

March 2026

Sat 21st Bourne	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.30-11.30am 4.30-5.45 pm	Rosary Mass: Lenten Feria Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation	Protection of the unborn Fr Dominic O'Connor
Bourne	6.00 pm	Mass: Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Lent	People of the parish
Sun 22nd Bourne	8.45 am	Sunday Mass	Kathleen Adromey RIP
Deeping	10.30 am	Sunday Mass	Brian Lagman and Lagman Family
Mon 23rd Bourne	9.00 am 9.30 am	Rosary Mass: Lenten Feria	Jose Panizo RIP
Bourne	6.00 pm	Mothers' Rosary	
Tues 24th Bourne Deeping Bourne	9.00 am 9.30 am 3.30-5.30 pm 7.00-9.00 pm	Rosary Mass: Lenten Feria Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation	Monsignor David Manson RIP Fr Michael Vulliamy Fr Tony Shryane
Wed 25th Deeping	9.30-10.30 am 10.30 am	Exposition and Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass: The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)	Holy Souls
Bourne	2.00 pm	Baptism of Biaramchukwu Anniebeth	
Thurs 26th Bourne	9.30 am 10.00 am 10.45-11.45am	Rosary Mass: Lenten Feria Exposition and Sacrament of Reconciliation	Fr Paul Entwistle RIP (Nottingham diocese)
Fri 27th Deeping Bourne	9.30 am 2.15-3.30 pm	Mass: Lenten Feria Flame of Love Rosary and Chaplet	The sick and the dying
Sat 28th Bourne	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.30-11.30am 6.00 pm	Rosary Mass: Lenten Feria Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass: Vigil of Sixth Sunday of Lent	Protection of the unborn People of the parish

THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT
March 22nd 2026
PASSION SUNDAY

BOURNE & THE DEEPINGS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
25 MARCH



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee

Source: *Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Washington D.C.*

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, Searle Clark, Anne Watson, Jo Tarpey, Gill Krender, Maria, Margaret Kline, Chris, 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.

Baptism at Sacred Heart and St Gilbert's Church

Please pray for baby Biaramchukwu Anniebeth who will be baptised this Wednesday, and her proud parents, Godwin and Chizoba.

Finance:

Weekend collection: £328. Donations: CAFOD £20, funeral £110. Standing orders for February: £2096. 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/>

Newsletter by email

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

'We need to be angels for each other, to give each other strength and consolation. Because only when we fully realise that the cup of life is not only a cup of sorrow but also a cup of joy will we be able to drink it.' Henri Nouwen (1932-1996)

FOODBANK NEWS

Matthew 25:35-40 "When I was hungry you gave me to eat"

Bourne Foodbank:

Thank you all so very much for your kind and ongoing support to Bourne Foodbank. During the last year, you have generously donated approximately **90kg** of supplies.

Deeping Foodbank will sadly be closing this month. However, Bourne Foodbank already has and will be supporting clients from the Deeping's area. We will be placing a **Drop-Box at Tesco's in Deeping**. If you wish to continue to have a Drop-Box at Church, I will be happy to collect the donations as I do at Bourne.

For any further information please contact [Jake 07956 153 439](tel:07956153439) thank you for your support.

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.

Holy Week Services

Diocesan Chrism Mass ..1 April 11.30 am	St Barnabas Cathedral
Mundy Thursday Mass	2 April 7.00 pm Deeping
Good Friday: The Passion of the Lord ...	3 April 3.00 pm Deeping
Stations of the Cross	3 April 7.00 pm Bourne
Polish Blessing of Food	4 April time tbc Bourne
The Easter Vigil	4 April 8.30 pm Bourne
Easter Sunday	normal Mass times
	5 April

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

'Nothing is so strong as gentleness; nothing is so gentle as real strength.' St Francis de Sales (1567-1622)

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 and www.celebratetrust.org/shop/lent-game-celebratehome-s45pm-39qpj

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.

Good Friday Walk of Witness – Bourne

This will commence at **10.00 am** at **Sacred Heart and St Gilbert** and end at the Baptist Church on West Street. Please do join us for this powerful witness to our faith and to the sacrifice of our Lord.

Divine Mercy Sunday

The celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy will be held at **Our Lady of Lincoln and St. Guthlac Church, Deeping St. James on Sunday 12th April**. Confessions will be heard from **1.30 pm** and will continue until **3.00 pm**, when we will say the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. (Please go to Confession before this day as there may only be one priest, ie Fr Paul.)

Holy Mass will be celebrated at **3.45pm**.

This wonderful Feast was given **to us all** by our Lord Jesus through Saint Faustina. By reciting the Chaplet of Divine Mercy novena, which begins on **Good Friday**, and by going to Confession (before or on the feast day), attending Mass and venerating the Divine Mercy image on this Feast Day, Jesus has given us the opportunity to free our souls **of all sin** and any temporal punishment in Purgatory our sins may have incurred. This is a tremendous act of love from Jesus himself. Further details will be communicated over the next couple of weeks, and leaflets for the Chaplet will be available prior to Good Friday. **Please put this date in your diary**, as it is a wonderful opportunity for yourselves and your family and those dear to you.



As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst ... 'Repent and believe.' St Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)

BOURNE CHURCH TEMPORARY CLOSURE – DATE CHANGE

This will now take place from **Monday 20th to Friday 24 April** for carpet laying and **not** Monday 13th to Friday 17th April. Mass times will be as normal from 13-17 April.

We would be grateful if those who are able, could help move chairs and the organ to the meeting rooms at the back once 8:45 pm Mass has finished on **19 April**. Tea and coffee refreshments will be available for you.

Thank you!

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

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

Additional Sacrament of Reconciliation – Bourne and Deeping

Visiting priest Fr Dominic O'Connor will hear Confessions in **Bourne** from **4.30–5.45 pm** this **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.

Fr Michael Vulliamy will hear confessions in **Deeping** on **Tuesday, 24 March** from **3.30 - 5.30 pm**.

Fr Tony Shryane will hear Confessions in **Bourne** on **Tuesday, 24 March** from **7.00 - 9.00 pm**. Fr Paul will also be available if necessary.

We are grateful for these extra opportunities to prepare our souls for Holy Week and the Easter solemnity through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please do try to attend. Thank you.

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.

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.

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.

Reflection on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, 25 March

The celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord recalls the historical event of the Angel Gabriel appearing to the Virgin Mary, as found in [Luke 1:26–38](#). It also celebrates the Church's faith in the underlying reality that took place at that moment in time. It celebrates the Incarnation, making this solemnity not only a Marian solemnity, but first and foremost a Christological one. Though Christmas commemorates the birth of Christ, the Annunciation commemorates the Incarnation within the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Most certainly, this solemnity is also a Marian celebration. We celebrate the Virgin Mary's perfect "Yes" to the plan of the Father. We celebrate her humility, obedience, docility, and especially her motherhood of God and man.

This solemnity is also a celebration of the Father in Heaven because it reveals the beginning of the pinnacle of His perfect plan of salvation. That moment in time, the moment of the Incarnation, holds significance beyond comprehension. This moment was in the mind of the Father in Heaven from all eternity and took place in a hidden way, known only to this lowly and humble virgin.

As we celebrate this glorious solemnity, ponder all these central mysteries of our faith. Faith must be celebrated, not only believed. It must be proclaimed, rejoiced in, loved, and lived. Profess your faith in the Incarnation and seek the intercession of the Virgin Mary. Ask her to pray for you that you may imitate her "Yes" to the will of the Father in Heaven, so that you can continue to bring forth His divine Son in your soul, so that He will continue to be made manifest to the world through you.

Prayer: *Most glorious and ever-virgin Mary, when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to you to announce the coming of God within your virginal womb, you inquired with humility how this could be. The Archangel spoke further, and you assented to this divine mystery with all your heart. Please pray for me, that I may always consent to the will of God in my life so that your divine Son may also be conceived in my soul to continue His saving work of redemption. Mother Mary, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

Source: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/march-25-annunciation-of-the-lord/>

The Stations of the Cross 9-11

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

Ninth station: Jesus falls the third time

Outraged Jesus, by the weakness thou suffered in going to Calvary, give me enough strength to overcome all human respect and all my evil passions which have led me to despise thy friendship.

Tenth station: Jesus is stripped of His garments

My innocent Jesus, by the torment thou suffered in being stripped of thy garments, help me to strip myself of all attachment for the things of earth that I may place all my love in thee who are so worthy of my love.

Eleventh station: Jesus is nailed to the Cross

My Jesus, loaded with contempt, nail my heart to thy feet, that it may ever remain there to love thee and never quit thee again.

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

'To return to heaven there is only one route and that is to admit one's sinfulness and seek to avoid it . To make the decision to avoid it is already to be perfecting one's likeness to God.'

St Gregory of Nyssa (c.335-394)

"Christ has gained for us not only new dignity in our life on earth, but above all the new dignity of the children of God, called to share eternal life with him. Lent invites us to overcome the temptation of seeing the realities of this world as definitive and to recognize that 'our homeland is in heaven' (Phil 3:20)" St. John Paul II (1920-2005)

'Whoever seems to himself to have understood the Scriptures in such a way that he does not build up that double love of God and neighbour has not yet understood.' St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

"Behold, Jesus Christ crucified, who is the only foundation of our hope. He is our mediator and advocate; the victim and sacrifice for our sins. He is goodness and patience itself; His mercy is moved by the tears of sinners, and he never refuses pardon and grace to those who ask it with a truly contrite and humbled heart." St. Charles Borromeo (1538-1584)