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TWELFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Week IV of the Psalter (June the 25th - July the 1st)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Lea Small, Elizabeth Melling, Melanie Tiernan, Shirley Kirkham, Paddy Shillington, **Ann Selby**, Margaret & Robert Gwynne, Kevin Keeley, Mary & Roger Norburn, Peter Endean, Anthony McCarthy, Jim Ellison, Judith Brook, **Sally Shillington**, Catherine Keeley, Pam Stephens and **Fr Adrian Convery**. Also, from Mablethorpe, Laura Guest, Odessa Louise-Therese, John Thompson, Shaun Hewson, Bill Smith, Winnie Copp, Owen Jenkinson, Joan Gowling and Peter Kedian.

Those who have died: Please remember Michael Leary (+) and Roger Dygas (+) of Louth, and Irene Bray (+) of Mablethorpe; and their families at this difficult time for them. Mr. Leary's funeral will take place this week and Mr Dygas' the week after. RIP.

NOTICES

- We must have all heard of **the great evil that overtook Nottingham City** in the middle of last week, with multiple homicides, etc. Please keep in your prayers all concerned, especially the grieving families of the deceased. May they rest in peace.
- The Diocese invites us to... 'Share your opinions with us! In preparation for our 175th anniversary in 2025, we are developing a strategy to enable our parishes, schools, and chaplaincies to be better supported in their mission. As announced a few months ago, as a first step, we are conducting a consultative phase, to develop the most effective plan. Gathering a cross-representation of opinions, via an e-survey, this process is designed to gauge reaction to our spiritual themes, funding priorities, assess our ability to raise additional funds and consider key fundraising aspects. We value your feedback as we carry out this important piece of work, and ask that you please take a moment to read an overview of our plans before responding to this short survey. Visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/ news/survey to view the overview and complete the survey.'



- Are you a parent or carer of a school aged child, wishing to **know more about the Catholic faith**? Starting in the Academic Year 2023-2024, the Diocese offers *Belief in Brief*, a space for parents to meet online for an hour, twice every half-term to explore a different aspect of the Catholic faith. More information and book at www.bookwen.com/nrcdes.
- Please note that there is now **an hour of confessions** and simultaneous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturdays at Louth, after the 9.30 Mass.
- Please note the new URL of the parish website, which I have now freed from random ads all over. Instead of ending in 'wordpress.com,' it now ends with '.uk.' I am working to gradually improve the website, so that it becomes a one-stop news site for the two parishes, complete with all service timings. There will always be a large button somewhere to download this sheet. Fr. K.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday the 25th 09.30 at Louth 11.30 at Mablethorpe	Sunday XII of Ordinary time	Masses offered for the People of the parishes
Monday the 26th	Ferial	
Tuesday the 27th	S. Cyril of Alexandria	
Wednesday the 28th 09.30 at Louth	S. Irenaeus	For the sick and dying of both parishes
Thursday the 29th 09.30 at Louth 11.30 at Mablethorpe	Ss. Peter and Paul	For the person of the Holy Father, and his intentions
Friday the 30th	The first martyrs of the Holy Roman church	
Saturday the 1st 09.30 at Louth	Our Lady's Saturday	For medical staff, especially our own Catholic doctors and nurses
Sunday the 2nd 09.30 at Louth 11.30 at Mablethorpe	Sunday XIII of Ordinary time	For the People of the parishes

SUNDAY XII OF ORDINARY TIME

Christians are called to martyrdom for Christ | How much are we prepared to give for Him?

Zeal for Thy house

"It is for Thy sake that I have met with reproach, that I have so often blushed with confusion, an outcast among my own brethren, a stranger to my own mother's children. Was it not jealousy for the honour of Thy house that consumed me; was it not uttered against Thee, the reproach I bore? What more could I do? I humbled myself before them by fasting; that too was matter for finding fault..." - Psalm 68 (69): 8-11

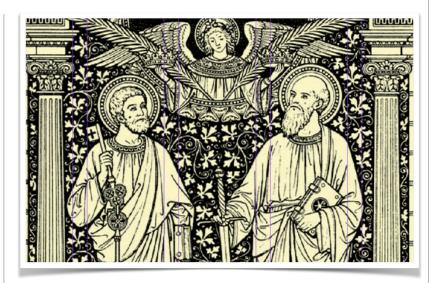
Grace follows

"Our Lord and Saviour lifted up His voice and said with incomparable majesty, 'Let all men know that grace comes after tribulation. Let them know that without the burden of afflictions it is impossible to reach the height of grace. Let them know that the gifts of grace increase as the struggles increase..." - the visions of S. Rose of Lima

Way of the Cross

"For Jesus Christ I am prepared to suffer still more. And let us not forget that Jesus not only suffered, but also rose in glory; so, too, we go to the glory of the Resurrection by way of suffering and the Cross." - S.

Maximillian Kolbe



For Your sake, I suffer...

There are many points of resemblance between the prophetic mission of our Lord and that of the Hebrew prophets, and especially this weekend in the way the prophet Jeremiah was persecuted and entrapped. He had been busy telling the king of Judah and the nobles in Jerusalem that they were in grave error and had to turn back to God and be destroyed. He was imprisoned and several times near execution. In the gospel reading, we can see Christ instructing his priests to follow in His own footsteps and be new Jeremiahs, fearlessly calling out the priests and the leaders of the people. It is a call to martyrdom, and one which would have echoed in the ears of the martyrs of the Church of every age. We are in the midst of pilgrimage season, and this Sunday the Diocese remembers S. Ralph Sherwin at Rodsley, near Derby. Last week, we had the feast day of S. John Fisher and S. Thomas More. All of them defended the Church against the king. This week we honour the Apostles S. Peter and S. Paul. We are to be proud of the name of Christian, as we confess publicly to Christ.

