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THIRTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Week I of the Psalter (July the 2nd - July the 9th)

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, for Mablethorpe, James Byrnes, 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 Sister Justine Mulcahy PBVM (+); 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

- Next weekend, we mark **Sea Sunday**. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, or by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460, to donate £5. This collection enables Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.'
- 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.

- The Diocesan Youth Service is hosting a FUNdraiser Day at The Briars, Crich (DE4 5BW) on Sunday 9th July. All are very welcome to come along for Mass (with the Bishop) at 10.00, and then enjoy a day filled with fun, excitement, and the spirit of giving. Your presence and support will be invaluable in helping us make a positive impact in the community. More information on the poster at the back of church, or contact Hannah (hannah_brown@ndcys.com).
- 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, for anybody who is interested, **we have added an instagram (social media) account** for the parishes, for random photography around our area. The details are above.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday the 2nd 09.30 at Louth 11.30 at Mablethorpe	Sunday XIII of Ordinary time	Masses offered for the People of the parishes
Monday the 3rd 10.00 at Louth	Apostle S. Thomas	Funeral service for Mr. Roger Dygas (+).
Tuesday the 4th 10.00 at Mablethorpe	S. Elizabeth of Portugal	For the faithful departed of both parishes
Wednesday the 5th 10.00 at Louth	S. Anthony Mary Zaccaria	For the sick and dying of both parishes
Thursday the 6th	S. Maria Goretti	
Friday the 7th	Ferial	
Saturday the 8th 10.00 at Louth	Our Lady's Saturday	For medical staff, especially our own Catholic doctors and nurses
Sunday the 9th 09.30 at Louth 11.30 at Mablethorpe	Sunday XIV of Ordinary time (Sea Sunday)	For the People of the parish at Louth; for Bill Bryant (+) at Mablethorpe

SUNDAY XIII OF ORDINARY TIME

The Religious life is the closest approximation to the Gospel | the life of a Religious Sister is prophetic

Dying with Christ

"In our baptism, we have been buried with Him, died like Him, that so, just as Christ was raised up by His Father's power from the dead, we too might live and move in a new kind of existence. We have to be closely fitted into the pattern of His Resurrection, as we have been into the pattern of His death; we have to be sure of this, that our former nature has been crucified with Him..." - Romans 6: 4-6

Humble repentance

"Through Baptism the Christian is sacramentally assimilated to Jesus, Who in His own baptism anticipates His death and Resurrection. The Christian must enter into this mystery of humble self-abasement and repentance, go down into the water with Jesus in order to rise with Him, be reborn of water and the Spirit so as to become the Father's beloved son in the Son and "walk in newness of life..." - Catechism of the Catholic Church, 537

Death the Water

"Death is the water in which Life is won back: the water 'welling up to eternal life' (Jn 4: 14)." - S. John Paul II, homilies



Hospitality to prophets

We can easily see the link between the first reading this weekend, and the gospel reading: the care of the prophet, as the bearer to the people of the voice of God. This is very evident in the Church today, where we support practically the ministry of the bishops and the priests, and the maintenance of the parish properties. All this has precedence in the prophet Elisha's penthouse suite in the first reading, and in the saying of Christ in the gospel message: that the prophet or the holy man (literally 'saint') and every Christian soul who comes in His name is to be welcomed and served. Let us not let this distract us from the first part of the gospel: giving up everything for the sake of Christ. It is particularly those who give up family and property for the sake of Christ and His gospel that are worthy of the hospitality of prophet and saint mentioned later. Because they have no other means of living, especially in sickness and old age. That type of extreme abstinence, so marked even today in the Religious Orders and the most destitute of our priests, is witnessed in this gospel.

