

| February 2025                           |                                     |  |                                    |
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| <b>Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Feb</b><br>Bourne | 9.00am<br>9.30am                    | The Rosary<br>Mass: <b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b>   | Protection of the Unborn           |
| Bourne                                  | 10.30-11.30                         | Sacrament of Reconciliation  |                                    |
| Bourne                                  | 6.00 pm                             | Vigil Mass of <b>the Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas (Feast)</b>   | Sylvia Brown RIP                   |
| <b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup></b><br>Bourne     | 8.45am                              | <b>Presentation of the Lord</b><br>Sunday Mass <b>Candlemas (Feast)</b>  | People of the Parish               |
| Deeping                                 | 10.30am                             | Sunday Mass: <b>Candlemas (Feast)</b>  | Anne Nott                          |
| <b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup></b><br>Bourne     | <b>9.00am</b>                       | Mass: <b>St Blaise martyr</b>  | Michael Van Der Weyden             |
| <b>Tues 4<sup>th</sup></b><br>Bourne    | <b>8.30am</b><br><b>9.00am</b>      | The Rosary<br><b>Patron Saint of Our Parish</b><br>Mass: <b>St Gilbert of Sempringham</b>                                | The Children & Youth of our Parish |
| <b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup></b><br>Deeping    | 9.30-10.15am<br>10.30am             | Exposition and Sacrament of Reconciliation<br>Mass: <b>St Agatha, virgin and martyr</b>                                  | Holy Souls                         |
| <b>Thurs 6<sup>th</sup></b><br>Bourne   | 9.30am<br>10.00am<br>10.45-11.45 am | The Rosary<br>Mass: <b>St Paul Miki &amp; companions, martyrs of Japan</b><br>Exposition and Sacrament of Reconciliation | Celia Bermingham RIP               |
| <b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup></b><br>Deeping    | <b>9.30am</b>                       | Mass <b>feria</b>  | The Sick & the Dying               |
| Bourne                                  | 2:15-3.30pm                         | Flame of Love Rosary and Chaplet   |                                    |
| <b>Sat 8<sup>th</sup></b><br>Bourne     | 9.00am<br>9.30am                    | The Rosary<br>Mass: <b>St Josephine Bakhita, virgin</b>  | Protection of the Unborn           |
| Bourne                                  | 10.30-11.30                         | Sacrament of Reconciliation  |                                    |
| Bourne                                  | 6.00 pm                             | Vigil Mass of <b>Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>   |                                    |



## THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE February 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 The Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

### BOURNE & THE DEEPINGS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

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## The Feast of The Presentation of The Lord

*"When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord." Luke 2:22*

Our nearest Catholic School

St. Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy. Tel: 01780 762094

Email: [enquiries@st-augustine.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-augustine.lincs.sch.uk)

Website: [www.st-augustine.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.st-augustine.lincs.sch.uk)

## **Prayer before Mass - St Thomas Aquinas**

Almighty and ever-living God, I draw near to the sacrament of Your only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I come sick to the physician of life, unclean to the fountain of mercy, blind to the light of eternal brightness, poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth.

So I ask You, most generous Lord: graciously heal my infirmity, wash me clean, illumine my blindness, enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness.

May I receive the Bread of angels, the King of kings and Lord of lords, with such reverence and humility, such contrition and devotion, such purity and faith, and such resolve and determination as may secure my soul's salvation. Grant as I may receive not only the visible, sign of the Lord's Body and Blood, but also all the reality and the power of the sacrament.

Grant, most kind God, that I may receive the Body of Your only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, which He received from the Virgin Mary, and may receive it in such a way that I become a living part of His Mystical Body and counted among His members.

Loving Father, as on my earthly pilgrimage I now receive Your beloved Son under the veil of a sacrament, may I one day see Him face to face in glory, who lives and reigns with You forever and ever. Amen

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

Danielle Heath, Yvonne D'Cruz, Anne Nott, 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.

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

## **Finance:**

Last Sunday's Collection: £306, New Missal: £20 Cafod: £16.36



**Last Sunday's Christian Unity Service** at our church was very well attended despite the bad weather.

There was some good feedback from those who attended including those from other Christian churches.

At the Last Supper Jesus prayed for the unity of his Church:

*"Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Holy Father, I pray not only for these (the Apostles), but for those also who through their words will believe in me. May they all be one. Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me." John 17:20-21*

## **You Can Help Your Marriage**

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped because it only makes it worse? Retrouvaille has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about the next programme which will be presented on Zoom, **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** please email: [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk), telephone 07887 296983, or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

## **Bishop Patrick warmly invites all married couples**

to Saint Barnabas Cathedral (NG1 5AE) on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February** when we will celebrate Mass at 3.00pm to mark the **Jubilee of Marriages**. The Bishop will lead a Renewal of Vows during the Mass, impart a special Jubilee Blessing, and afterwards host a Reception in Cathedral Hall. All married couples (and their families) are very welcome to attend, especially those recently married, and those celebrating significant anniversaries this Jubilee year.

## **Email address for the newsletter and website additions**

Please forward what you would like to be included by **Wednesday** to [bdrpweb@gmail.com](mailto:bdrpweb@gmail.com) Thank you.

## **NDCYS - events**

Next week, the Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service (NDCYS) is bringing The Briars to a parish near you! They will be at Our Lady of Lourdes, Mickleover on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February and **Our Lady of Lincoln, Lincoln on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**. Come and hear about the exciting opportunities at the Youth Service, the skills you will gain and how these opportunities will help you to discover God's call. For more information visit [www.ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities](http://www.ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities) or email [events@ndcys.com](mailto:events@ndcys.com)

On **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**, Youth2000 is running a day retreat for all young adults (18-35) at The Briars, Crich, DE4 5BW. The day will include lunch and dinner, inputs, prayer, and Mass with Bishop Patrick. To purchase a ticket and find out more visit:

<https://youth2000.churchsuite.com/events/eo9c6nuj> and for more information contact: [charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk).

On **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February** Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass at Saint Barnabas Cathedral at 10pm for Young Adults (18-35) making use of the beautiful lighting in the Cathedral for 'Nottingham Night Light'. If you would like to support the Mass in any way, eg reading, serving, welcoming, then please contact [charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

## **Kid's bulletin**

The kid's bulletin is available for download from our website.

This is a weekly bulletin written around the theme of the Gospel and contains fun facts and activities to help children grow in their faith and understanding.

It can be found via the link below

<https://www.bourneanddeepingrc.org.uk/children/>

## **The First Reconciliation / First Holy Communion Course**

Continues on Thursday at 6.00pm finishing at 7.15pm. All the children are expected to attend and to arrive in good time. Fr Paul

## **February 2<sup>nd</sup> is the traditionally the day**

when we pray for those living the **Consecrated Life**. If you would like to explore what Consecrated Life means, you are invited to join the Sisters in Matlock for a cup of tea and informal chat on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** between 2.30pm and 4.30pm, at the Presentation Convent, Matlock, DE4 3FT. Just turn up.

## **Fish and chips quiz supper – THIS FRIDAY**

We will be holding a quiz with fish and chip supper at **7pm on Friday 07/02/25** in Bourne. Tickets will be on sale after the weekend masses, cost £10 pp. Teams of six. If you don't have a ready-made team, you will be able to join others on the night. Small prize for the winning team.

## **Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes Tuesday February 11th**

In the Catholic Church this is World Day for the Sick and a Day of Special Prayer for the Sick. There will, therefore, be a **Service of the Sacrament of the Sick** for those in our parish who would benefit from it. This will take place at our church in Bourne on Tuesday February 11th at 3.30pm. Because the Sacrament of the Sick is administered in this service one does need to be a Catholic to receive it. Volunteers are needed to give lifts to the elderly, sick and housebound. Please arrive by the latest at 3.20pm to avoid school traffic. We could have tea/coffee etc. afterwards if people want it and if there are volunteers to organise it.

## **Choral concert at Deeping Church, Saturday 22 March**

- message from Rob Page My London-based choir, the Universities in London Church Choir (ULCC), is coming up to do a concert of sacred music at our church in Deeping on Saturday 22 March (7:30pm). Tickets are £7. If you wish to reserve a ticket, please email [robpage1986@gmail.com](mailto:robpage1986@gmail.com).



### **St Gilbert of Sempringham**

Gilbert was born in Sempringham, England, into a wealthy family, the son of a Norman knight. Sent to France for his higher education, he decided to pursue seminary studies.

On returning to England, he chose to not to inherit his father's estates but live a simple life sharing everything with the poor.

Following his ordination to the priesthood he served as parish priest at Sempringham. Among the congregation were seven young women who had expressed to him their desire to live in religious life. In response, Gilbert had a house built for them adjacent to the Church.

There they lived an austere life, but one which attracted ever more numbers; eventually lay sisters and lay brothers were added to work the land. The religious order formed eventually became known as the Gilbertines, the only religious order of English origin founded during the Middle Ages, and it continued to thrive until King Henry VIII suppressed all Catholic monasteries.

Over the years a special custom grew up in the houses of the order called "**the plate of the Lord Jesus.**" The best portions of the dinner were put on a special plate and shared with the poor, reflecting Gilbert's lifelong concern for less fortunate people.

Throughout his life, Gilbert lived simply, consumed little food, and spent a good portion of many nights in prayer. Despite the rigors of such a life he died at well over the age of 100.

St Gilbert is patron saint of Lincolnshire and of our parish.

St Gilbert of Sempringham pray for us. Amen.

### **Word on Fire UK Bible Conference:**

Bishop Robert Barron will be hosting the Conference at the Excel Centre, East London, **on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> until Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.wordonfire.org/the-bible-event)

### **Jubilee Year of Hope**

Today the Diocese of Nottingham celebrates the Jubilee of Religious. We pray for all the clergy and those who have dedicated themselves to the religious life.

### **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.

### **Saint Josephine Bakhita**

The feast day of Saint Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of victims of human trafficking and modern slavery, takes place **on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February.**

There are 50 million victims of human trafficking across the world and as many as 130,000 in the UK, hidden in plain sight in your neighbourhood. Pope Francis describes human trafficking as "blood money" and a "crime against humanity". We are all called to combat this evil trade.

To find out more and what you can do, go to [santamartagroup.org/resources](http://santamartagroup.org/resources)