

December 15th 2024 The Third Sunday of Advent

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Sat 14th Bourne Bourne	9.00am 9.30am 10.30 – 11.30am 6.00 pm	The Rosary Mass: St John of the Cross Sacrament of Reconciliation Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent – JOY	Protection of the Unborn People of the Parish
Sun Dec 15th Bourne Deeping	8.45am 10.30am	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass	Holy Souls Pat Moore RIP
Mon 16th Bourne	9.00am 9.30am	The Rosary Mass: Feria	Bernard Sykes RIP
Tues 17th Bourne	9.00am 9.30am	The Rosary Mass: Feria	Joyce Honniball RIP
Wed 18th Deeping	9.30 – 10.15am 10.30am	Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass: Feria	The Sick & the Dying
Thurs 19th Bourne	9.30am 10.00am 10.45-11.45 am	The Rosary Mass: Feria Exposition and Sacrament of Reconciliation	Ethan Shead
Fri 20th Deeping Bourne	9.30am 10.00 am 2:15-3.30pm	The Rosary Mass: Feria Flame of Love Rosary and Chaplet	Bridget Roberts RIP
Sat 21st Bourne Bourne	9.00am 9.30am 10.30- 11.30pm 6.00 pm	The Rosary Mass: St Peter Canisius Sacrament of Reconciliation Vigil Mass of the 4 th Sunday of Advent - LOVE	Protection of Unborn children People of the Parish

BOURNE & DEEPINGS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

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Gaudete Sunday

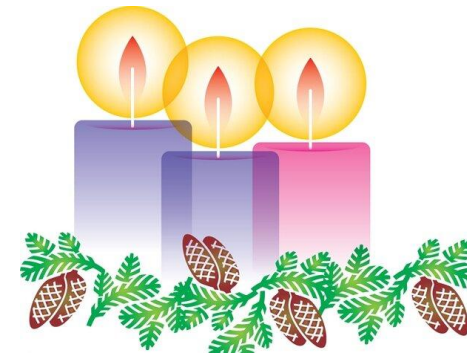


Image source: St Mark the Evangelist episcopal church

The Shepherd's Candle

Symbolising our joyful anticipation of the birth of Jesus as the Shepherds rejoiced on their journey to greet him.

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

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.

Christmas 2024 Mass Times

Christmas Eve

Deeping 5pm: Family Mass

Bourne 10pm: "Midnight" Mass

Christmas Day

Bourne 8.45am

Deeping 10.30am



Please note the time and places of Christmas Masses this year.

Finance:

Last Sunday's collection: £355; Christmas Fair: £1517.91; Bourne Repository £434; Votive Candles: £32.68; Advent Booklets: £23.30
Thank you.

Second Collections:

This weekend 14th-15th Dec. Poor and Needy Parishes.

The Funeral Mass for Bridget Roberts RIP will take place in Bourne at 11.00am on Friday January 10th. The funeral service for Patrick Moore will take place at Peterborough Crematorium on Monday January 30th 3.00pm. May they rest in peace.

Donations through website

Please note that the donation facility through our website is currently unavailable as the Dioceses are changing collection providers from PAYA to Stripe. We will let you know when it is up and running again.

Opening the Church in Deeping during Advent

The church in Deeping will be open on Tuesday mornings from 10am, for private prayer, quiet reflection and general visits. This will start next week on **Tuesday 26th November** and continue until Christmas Eve.

Please take the opportunity to spend a little extra time in church during this special season of the year. If you could also pass on the message to others who may not read this newsletter that would be greatly appreciated, whether they are parishioners or not.

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.

Email address for the newsletter.

The email address for Newsletter additions is bdrcpweb@gmail.com
Please forward what you would like to be included by **Wednesday**.
Thank you.

Facebook: Bourne and Deeping Roman Catholic Parish

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100093409421877>

Website: www.bourneanddeepingrc.org.uk

Additions for website to bdrcpweb@gmail.com



The Jubilee Year 2025

The Pope will open the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica on **Christmas Eve 2024** signalling the start of the Jubilee year. It will remain open until the **6th of January 2026** when the year will come to an end.

Bishop Patrick will open the Jubilee in our diocese with a special Mass at the Cathedral on **Sunday 29th of December**.

We are asked to pray the Jubilee prayer at each Mass from that day onwards.

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>

Spiritual Sustenance

"There is one last thing that the Infant Jesus requires of each of us. No-one else can know what it is but we know well what he wants. There is bound to be some resolution which we have formed many times in the past but, have never properly fulfilled because it cost us too much. Let us not refuse Jesus this sacrifice, for he has loved us so much that he has sacrificed himself entirely for us. As a result of this meditation, let us, at last, put this resolution into effect, with generosity and firmness." *Cardinal Antonio Bacci (1885-1971)*

"Nothing restrains anger, curbs pride, heals the wound of malice, bridles self-indulgence, quenches the passions, checks avarice and puts unclean thoughts to flight as does the name of Jesus." *St Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)*

"Those who have received the Good News and who have been gathered by it into the community of salvation can and must communicate and spread it." *Pope St Paul VI (1897-1978)*

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer.

Very often it happens that we do not pray, we don't feel like praying, or many times we pray like parrots, with the mouth, but our heart is not in it. This is the moment to say to the Spirit: "Come, come Holy Spirit, warm my heart. Come and teach me to pray, teach me to look to the Father, to look to the Son. Teach what the path of faith is like. Teach me how to love and, above all, teach me to have an attitude of hope."

Confessions before Christmas

It is important that we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) before Christmas. So, to facilitate this there are some additional slots for those who wish to celebrate this grace-filled sacrament. They are as follows: Friday 20th 4-6pm Bourne, Saturday 21st 4.30-5.45pm Bourne (Fr Dominic O'Connor), Monday 23rd 4.30-6.30pm Deeping. The usual times on the weekly timetable will also be available.

First Reconciliation / First Holy Communion Course

This week's lesson will be on Tuesday 17th at 6.00pm instead of Thursday because of the Christmas Concert is on that evening.

Christmas Cupcake Workshop - THIS MONDAY

Come and enjoy an evening full of festive fun decorating cupcakes, you don't need to be an expert cake decorator as a professional baker will be on hand to guide you. Everything will be provided including cupcakes to decorate, all the decorations, icing and buttercream and boxes to take them home in and much more. In addition to this A Hot Chocolate Station and nibbles will be included. Please come along to help kick start the festive season on **Monday 16th December at 6.45pm** at Our Lady of Lincoln and St Guthlacs Church, Hereward Way. The cost for all of this will be £35pp. If you are interested, please call Carol Cooper on 07890 674002

Christmas Carol Concert -THIS THURSDAY

This year the Christmas carol concert will take place on Thursday the **19th of December** at 7pm in Bourne. Volunteers for readings or singing are needed. Please support this popular event. Bourne choir will be rehearsing for the event on Wednesday evenings at 6pm. All welcome

100 Club — Our Parish Fundraiser. Peter Taylor

The Monthly Draw was held on Saturday Night 7th December 2024, at Bourne Parish Church, after the 18.00 Mass, in the Children's room. Brought forward from the Sunday due to my grandson's birthday in Hitchin, Hertfordshire. The Numbers were drawn by Fr Paul, accompanied by Sandra Buck who was holding the numbers bag, Peter Taylor was observing, Martin Fletcher, called out the winning numbers, and names. 146 purchased numbers were in the numbers bag for December Mega Draw 2024.

The winning numbers and names are:

1st - Prize - £135.00 – Number 83 – Mary Reeves.

2nd -Prize - £70.00 - Number 40 – Alicja Clark.

3rd -Prize - £40.00 – Number 124 – June Tamburrini.

4th – Prize - £17.80 – Number 88 – Margaret Risk

Congratulations to the winners this month. A very big thank you to everyone who purchased a number or numbers, for the start of the 100 Club's New Year 2023-2024 for Our Parish Fundraiser. Why not join the fun of the 100 Club and help raise much needed parish funds and maybe win some money!! Forms are available in the 100 Club folder in the porch of both Churches.

Looking forward to receiving your form in time for the January Draw 2025, after all if you are not in it, it's impossible to win it!! Then the Joining closes till October 2025

The next 100 Club draw will be in January 2025 draw, held at Deeping Parish Church on Sunday 12th January 2025 after 10.30 Mass in the refreshment area.

Once again, a very big thank you for your loyalty and very much needed parish funds.

It is never taken for granted and is truly appreciated. May God Bless you for supporting your parish

Christening of Vilte Gabriele

We are happy to write that little Vilte Gabriele was baptised last Saturday in Bourne at Midday. We welcome her to our Christian family. Please pray for Vilte Gabriele and her parents Sonata and Kestutis

Reflection for the Third Sunday of Advent

Today we celebrate "**Gaudete Sunday**", the Third Sunday of Advent. The Latin word *Gaudete* means "Rejoice!" On this Sunday, we take a short hiatus from the mostly penitential, sombre nature of Advent and rejoice in the nearness of the celebration of Christmas. To signal this, rose vestments may be worn by the celebrant, instead of the typical violet for Advent. One may also note that the third candle on the Advent wreath is rose coloured. Rose signifies joy. Thus, today's second reading calls us to "rejoice always." Christian joy goes beyond a mere emotion and, therefore, supersedes circumstances. The joy we have in Christ can remain regardless of what challenges we are facing in life. That is because we know God is in control of our circumstances. He is "faithful," as Paul says. Therefore, we can "rejoice always" and "in all circumstances give thanks" because we have hope in God. Still, in order to experience the fullness of this joy, the Apostle Paul indicates that we must obey God. We must listen to the Spirit of God and "refrain from every kind of evil." We are called to be "perfectly holy." This is the true path to joy: sanctity. Following God's will and allowing His grace to transform us leads to true happiness. Let us, therefore, seek Him, trust Him, and obey Him to find the deep joy that can only be found in God.

(Taken from the reflections of St Joseph's Church, Marion)

Cafod are offering an online advent calendar of daily prayer and reflection, to join sign up on their website.

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar>

Amen – the free Catholic app and **Hallow** the American app have also put together a series of prayers and thoughts for this Advent season.

Persecuted Christians and Modern Slavery

ACN (UK) has launched an **Open Letter Campaign** calling on Foreign Secretary David Lammy to make persecuted religious communities priority recipients of UK Overseas Development Aid (ODA). They need your help to reach their goal of 10,000 signatures, which will trigger a response from the Government. Please sign their open letter today: <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/red-wednesday-advocacy-letter>. Together, we can help Christians and other religious minorities trapped in modern slavery, extreme poverty and worse.