

**May 2026 - Eastertide**

<b>Sat 16th</b> Bourne		<b>NO MASS OR RECONCILIATION THIS MORNING</b>	
Bourne	<b>5.00-5.45 pm</b>  6.00 pm	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> Mass: Vigil of 7th Sunday of Easter	Visiting priest for weekend Masses and confession, Fr Michael Vulliamy  People of the parish
<b>Sun 17th</b> Bourne	8.45 am	Sunday Mass	Children and youth of the parish
Deeping	10.30 am	Sunday Mass	Tim O'Flaherty RIP
<b>Mon 18th</b> Bourne	6.00 pm	<b>NO MASS</b> Mothers' Rosary	
<b>Tues 19th</b>		<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Wed 20th</b> Bourne	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>NO MORNING MASS OR SACRAMENTS</b> Mass: St Bernadine of Siena (opt. memorial)	Gordon McDermott RIP
<b>Thurs 21st</b> Bourne	9.30 am 10.00 am 10.45-11.45am	Rosary Mass: St Christopher of Magallenes (opt. memorial) Exposition and Sacrament of Reconciliation	Elizabeth Helena Deasy RIP
<b>Fri 22nd</b> Deeping Bourne	9.30am 2.15-3.30 pm	Mass: St Rita of Cascia (opt. memorial) Flame of Love Rosary and Chaplet	The sick and the dying
<b>Sat 23rd</b> Bourne	<b>8.15 am</b>	<b>Mass: Easter Feria</b> <b>NO CONFESSIONS TODAY</b>	Protection of the unborn
Bourne	<b>9.30am-4 pm</b>	<b>Parish Retreat</b>	
Bourne	6.00 pm	Mass: <b>VIGIL OF PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	People of the parish

**SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE**  
**May 17th 2026**  
**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY**

**BOURNE & THE DEEPINGS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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

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**CONGRATULATIONS SEARLE!**



**Benemerenti Medal awarded to Searle by Bishop Patrick, 9/5/26.**

"Well done, good and faithful servant." *Matt 25:21-23*

Nearest Catholic School: St. Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy.  
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Website: [www.st-augustine.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.st-augustine.lincs.sch.uk)

### **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 sick list. Thank you.**

### **Finance:**

Weekend collections: 2/3 May: £237; Clergy Development Fund: £50.  
9/10 May: £427.

Standing orders for March: £2510. Thank you.

### **Second collection today: 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/>

## **Searle Clark – Benemerenti Medal**

We offer huge congratulations to Searle on receipt of his very well-deserved honour, the Benemerenti Medal. This was awarded to him, following Papal approval, by Bishop Patrick last Saturday, 9 May at the Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion Renewal Day in Lincoln.

Searle has dedicated his life to the service of the Church. In our Diocese, since moving to Deeping St James in 1978, he has contributed in ways too numerous to mention here. Briefly, these include volunteering for the Men's Action Group, the PPC in various roles, and Churches Together (Deepings), for which he organises Ecumenical services. He became an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in 1985 and EM Commission rep in 1987, organising retreat days, annual renewals, various consultations and training literature. He has also produced the Commission newsletter since 1991.

As a stalwart of our parish and Diocese, he has embraced other roles too. He plays an active part in record keeping for the parish and maintaining the archives to preserve our history for current and future parishioners. He has also produced a Book of Remembrance. Searle is part of the very fabric of our parish, still fulfilling his long-standing roles and putting God at the centre of his service. We offer him our sincere thanks for all he has done and continues to do, including all the unseen work, known fully to God! We pray for abundant blessings on him and his family.

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### **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.



## **Monthly Fundraising Draw - Mega Half Year, 10 May 2026**

Held after 10.30 Mass at Deeping. Numbers drawn by Georgina Hitchcock accompanied by Carol Cooper holding numbers bag. Peggy O' Flaherty called out winning numbers and names, Maureen James observing.

155 purchased numbers were in the numbers bag for the May draw 2026.

The winning numbers and names are:

1st prize – £135.00 – no. 120 Heather Shead

2nd prize - £ 75.00 – no. 36 Sandra Buck

3rd prize - £ 45.00 – no. 121 Maria Panizo Kiszka.

4th prize - £ 24.00 – no. 23 Graham Williams

Congratulations to the winners this month. A very big thank you to everyone who purchased a number or numbers. Next Draw **Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026** at Bourne after 18.00 Mass. Your loyalty and support is never taken for granted and is truly appreciated. May God Bless you.

## **Fr Paul away on pilgrimage**

I will return from the Medjugorje pilgrimage on Wednesday, 20 May, and will say Mass in Bourne that evening at **7.00 pm**. I will keep you all in my prayers while I am away. Please welcome Fr Michael Vulliamy who will say the weekend Masses on 16/17 May.

## **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.

## **The Parish BBQ**

This is being held on **Sunday 5th July, 1-4pm at Morton House**. Price of tickets £10 per adult and £5 per child to include all food and drinks. I will be selling tickets after Bourne Masses. If you are normally at Deeping Mass, please ring or text me to reserve your ticket. Thanks.

Gill: 07504 760958.

*“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 next weekend, **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.

We are keen to have a good attendance on these days, so please try and make a commitment to come along. 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.

*“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

### **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 Pentecost**

It is well to think of what we have in our power. “*Veni*,” coming from the heart, compels the attention and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Prayer is an unseen power, but one of the most real and infallible things in the whole of creation. We can speak heart to heart and mind to mind with God, and God can never fail to understand and respond.

Among prayers, probably few are more powerful, and certainly none are more easy, than those which consist of a single word, in which we can concentrate the full little force of our mind and will to reach God. Such a word as “*Veni, Sancte Spiritus*” (Come, O Holy Spirit) is a complete prayer, that is an arrow-prayer cast, flung, shot from our souls to God; an aspiration, an upward sigh of the soul. It is an act of Faith, Hope, Desire – it is, in fact, as a prayer just whatever we choose to make it, different for each one, but for all, infallibly certain in its effects.

*Source: Janet Erskine Suart: Prayer in Faith*

### **Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love. Send forth Thy Spirit O Lord, and they shall be created, and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

### **Annual Day for Life – Sunday, 21 June - Novena**

The Novena in preparation for the Day for Life begins on Saturday, 23 May until Sunday, 31 May. This is the third year in which the Dioceses of

England and Wales will join with those of Scotland and Ireland to pray this Novena. The Novena can be found at: <https://prayforlife.ie/>

### **Preserving Human Voices and Faces – Pope Leo XIV (Extract)**

‘Although AI can provide support and assistance in managing tasks related to communication, in the long run, choosing to evade the effort of thinking for ourselves and settling for artificial statistical compilations threatens to diminish our cognitive, emotional and communication skills. In recent years, artificial intelligence systems have increasingly taken control of the production of texts, music and videos. This puts much of the human creative industry at risk of being dismantled and replaced with the label “Powered by AI,” turning people into passive consumers of unthought thoughts and anonymous products without ownership or love. Meanwhile, the masterpieces of human genius in the fields of music, art and literature are being reduced to mere training grounds for machines.

...Renouncing creativity and surrendering our mental capacities and imagination to machines would mean burying the talents we have been given to grow as individuals in relation to God and others. It would mean hiding our faces and silencing our voices.’

Full Papal message for 60<sup>th</sup> World Communications Day at:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/communications/documents/20260124-messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html>

### **Our Lady of Fatima**

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.

### **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>