

## May 2026 - Eastertide

<b>Sat 9th</b> Bourne		No Mass or Sacrament of Reconciliation this morning  <b>BISHOP PATRICK WILL PRESIDE AT ALL MASSES</b>	
Bourne	6.00 pm	Mass: Vigil of 6th Sunday of Easter	Emma & Lawrence – (on their wedding day)
<b>Sun 10th</b> Bourne	8.45 am	Sunday Mass	Samantha Orpen-Booth RIP
Deeping	10.30 am	Sunday Mass	People of the Parish
<b>Mon 11th</b> Bourne	9.00 am 9.30 am	Rosary Mass: The Martyrs of Nottinghamshire	Steve Hunt, temporal & spiritual needs
	6.00 pm	Mothers' Rosary	
<b>Tues 12th</b> Bourne	9.00 am 9.30 am	Rosary Mass: <b>St Pancras</b> , martyr	Pat Shields RIP
<b>Wed 13th</b>	10.30am	Our Lady of Fatima (Bourne)	Angela Deasy
Deeping	6.00-6.45	<b>Confessions</b>	Visiting priest: Fr Peter Wade Holy Souls (November Dead lists)
Deeping	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass of the Ascension</b>	
<b>Thurs 14th</b> Bourne	9.30 am 10.00 am	Rosary Mass: <b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – Holy Day of Obligation</b>	Visiting priest – Fr Peter Wade People of the Parish
Bourne	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Mass: <b>ASCENSION</b>	The Sick & the Dying
<b>Fri 15th</b> Deeping	9.30am	Mass: Easter Feria <b>Holy Spirit Novena begins today</b>	Holy Souls (November Dead Lists)
<b>Sat 16th</b>		<b>NO MORNING MASS OR CONFESSIONS</b>	Visiting priest this weekend: Fr Michael Vulliamy
Bourne	5.00-5:45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Bourne	6.00 pm	Mass: Vigil of 7th Week of Eastertide	People of the Parish

## SIXTH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE May 10th 2026

### BOURNE & THE DEEPINGS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

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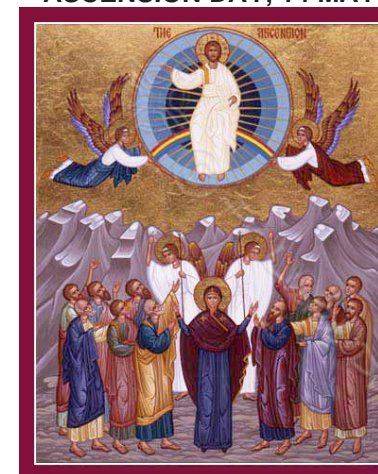
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### ASCENSION DAY, 14 MAY



Source: St Tikhon's Monastery

***“And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”***

*Matthew 28:20*

Nearest Catholic School: St. Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy.

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### **Please pray for all our sick:**

Carole Butler, Brian Canwell, Pam Mackenzie, Jaqueline Walster, 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.

**Please confirm you have permission from the person whose name is being put forward before inclusion on the list of our sick. Thank you.**

### **Finance:**

Weekend collection:

Standing orders for March: £2510. Thank you.

### **Second collection next weekend: Catholic Communications.**

### **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/>

### **Newsletter by email**

Please 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/>

**Date for your** diary - Parish BBQ at Morton House - **5 July 2026**. Tickets on sale after all Masses

### **Holy Spirit Novena – 15 – 24 May**

Beginning on Friday, 15 May straight after Ascension Day and leading up to the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost on 24 May. This novena in honour of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the directions of Our Lord Himself when He sent His Apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena prescribed by the Church.

Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.

The Church grants the following indulgence: "Partial indulgence to those who participate in a public novena before the feast of Christmas or Pentecost, or the Immaculate Conception." (*The Enchiridion of Indulgences*, Issued by the Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary, 1968, #34)

The novena can be found at: <https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/novena-to-the-holy-spirit/>

### **Churches Together, Deeping – Christian Aid Week, 10-16 May**

In support of Christian Aid week, there will be a Scones and Strawberry Tea Afternoon at the **Priory Church**, Deeping St James on **Sunday, 17 May from 2.30 – 4.00 pm**. Suggested donation £2.00. Toys and bric-a-brac stall. Cash only. Please come along and help to 'put hope into action' for those suffering hunger throughout the world. Thank you.

### **Ecumenical May Procession**

In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, taking place on **Saturday 23 May, starting at 2.00pm**. The procession will begin at Our Lady of Lincoln Church, Cabourne Avenue (LN2 2HE) and proceed to Lincoln Cathedral. All are welcome, and clergy and servers are invited to robe.

### **World Youth Day 2027**

All Young Adults are warmly invited to join the Diocese of Nottingham and Pope Leo in Seoul, South Korea, for **World Youth Day 2027**: a week of Encounter and Discipleship with 100,000s of other Young Catholics ready to hear the Lord speak into their lives. For more information please contact [charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk). As numbers are limited please do this by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026.

*"The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying." Pope Leo XIII*

### **Parish Retreat, 23 and 24 May**

We are delighted to announce that Fr Jonathan Cotton is coming to us on **23 and 24 May** to hold a parish retreat. The programmes for the retreat days are as follows:

#### **Saturday 23 May – Preparing for Pentecost – Bourne**

- 9.30 am - Arrivals, refreshments, welcome, music ministry.
- 10.00 am - Talk by Fr Jonathan: 'Introducing the Holy Spirit'.
- 10.45 am - Small groups discussion.
- 11.00 am - Break.
- 11.15 am - Talk by Fr Jonathan: 'Why I need the Holy Spirit'.
- 12 noon - Small groups discussion.
- 12.15 pm - Lunch.
- 1.30 pm - 2.30 pm Adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- 2.30 pm - Talk by Fr Jonathan: 'Come Holy Spirit'.
- 3.00 pm - Invitation for prayer ministry – led by Fr Jonathan.  
Benediction.
- 4.00 pm - Departure.

#### **Pentecost Sunday 24 May – International Sunday – Deeping**

- 10.30 am - Morning Mass, encouraging national dress.
- After Mass - Shared table with national foods prepared by parishioners from different nations.
- 1.30 pm - Prayer and music ministry.
- 1.45 pm - Talk by Fr Jonathan: 'Building a Community for Mission'.
- Followed by - Adoration and Benediction, Fr Jonathan.
- 2.30-2.45 pm - Departure.

Fr Jonathan will be leading both days providing a wonderful opportunity for us all to meet up with fellow parishioners for both spiritual and community support. Thank you.

**“We do not pretend that life is all beauty. We are aware of darkness and sin, of poverty and pain. But we know Jesus has conquered sin and passed through his own pain to the glory of the Resurrection. And we live in the light of his Paschal Mystery - the mystery of his Death and Resurrection. ‘We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!’”** Saint John-Paul II/ St Augustine (Australia, 1986)

### **Visitation of the Bishop this weekend**

We are delighted to welcome Bishop Patrick to our parish this weekend. He will be presiding at each of the weekend Masses and talking to us about the Diocesan 5 year Mission Plan, “Go Make Disciples”. He will be evaluating where we are with our own planning to see how he can support our progress within the parish. He is looking forward to meeting parishioners after every Mass, with tea and coffee being served. In particular, he wishes to listen to parishioners’ own ideas for the parish and answer any questions you may have. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us and that this weekend will be both fruitful and joyful.

#### **Fr Paul away on pilgrimage**

I am making a pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 13 – 20 May. I will keep you all in my prayers while I am away. Taking petitions? Please welcome the visiting priests who will say the Masses on Ascension Day (see below) and Fr Michael Vulliamy who will say the weekend Masses on 15/16 May.

#### **Ascension Day, Thursday, 13/14 May – Holy Day of Obligation**

Please note Mass times with our visiting priest:

**Wednesday, 13 May, Vigil Mass - 7.00 pm Deeping, Fr Peter Wade**  
**Thursday, 14 May, Mass - 10.00 am Bourne, Fr Peter Wade**  
**- 7.00 pm Bourne, Fr Peter Wade**

#### **Drop in for the Rosary**

On Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup> we will be starting a new weekly Rosary prayer group in our church at Deeping St. James. This group will be slightly different in that it will be a drop-in Rosary prayer group. It will start at 7.00pm and finish by 9.00pm. You can arrive or leave at any time. This means that you can come along when and as it suits you. You can come and say one Hail Mary, a decade or stay for the whole two hours. It is entirely up to you. We hope to see you there.

**Our Lady of Fatima requested the daily recitation of the Rosary at every one of her six apparitions to the three shepherd children in 1917, emphasizing it as a key means to attain peace, end World War 1, and save souls. The Rosary is a powerful tool to destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies. She identified herself as the Lady of the Rosary in her final appearance on October 13<sup>th</sup> 1917.**

### **Latest Message from Medjugorje, 25 April 2026**

“Dear children, I am praying for you and encourage you to a new life, a life in joy and prayer. May the Holy Spirit fill you, little children, with joy so that you may be like a spring of pure and drinkable water; that you, little children, may be in God and with God missionaries of love and peace. Your life is short here on earth and that is why I am with you to lead you towards Heaven. Thank you for having responded to my call. ”

### **Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for May**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

### **A reflection on the Ascension of the Lord**

In the Resurrection, our Lord Jesus Christ was given back to His beloved Mother and to his nearest followers, and His presence was once more amongst them. He spoke with them and ate and drank with them. He walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus; and Thomas, who had doubted, was granted the privilege of placing his fingers in the print of the nails, his hand within the wounded side.

By the bitter passion and death upon the Cross, Jesus had redeemed the human race; by His Resurrection and His continued living, bodily present as a man amongst men, he fulfilled the prophecies and gave the last astounding and overwhelming proof that God the Son had indeed become incarnate, and had all power of the Godhead in His hands.

But after forty days the disciples were left ... Yet Jesus did not leave them desolate. He had left them His very self in the precious legacy of the Most Blessed Sacrament, which He had instituted on Maundy Thursday. Moreover, he promised them the Comforter, the descent of the Holy Spirit.

We may have sometimes envied the disciples their privileges: that they looked on Jesus, whereas we can only do so by the eye of Faith, and in our Holy Communion it is not given to us to pierce the humble disguise of bread and wine. But on this day the Church, through the liturgy, tells us: “Glorify the King of Kings, and sing a hymn.”

The Ascension is perhaps one of the most unselfish of our feasts of rejoicing. We feel almost as though we were those very men of Galilee who looked up, saddened and bewildered, as their beloved master disappeared into the heavens. Then we unite our hearts with His divine heart, which suffered so much for our sakes, and we rejoice unselfishly with that heart,

and we know that the home-going of Jesus is the presage of our reunion with him for ever in eternal bliss.

Source: *Mary G Dewar, 'Holy Days', Burns, Oates and Washbourne, 1948*

### **Prayers for Ascension Day**

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
*Trad.*

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May I be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for me. And may I do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace! And remembering this glorious event, help me to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father!

Source: <https://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/ascension-day-prayer.html>

### **Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima**

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

### **Prayer for vocations**

Father you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you. Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers. Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

(Source: <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayers-vocations>)

***“No prayer is more rewarding for the soul and more glorious for Jesus and Mary than the Holy Rosary when it is well said.”***

St Louis de Montfort