

January 2025			
Sat 4th Bourne	9.00am 9.30am	The Rosary Mass: Feria	Protection of the Unborn
Bourne	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass of: The Epiphany (Solemnity)	People of the Parish
Sun 5th		Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Sunday Mass Sunday Mass	
Bourne Deeping	8.45am 10.30am		Holy Souls Eugeniusz Hudzik RIP
Mon 6th Bourne	8.00am Followed by	Mass: Monday after Epiphany The Rosary	Fr Brian McGilloway RIP (Brentwood)
Tues 7th Bourne	9.00am 9.30am	The Rosary Mass: St Raymond of Penafort	Raymond Lloyd and Lloyd Family deceased
Wed 8th Deeping	9.30am 10.30am	Adoration and Confessions Mass: Wednesday after Epiphany	Fr Olindo Cramaro RIP (East Anglia)
Thurs 9th Bourne	9.30am 10.00am 10.45-11.45 am	The Rosary Mass: Thursday after Epiphany Exposition and Sacrament of Reconciliation	The sick and the dying
Fri 10th Bourne	11.00am	Funeral Mass of Bridget Roberts RIP	Bridget Roberts RIP
Bourne	2:15-3.30pm	Flame of Love Rosary and Chaplet	
Sat 11th Bourne	9.00am 9.30am	The Rosary Mass: Saturday after Epiphany	Protection of the Unborn
Bourne	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass of: The Baptism of the Lord.	People of the Parish



THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE January 5th 2025 The Second Week of Christmastide

BOURNE & THE DEEPINGS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

Readings Sunday Cycle Year C, the Weekday Cycle is Year 1

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The Solemnity of the Epiphany

The wise men fell down, worshipped Him
and laid their treasures at His feet.

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Our 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

The Jubilee Hymn

Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people,
find a light within your Word.
Scattered fragile sons and daughters
find a home in your dear Son.

Chorus

*Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.*

Verse 2

God, so tender and so patient,
dawn of hope, you care for all.
Heav'n and earth are recreated
by the Spirit of Life set free.

Verse 3

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing,
for our God is born in time.
Son made man for you and many
who will find the way in him.

Donations through website

We are currently working on a temporary solution to online donations. Donations can be made through the diocese website, when prompted to leave a message please write: **Bourne and Deeping RC Parish**, this will ensure that the donation is allocated to our Parish. Thankyou.

Finance:

Last Sunday's Collection: £356, Kitchen takings Bourne £45, New Missals: £58

Email address for the newsletter and website additions

Please forward what you would like to be included by **Wednesday** to bdrcpweb@gmail.com Thank you.

Get Jubilee ready

Join CAFOD online on **Saturday 18th January 2025** from 10.30am until 12.00 noon for **Get Jubilee Ready**, a general introduction to the Jubilee Year with some special guests. Hear what Jubilee years all are about, how we're celebrating as a global and national Church, and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. Visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/a-year-of-hope-an-introduction-to-the-jubilee-year>

School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies

Reception class -children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021. The deadline for submitting applications for a school place is **15th January 2025**. Application forms are available on 'home' Local Authority websites. For every Catholic school application where a child is to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion there should also be a supplementary information form, completed and returned to the school by the deadline; these forms are available from the LA and the school. Applicants must also include the supporting evidence as required with this form, e.g. baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable; contact the parish of baptism for a copy if needed, in good time). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean the child is ranked in a lower criterion, which may affect the chance of a place.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who prepared our churches for Christmas and for all those involved in any way in our Christmas services. Thank you again for all your lovely cards, Christmas greetings, presents and your generous Christmas offerings which are all very much appreciated. Fr Paul

The First Reconciliation / First Holy Communion Course

will begin again this coming Thursday evening **January 9th** at 6.00pm finishing at 7.15pm. All the children are expected to attend and to arrive in good time. Fr Paul

Are you planning to get married in 2025?

Please remember that the Church requires six months' notice of your intention to marry, and official documentation needs to be completed for our diocese. This also includes all those who intend to get married abroad.

The Pope's Message for the New Year

is available on the Nottingham Diocesan website and more widely on the internet.

The Holy Father's Intention for January: For the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better future, might always be respected.

Word on Fire UK Bible Conference:

Bishop Robert Barron will be hosting the Conference at the Excel Centre, East London, **on Friday 21st until Saturday 22nd of February**. Thousands of Catholics from across the UK and beyond are anticipated to participate in this opportunity to gain a deeper appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures and their relevance to the Church's mission today. For more information and to register, visit: www.wordonfire.org/the-bible-event

Is God calling me to be a priest?

Do you feel that God might be calling you to the priesthood?

If so, please contact Fr Neil Peoples - Vocations Director at vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk to book a place at the next discernment meeting.

Taking place in Cathedral House, Nottingham after the 10am Mass on Saturday 11th January

The Jubilee Prayer

God our Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, awaken in us this Jubilee Year a missionary heart for the coming of your Kingdom.

May the gift of your grace transform us, Pilgrims of Hope, into your missionary disciples, blessed with the gifts and talents you give us.

Strengthen us to share our Saviour's message of love, joy, and peace with all the people we meet this year, so that we may help build up your Kingdom on earth. To you our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be glory and praise for ever and ever. Amen.

The Funeral Mass for Bridget Roberts RIP will be celebrated in Bourne at 11.00am on Friday **January 10th**. The Service of Reception will take place the evening before at 4.30pm.

Churches Together in Deeping – Event

Please join us for a United Church Service on Sunday the **19th of January 2025** at 6pm. It will be held at the Open Door Church, 5 Spalding Road, Deeping St James PE6 8 NJ

Please pray for all our sick

Danielle Heath, Yvonne D'Cruz, Ruth Tibbs, Lorena Zalyte, Vivien Robinson, Molly McDermott, Bernard Westwood, Philip Constantine, Sarah McDermott, Toni King, Julie Wolfarth, Caroline Pope, Therese Greville, Odessa Lodge, Bobby Kane, Maria Berry, Rose Starkey, Audrey Hazeldine, Grace Gamble, Coryn Nixon, Bernie Emery, Searle Clark, Anne Watson, Jo Tarpey, Gill Krender, Maria, Josie Gentry, 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, Catherine Dooley, Susan Pullen and Pam Manville.

If you would like someone else's name included on the sick list and have received their permission, then please email Fr Paul.

Christian Unity Service in our Church at Bourne Sunday January 26th

4.00pm

Please join us for a United Church Service at Sacred Heart and St Gilbert's Church at the above time and date. A planning meeting needs to be arranged very soon for this event. Fr Paul to contact interested parties.

A reflection on the Epiphany

The Epiphany can be looked on as a symbol for our pilgrimage through life to Christ. The feast invites us to see ourselves in the Magi – a people on a journey to Christ. Today's Gospel also tells us the story of the encounter of the Magi with the evil King Herod. This encounter demonstrates three reactions to Jesus' birth: hatred, indifference, and adoration:

Hatred:

King Herod considered Jesus a potential threat to his kingship. Herod the Great was a cruel and selfish king who murdered those who threatened him.

Fearing the news the Magi bring him, Herod becomes destructive, and he gives the order to massacre all newborn male infants.

Today, many oppose Christ and his Church because of their selfish motives, evil ways and unjust lives. Children still have "Herods" to fear. In the United States alone, one and a half million innocent, unborn children are aborted annually.

Indifference

The scribes, the Pharisees, and the Jewish priests knew that there were nearly 500 prophecies in the Hebrew Scriptures concerning the promised Messiah. They were able to tell Herod the exact time and place of Jesus' birth. They were in the habit of concluding their reading from the prophets on the Sabbath day by saying, "We shall now pray for the speedy arrival of the Messiah."

Unfortunately, they were more interested in their own selfish gains than in discovering the truth. Hence, they refused to go and see the child Jesus — even though Bethlehem was quite close to Jerusalem.

Today, many Christians remind us of this group. They practise their religion from selfish motives, such as to gain political power, prestige and recognition by society. They ignore Jesus' teachings in their private lives.

Adoration and offering

This group was composed of the shepherds and the Magi. The shepherds offered the only gifts they had, love, tears of joy, and probably woollen clothes and milk from their sheep.

The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, were following the star that Balaam had predicted would rise along with the ruler's staff over the house of Jacob (see Numbers 24:17). They offered gold, in recognition of Jesus as the King of the Jews; frankincense, in acknowledgment that He was God, and myrrh as a symbol of His human nature.

Like the Magi, let us offer Jesus our gifts on this feast of Epiphany.

The first gift might be friendship with God. After all, the whole point of Christmas is that God's Son became one of us to redeem us and call us friends. God wants our friendship in the form of wholehearted love and devotion.

The second gift might be friendship with others. This kind of friendship can be costly. The price it exacts is vulnerability and openness to others. The good news, however, is that, in offering friendship to others, we will receive back many blessings.

A third gift might be the gift of reconciliation. This gift repairs damaged relationships. It requires honesty, humility, understanding, forgiveness and patience.

The fourth gift of this season is the gift of peace: seeking God's peace in our own lives through prayer, the Sacramental life and daily meditation on the Word of God. It is out of humble gratitude that we give Him from the heart our gifts of worship, prayer, singing, possessions, and time. As we give our insignificant, little gifts to God, the good news is that God accepts them! Like the Magi offering their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we offer what we have, from the heart, in response to what that Child has given to us – Himself.

(adapted from inside the Vatican)