

April 2026 - Eastertide

Sat 4th Bourne	10.00 am	Polish Blessing of Food	
Bourne	8.30 pm	EASTER VIGIL	People of the parish
Sun 5th Bourne	8.45 am	EASTER DAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Sunday Mass	Holy Souls
Deeping	10.30 am	Sunday Mass	James and Betty Hughes
Mon 6th Bourne	9.00 am 9.30 am	Rosary Mass: Monday in Octave of Easter No Mothers' Rosary today	Hazel Hayward RIP
Tues 7th Bourne		NO MASS TODAY	
Wed 8th Deeping		NO MASS, EXPOSITION OR CONFESSIONS TODAY	
Thurs 9th Bourne	9.30 am 10.00 am	Rosary Mass: Thursday in Octave of Easter	James C.O. Emekwue RIP
Fri 10th Deeping Bourne	9.30 am 2.15-3.30 pm	Mass: Friday in Octave of Easter Flame of Love Rosary and Chaplet	The sick and the dying
Sat 11th Bourne	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.30-11.30am	Rosary Mass: Saturday Octave of Easter Sacrament of Reconciliation	Protection of the unborn
Bourne	6.00 pm	Mass: Vigil of 2 nd Week of Eastertide (Divine Mercy Sunday)	People of the parish

EASTER SUNDAY April 5th 2026 First Week of Eastertide

BOURNE & THE DEEPINGS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

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(If your call requires prompt attention or is confidential, Fr Paul can be contacted on 07773 207974)

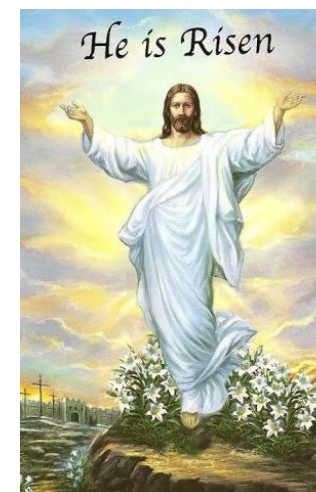
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Facebook: Bourne and Deeping Roman Catholic Parish

Instagram: [bourneanddeepingcatholics](https://www.instagram.com/bourneanddeepingcatholics)



'Source: Catholic For Life

'For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.' (Jn 20:9)

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:

Carole Butler, Brian Canwell, Julie Wolfarth, 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.

Finance:

Weekend collection: £343. CAFOD:£40. Donation: £40.

Standing orders for February: £2096

Gift Aid for 2023/24 back claims and for the financial year 2024/25:

Bourne: £2000, Deeping: £1013. Thank you.

Easter collection – for personal contributions to Fr Paul. Envelopes available. If you wish to send your Easter gift via online banking, please use the ref **Easter gift** so that we can pass it on to Fr Paul. Thank you.

Easter flowers donations – these will be most gratefully received and any donations will also go to towards church flowers throughout the year.

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.

Radio Maria England

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

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.

Flower arrangers

An appeal please for anyone who enjoys arranging flowers. Volunteer numbers are down currently due to illness, family and work commitments. Please contact the parish office by email or phone if you are interested in helping. Thank you.

Holy Hour for the Dignity of Life – Sunday, 19 April 4.30 pm

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will hold a **Holy Hour to pray for the promotion of a culture of life in our lands**. Parishes and Catholic communities across England and Wales are asked to hold a Holy Hour on that day, and even at the same time if possible, so as to present a unified, prayerful front to offer this petition to Our Lord for the dignity of life from conception to natural end and to pray that assisted suicide will not become law.

Peaceful Public Act of Witness

This is held once a year by Nottingham SPUC in memory of the 10 million lives lost to abortion since the passage of the 1967 Abortion Act. This involves standing silently holding a poster up to passing traffic. The date for this year's witness is **Saturday 25th April from 10.00am until midday**. The venue is Trent Bridge, Nottingham. If you are saddened by the injustice of abortion and the harm it does to women, and would like to take part, please meet at 9.55am on the north side of the bridge, next to the Brewhouse and Kitchen. Posters will be provided. For more information contact pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Vacancies:

Programme Leader

Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service (NDCYS) is looking for a new **Programme Leader** to be based at The Briars Retreat Centre in Crich, Derbyshire: a place with over 50 years of history and a clear sense of purpose. This is an exciting opportunity for an emerging leader to develop both existing provision and new ways of enabling young people to encounter God, grow in discipleship, and participate in the mission of the Church, through residential and day retreats, outreach to schools and parishes, and online engagement. For more information visit ndcys.com/job-vacancies

Regional Community Engagement Officer – Stella Maris

For the North of England to strengthen connections with parishes, schools, and local communities, raising awareness of the charity's work, building relationships with clergy and lay leaders, and growing support through fundraising, prayer, and volunteering. This is an opportunity to expand Stella Maris across the North of England, supporting seafarers and fishers by engaging communities to take action and make a tangible difference. For an application pack contact recruitment@stellamarismail.org; the deadline for applications is Sunday 19th April.

Gender and Faith: Accompanying Young People Well

Hosted by the Diocesan Education Service on **Thursday 23rd April** at the Diocesan Centre, Mackworth DE22 4BD. Led by Dr Julia Sadusky between **11.30am and 2.00pm**, and open to all, especially those accompanying young people at the intersection of questions of embodiment and spirituality. Cost £25. Bookings can be made by contacting gill.burns@nottingham-des.org

“All who seek the Son of man will see him in the Feast of Easter as a true Lamb, sacrificed for the world’s salvation. On the Cross, Jesus died for each one of us. The Cross, therefore, is the greatest and most eloquent sign of his merciful love, the one sign of salvation for every generation and for all humanity.”

Saint Pope John Paul II

Easter message from Fr Paul

I send joyous and holy Easter blessings to all parishioners and your families on this glorious feast of Christ's Resurrection. May you experience the joy of the risen Christ and the hope of salvation through his sacrifice on the Cross. Thank you to everyone who attended the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Easter services and Masses. Sincere thanks to those who helped in any way to prepare and participate in our Liturgies. I am truly grateful for your help and support. Fr Paul.

Easter Offering

In Catholic tradition, the Easter collection is commonly used as a personal gift to the parish priest. It is received with much gratitude. If you wish to send your **Easter gift** via online banking, please use the ref Easter gift so that we can pass it on to Fr Paul. Envelopes also available. Thank you.

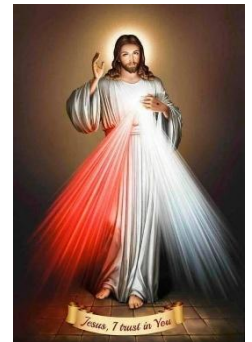
Divine Mercy Sunday

The celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy will be held at **Our Lady of Lincoln and St. Guthlac Church, Deeping St. James next 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.



Latest Medjugorje Message, 25 March 2026

“Dear children, The poison of selfishness and hatred rules human hearts and that is why you do not have peace. I am calling you, little children: be love and my extended hands to all those whom you meet. In humility, pray for peace and work on reconciliation among people, so that it may be good for every person on earth. Thank you for having responded to my call. ”

Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for April

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Reflections on Easter Sunday, St John Paul II

In the liturgical season running from Easter to Pentecost, the Church is recollected in contemplation of the risen Christ. Thus she relives the primordial experience that lies at the basis of her existence. She feels imbued with the same wonder as Mary Magdalen and the other women who went to Christ's tomb on Easter morning and found it empty. That tomb became the womb of life.

Whoever had condemned Jesus, deceived himself that he had buried his cause under an ice-cold tombstone. The disciples themselves gave into the feeling of irreparable failure. We understand their surprise, then, and even their distrust in the news of the empty tomb. But the Risen One did not delay in making himself seen and they yielded to reality. They saw and believed! Two thousand years later, we still sense the unspeakable emotion that overcame them when they heard the Master's greeting: "Peace be with you."

The Church is based on their extraordinary experience. The first proclamation of the Gospel was nothing other than the testimony of this event: "This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses!" (Acts 2:32). The Christian faith is so linked with this truth that Paul did not hesitate to declare: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain" (1 Cor 15:14). Along these lines the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ a faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community, handed on as fundamental by Tradition; established by the documents of the New Testament; and preached as an essential part of the Paschal mystery along with the cross" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, n. 638).

Christ's Resurrection is the strength, the secret of Christianity. It is not a question of mythology or of mere symbolism, but of a concrete event.

It is confirmed by sure and convincing proofs. The acceptance of this truth, although the fruit of the Holy Spirit's grace, rests at the same time on a solid historical base. On the threshold of the third millennium, the new effort of evangelization can begin only from a renewed experience of this Mystery, accepted in faith and witnessed to in life.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?id=5634>

“In the Sacrament of Penance, the simple confession of one’s guilt is presented with confidence in God’s merciful goodness. It is important to do this without falling into scruples, with the spirit of trust proper to the children of God. In this way confession can become an experience of deliverance, in which the weight of the past is removed from us and we can feel rejuvenated by the merit of the grace of God who each time gives back the youthfulness of the heart.” **Pope Benedict**

From Holy Scripture

‘Christ, as we know, having been raised dead, will never die again. Death has no power over him anymore.’ (Rom.6.9.)

‘Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things which are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth.’ (Col.3.1-2)

‘But God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. (Eph.2.4-6)

‘We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.’ (Thess.4.12-13,17)



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