

March 2026			
<b>Sat 14th</b> Bourne	9.00 am 9.30 am	Rosary Mass: <b>Lenten Feria</b>	Protection of the unborn
Bourne	10.30-11.30am 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass: <b>Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>	Health and wellbeing of our parishioners
<b>Sun 15th</b> Bourne	8.45 am	<b>LAETARE SUNDAY</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Sunday Mass	People of the parish
Deeping	10.30 am	Sunday Mass	Jimmy Murray RIP
<b>Mon 16th</b> Bourne	9.00 am 9.30 am	Rosary Mass: <b>Lenten Feria</b>	Anne and P J Hynes RIP
Bourne	6.00 pm	Mothers' Rosary	
<b>Tues 17th</b> Bourne	9.00 am 9.30 am	Rosary Mass: St Patrick of Ireland (Feast)	Terry Westwood in thanksgiving
<b>Wed 18th</b> Deeping	9.30-10.30 am 10.30 am	Exposition and Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass: St Cyril of Jerusalem	Mary and Tom Scanlon RIP
<b>Thurs 19th</b> Bourne	9.30 am 10.00 am 10.45-11.45am	Rosary Mass: ST JOSEPH, husband of Mary Exposition and Sacrament of Reconciliation	Sheila Gamble RIP
<b>Fri 20th</b> Deeping Bourne	9.30 am 2.15-3.30 pm	Mass: <b>Lenten Feria</b> Flame of Love Rosary and Chaplet	The sick and the dying
<b>Sat 21st</b> Bourne	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.30-11.30am 6.00 pm	Rosary Mass: <b>Lenten Feria</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass: <b>Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	Protection of the unborn People of the parish

**THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT**  
**March 15th 2026**  
**LAETARE SUNDAY**

**BOURNE & THE DEEPINGS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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

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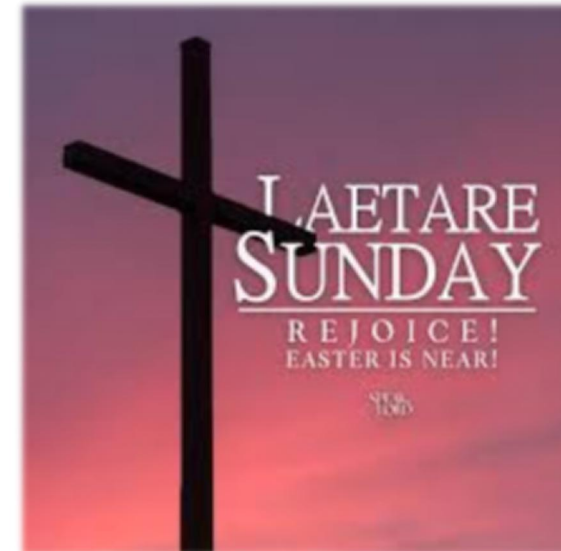
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*Source: St Peter's Catholic Church, PA*

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### **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: £374.00. CAFOD donation: £20.00.  
Standing orders for February: £2096.  
Updated CAFOD Lenten donation total: £965. Thank you.

### **Email address for the newsletter and website additions**

Please forward any newsletter items to [bdrcpweb@gmail.com](mailto: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/>

### **Newsletter by email**

Contact us at [bourneanddeepingrc@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:bourneanddeepingrc@dioceseofnottingham.uk) if you would like to receive the newsletter by email.

### **Radio Maria England**

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

**'And even if the sins of the soul are as dark as night, when the sinner turns to My mercy he gives Me the greatest praise and is the glory of My Passion.'** St Mary Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938)

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

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

### **The Feast of St Joseph, 19 March – Prayer from Pope Francis**

To you, O blessed Joseph, Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen. St Joseph, pray for us. Source: [www.millhillmissionaries.com](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com)

### **Fr Marsden and St Joseph's Pilgrimage Group**

Fr Marsden, who visited us recently, will be here with his pilgrimage group from Stockport on **Monday, 30 March**. They will be staying at Deeping St James church for the night and depart after early Mass and breakfast next morning.

### **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/lent-family-pack-celebratehome-s45pm](http://www.celebratetrust.org/shop/lent-family-pack-celebratehome-s45pm) and [www.celebratetrust.org/shop/lent-game-celebratehome-s45pm-39gpj](http://www.celebratetrust.org/shop/lent-game-celebratehome-s45pm-39gpj)

### **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.*

### **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.

### **Last Lenten Lunch in the Deepings**

**March 21 - Methodist Church, 12 noon.** Suggested donation £4.00. Proceeds to be split between Christian Aid and CAFOD. Many thanks.

## Opposition to Abortion Amendment

In June 2025 MPs voted for an extreme amendment to the Crime and Policing Bill, which would allow women to abort an unborn baby for any reason (including gender), up to birth. If passed this amendment will remove all legal protection for babies. This policy was not in any manifesto and was passed with less than two hours' debate. **As Catholics, we must oppose this horrendous assault on vulnerable unborn life.** The bill is due to be debated in the House of Lords on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**. As a matter of urgency, **please write to members of the Lords, asking them to reject this barbaric proposal.** If you aren't sure what to say or whom to write to visit [www.spuc.org.uk/abortion-decriminalisation](http://www.spuc.org.uk/abortion-decriminalisation) or contact [pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

This link [Ask bishops in the House of Lords to oppose abortion up to birth](https://righttolife.org.uk/bishops) (or <https://righttolife.org.uk/bishops>) will direct you to the 23 Church of England bishops (known as the Lords Spiritual) who currently sit in the House of Lords. Given how close this vote is expected to be, whether these bishops turn up and how they vote could make the difference between the vote being won or lost. The Lords Spiritual aim to be a voice for people of all denominations and faiths, not just Christians, and sit in the House of Lords to provide moral, ethical, and spiritual perspectives within the legislative process. Please encourage others to petition the Lords also.

## Our Monthly Fundraising Draw – 7 March 2026

This was held after 18.00 Mass, at Bourne Parish Church. Numbers drawn by Fritz Hahsler, accompanied by Carmen Collis holding the numbers bag. Peter Taylor called out the winning numbers and names, David Larkin, observing. 155 purchased numbers were in the numbers bag for this draw. The winning numbers and names are:

1st prize - £46.50 – Number 94. Patricia McDermott

2nd prize - £31.00 – Number 60. Nial O'Boyle

3rd prize - £15.50 – Number 54. Keith Billson.

Congratulations to the winners! Next draw to be held on Sunday **12 April 2026** at Bourne Church after 08.45 Mass. May God bless you for supporting your parish so loyally to raise much needed funds. It is never taken for granted.

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

## Holy Week Services

**Diocesan Chrism Mass** ..1 April **11.30 am** **St Barnabas Cathedral**  
**Maundy Thursday** .....2 April **7.00 pm** **Deeping**  
**Good Friday Mass** ..... 3 April **3.00 pm** **Deeping**  
**Stations of the Cross** .... 3 April **7.00 pm** **Bourne**  
**Easter Vigil** ..... 4 April **8.30 pm** **Bourne**  
**Easter Sunday** .....normal Mass times

## Additional Sacrament of Reconciliation - Bourne

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.

## Additional Sacrament of Reconciliation - Deeping

Visiting priest, Fr Michael Vulliamy, will hear confessions at Deeping on **Tuesday, 24 March from 3.30 – 5.30 pm**. Please do try to attend.

## 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.

## Parish outing to Walsingham

Our Parish trip to Walsingham will take place on **Tuesday 4th August**, probably leaving Bourne around **9.00 am**. We are looking at £10 per person with the parish subsidising the rest of the cost. Could you please let me know by **5th May** if you are definitely going. If you could pay your £10 at the time of booking it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks Gill McIlhagga 07504 760958

## Dates for your diary

- 1) Fish & chip supper with Quiz, Bourne – Friday 10 April 2026, 7.00 pm. Tickets on sale after all weekend masses. Fish & chips £10.50, sausage and chips or veggie burger & chips both £7.00.
- 2) Parish BBQ at Morton House - 5 July 2026. Tickets will be on sale at all Masses.

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

### 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 Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday

As Christianity spread throughout Europe, Mother's Day celebrations were held on the fourth Sunday of Lent, 'mid-Lent', and the celebrations were adapted to honour the Virgin Mary and also the 'Mother Church'. Laetare means 'rejoice' in Latin. Customs began to dictate that a person visit the church of his/her baptism on this day. People also attended the mother church of their parish, laden with offerings. Also known as 'Refreshment Sunday' it is an opportunity to look forward with hope to Easter.

Holy Mother Church exhorts us to rejoice on Laetare Sunday. The readings will contain uplifting accounts, flowers may be used on the altar, and priests often may wear rose-coloured vestments to symbolise joy and hope (as on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday in Advent). But how can we pause to rejoice when we are recalling our many sins, performing our Lenten penances for these sins, reflecting on the suffering of Christ for our sins, and striving to unite our sufferings with His? Doesn't it seem out of place to rejoice in such a setting?

In truth, the Church calls us to pause and rejoice in this Sunday of the Lenten season to remind us that we are about to experience the greatest joy of all—the joy of full reconciliation with God in Jesus Christ at Easter. We can rejoice in the face of our struggle with sins and sufferings because these painful realities are not the final word. We are joyful because we are on a journey to complete reconciliation with God as His beloved sons and daughters.

Sources: <https://trinitychurchnyc.org/>

<https://catholicexchange.com/the-significance-of-laetare-sunday/>

### The Stations of the Cross 6-8

**Before each station say:** *We adore thee O Christ and we praise thee, because by thy Holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.*

**Sixth station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.**

My most beloved Jesus, thy face was beautiful before, but in this journey it has lost all its beauty, and wounds and blood have disfigured it. Alas! My soul also was once beautiful, when it received thy grace in Baptism; but I have disfigured it since by my sins. thou alone, my Redeemer, can restore it to its former beauty by thy passion.

**Seventh station: Jesus falls the second time.**

My most sweet Jesus. How many times has thou pardoned me, and how any times have I fallen again, and begun again to offend thee. By the merits of this second fall, give me the necessary help to persevere in thy grace until death. Grant that in all temptations which assail me, I may always commend myself to thee.

**Eighth station: Jesus speaks to the daughters of Jerusalem.**

My Jesus, laden with sorrow, I weep for the offences I have committed against thee, because of the pains they have deserved, and still more because of the displeasure they have caused thee, who has loved me so much. It is thy love, more than fear of hell, which causes me to weep for my sins.

**After each station say:** *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, St Alphonsus Liguori*

### 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)