We sang some lovely carols such as Oh Holy Night, What Child is this, In the Bleak Mid-Winter and the children did an impromptu performance of Away in a Manger which was lovely. There were also contributions from Bourne Choir, small groups and individuals singing, reading scripture passages and other texts on the theme of Christmas. It was lovely to hear a beautiful carol and lullaby sung in Polish and to hear the clarinet accompanying the organ as well as in a duet. It would be great if next year we could have more people playing instruments and singing carols in other languages. Also, if you play a musical instrument perhaps you would consider playing it at Mass. I hope that next year we can attract more people to attend this important and uplifting parish event. Many thanks to those who helped organise and run it and of course those who performed and attended. Fr Paul

### **Happy Christmas**

Many thanks for your lovely cards and good wishes. I would like to express my gratitude to those who will prepare our churches for Christmas, those involved in music ministry, the sacristan, the altar servers, readers and Eucharistic Ministers and to all who help in any way. Try to preserve the solemn religious character of this beautiful feast by your attendance at Mass, prayer, silence and spiritual reading. I would like to wish you all and all your loved ones a Happy and Holy Christmas. God bless you, Fr Paul

### **Finance:**

Last Sunday's collection: £449, Second Collection – Poor and Needy Parishes: £340, ioo Club subs. £72, many thanks.

### **Christmas Mass Collections**

The collections taken at the Christmas Masses are gifted to the priest for his personal use and are usually cash collections, however, if any parishioner wishes to gift via online banking, please do so and we will forward to Fr Paul. Please use the reference **Xmas** so we can identify the payment.

### **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.

### **School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies**

**Reception class** -children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021. The deadline for submitting applications for a school place is 15<sup>th</sup> 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 the chance of a place.

### **Food for thought**

Reflecting on last Sunday's (Gaudete Sunday) readings : Luke 3:10-18 concerning sharing tunics food etc i.e. sharing worldly goods, I would like to share the following with you all, especially children ! During one of my " shifts" as a volunteer at CRUK charity shop last January, A family of Mum, Dad and 1 young boy - about 6/7 years old, came in with a donation, a brand-new children's game. During my interaction with them, I learned that the boy, every Christmas and birthday, was encouraged to select 1 item that he had received as a gift - and donate it, to help children less fortunate than himself ! Now that is Giving !!

*With thanks to Terry Westwood*

### **The Wisdom of the Saints**

“Christmas is a ray of light for all, because it reveals to us God’s love and makes us feel the presence of Jesus with everyone, especially with those who are suffering. Just for this reason Jesus willed to be born in poverty and in the abandonment of a cave and to be laid in a manger.” Pope St John Paul II (1920-2005)

“We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas time, not in a cold manger of a heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, in a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another.”  
“It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you.”  
St Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)

### **A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer,**

Fourth Sunday of Advent: There is no better way to pray than to place oneself like Mary in an attitude of openness, with a heart open to God: “Lord, what you want, when you want, and how you want”. That is, a heart open to God’s will. And God always responds.

### **Confessions before Christmas**

It is important that we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) before Christmas. So, to facilitate this as well as the usual times there will be an additional opportunity to receive this sacrament on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 4.30 -6.30pm at Our Lady of Lincoln and St Guthlac’s Church Deeping St James.

### **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 Fardell, 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.*



Let your goodness, Lord, appear to us, that we, made in your image, may conform ourselves to it.

In our own strength we cannot imitate your majesty, power, and wonder nor is it fitting for us to try. But your mercy reaches from the heavens through the clouds to the earth below.

You have come to us as a small child, but you have brought us the greatest of all gifts, the gift of eternal love. Caress us with your tiny hands, embrace us with your tiny arms and pierce our hearts with your soft, sweet cries.  
—St. Bernard of Clairvaux