

December 7th 2024 The Second Sunday of Advent

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Sat 7th Bourne Bourne	9.00am 9.30am 10.30 – 11.30am 6.00 pm	The Rosary Mass Sacrament of Reconciliation Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Advent – PEACE	Protection of the Unborn Zygmantas & Augustina
Sun Dec 8th Bourne Deeping	8.45am 10.30am	Second Sunday of Advent - PEACE Sunday Mass Sunday Mass	People of the Parish Catherine and Stanley Zalewski RIP
Mon 9th Bourne	9.00am 9.30am	The Rosary Mass: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)	The sick and the dying
Tues 10th Bourne	9.00am 9.30am	The Rosary Mass: Anniversary of the Dedication of Sacred Heart & St Gilbert's Church (Solemnity)	Holy Souls
Wed 11th Deeping	9.30 – 10.15am 10.30am	Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass: St Damasus -Pope	Pauline Leonardi RIP
Thurs 12th Bourne	9.30am 10.00am 10.45-11.45 am	The Rosary Mass: Our Lady of Guadalupe Exposition and Sacrament of Reconciliation	Ashton Hunt (Birthday)
Fri 13th Deeping Bourne	9.30am 10.00 am 2:15-3.30pm	The Rosary Mass: St Lucy, Virgin and martyr Flame of Love Rosary and Chaplet	Liza Shah (For good health)
Sat 14th Bourne Bourne	9.00am 9.30am 10.30- 11.30pm 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 Unborn children People of the Parish

BOURNE & DEEPINGS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

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Image source: Church of St Mary Illinois

The Bethlehem Candle

Symbolising the journey of preparations made for the birth of the Christ Child, Jesus, bringer of Peace to the world

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: £391, Morton House-Parish Fundraiser: £740, 100 Club Subs: £73, Thank you.

Second Collections:

This weekend "Retiring Collection"- collection for Christmas flowers.
3rd Sunday of Advent 14th-15th Dec. Poor and Needy Parishes.

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.

If you have a couple of hours to spare to look after the church at any other time when it is not already open for mass, so that others can visit, please consider doing so. You never know someone may just step inside, maybe out of curiosity and find themselves making a first tentative step to a life within the church. If you can help, please speak to Mark Currier.

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

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.

Churches together in Deeping Event

Wine tasting, nibbles and Quiz event at the Green School (opposite St Guthlacs Church Market Deeping) **on Saturday 7th December**
7.30-9pm Tickets £12 from Julie Bacon nandjbacon@btinternet.com

Can you help?

A Partially sighted, elderly lady, in our parish is looking for a **set of Rosary beads** with large beads and also **small crib** to go on her mantlepiece to show her grandchildren. Please let Fr Paul know.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer.

To God who blesses, we too respond by blessing — God has taught us how to bless and we must bless — through the prayer of praise, of adoration, of thanksgiving. The Catechism writes: “The prayer of blessing is our response to God’s gifts: because God blesses, the human heart can in return bless the One who is the source of every blessing”

Christmas Cupcake Workshop.

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 year the Christmas carol concert will take place on Thursday the **19th of December** at Bourne. Start time to be confirmed. 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

First Reconciliation / First Holy Communion Class

The last week of term we have the Christmas Concert at Bourne church on Thursday 19th so we cannot have our lesson that evening. Rather than lose this lesson I would like to re-arrange it for earlier in the week, to either Monday 16th or Tuesday 17th, both at 6.00pm. Please text Fr Paul (07773 207974) with your preference, include your name. We also want to establish a WhatsApp group for the parents of the children on this course. Please let Fr Paul know if you agree to your name and mobile number being included in this group. Fr Paul

Christening this Saturday 7th December

We are happy to write that little Vilte Gabriele will be baptised this Saturday in Bourne at Midday. Please pray for Vilte Gabriele and her parents Sonata and Kestutis.

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.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who helped, donated and attended our very successful Christmas Fair last weekend. We raised a total of **£1513.81**

Congratulations to:

Raffle First prize Hamper – Sue Harrower

Raffle on the day hamper – David Reeves

Number of golf balls (169) – Sue Harrower

Number of Tees (414) – Ted Sexton

Weight of the cake (6lb 12oz) – Ingrid Canwell

Guess the year? (1954) – Lesley Sheer.

And to our many other prize winners, we hope you enjoy your treats.

The Wisdom of the Saints and Christian writers

“We should not accept in silence the benefactions of God but return thanks for them.”

“Each one according to his own ability, should be a pattern of goodness to others.” St. Basil the Great

“As a camel kneels before his master to have him remove his burden at the end of the day, so kneel each night and let the Master take your burden.”
Corrie ten Boom (1892-1983)

Reflections for Advent Week two – Peace

Advent is the time of waiting, a time of preparation, a time to rejoice. Advent is a time of hope. The prophet Malachi encourages us to pay attention to the promise that the messenger will come who will announce the coming of the one who loves us.

Malachi tells us that God makes us able to receive his great love. God sent messengers and prophets such as John the Baptist. But most importantly, he sent his only son, Jesus Christ. We, the people whom God loves, need to be prepared to see and to receive such great love. Advent is that time which gives us the opportunity to become pure by seeing ourselves and the conversion that needs to happen, or the change that is necessary to receive the Lord, whom we are seeking.

Malachi calls us to rebuild our relationship with God. This theme is found in both the Old and New Testaments: that we build our relationship with God and one another by becoming more purified in our loving.

St. Luke's Gospel speaks to us of the history of humankind, noting that God always takes the first initiative to love us, to save us. God encourages us, ensures us, even though we are crooked, and our path is not straight. We are weak, and many times we are unable to be God-like. But God always loves us by inviting us to come near to him and to be comforted in the greatness of his love.

Even though we are in a time of war, political unrest, climate change, conflict and so on, God's forgiveness and love overflow to us all the time. Let us be thankful always, as St. Paul encourages us in his letter to the Philippians. During this Advent, let us allow ourselves to be open to experience God's graciousness in our lives.

Sister Taposi (Gomes), CSC www.cscsisters.org/2024-advent-reflections

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.

Second Sunday of Advent – The Gift of Your presence: Peace
the Gift of Your Presence: Peace - Catholic Bishops' Conference

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 this day onwards.

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.

Prayer cards are available in our churches, or this prayer can be found on our website www.bourneanddeepingrc.org.uk/prayers/