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FOURTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Week II of the Psalter (July the 9th - July the 16th)

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, Joseph Wilson, 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 Father Kevin Gradwell (+), Sister Justine Mulch PBVM (+) and the Reverend Stephen Doona (+), who died recently. Also, Michael Leary (+) and Roger Dygas (+) of Louth, and Irene Bray (+), Joan Gowling (+) and Patrick Geoghegan (+) of Mablethorpe.

NOTICES

- This 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. Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. You may also donate in church, or by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460, to donate £5.
- 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.
- Talking Philosophy & Theology: a Carmelite Perspective** Zoom meetings in July will be as below, with a break in August, and then starting again in September: Wednesday the 19th of July (Theology) at 20.00; Thursday 13th July (Philosophy) at 13.00. Contact the presbytery for more information.

- Mission Unleashed:** an event with Cardinal Tagle. The Church has a mission, but what is it? And how should we do it? Join CAFOD online for *Mission Unleashed: embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation*, hosted by CAFOD on Friday the 14th of July, at 19:00. Book your place, or receive a recording of the event at www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation.
- Join the diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage from home!** The Diocesan Communications Office will share updates from the pilgrimage which begins on Saturday the 15th July, and live-stream some of the Masses and services. Prayer intentions can also be carried to the Grotto with the pilgrimage. More info: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/lourdesfromhome.
- Annual visit of Our Lady of Penafrancia:** on Sunday the 23rd of July, at 14.00, we shall once more honour Our Lady at Louth S. Mary with the Rosary and the novena. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served as on previous occasions. Contact Myra for more information.
- Please note that there is now **an hour of confessions** and simultaneous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturdays at Louth, after the 10.00 Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday the 9th 09.30 at Louth 11.30 at Mablethorpe	Sunday XIV of Ordinary time (Sea Sunday)	For the People at Louth; for Bill Bryant (+) at Mablethorpe
Monday the 10th	Ferial	
Tuesday the 11th 10.00 at Mablethorpe	S. Benedict of Nursia	For the faithful departed of both parishes
Wednesday the 12th 10.00 at Louth	Ferial	For Marian Land (+), her husband and family
Thursday the 13th 14.00 at Mablethorpe	S. Henry	<i>In requiem</i> for Patrick Geoghegan (+)
Friday the 14th	S. Camillus of Lellis	
Saturday the 15th 10.00 at Louth	S. Bonaventura	For Michael Laggan (+)
Sunday the 16th 09.30 at Louth 11.30 at Mablethorpe	Sunday XV of Ordinary time	For the People of the parish at Louth; for the wellbeing of Mr. J. W. at Mablethorpe

SUNDAY XIV OF ORDINARY TIME

The simplicity of a child in trusting God | Faith precedes Wisdom | Faith seeks understanding

Humility rewarded

"O how true the Lord is to all His promises, how gracious in all His dealings! Prostrate though men may fall, the Lord will lift them up, will revive their crushed spirits. Quietly, Lord, Thy creatures raise their eyes to Thee, and Thou grantest them, in due time, their nourishment, Ready to open Thy hand, and fill with Thy blessing all that lives." - Psalm 144 (145): 13-16

Seeking no honours

"That others may be loved more than I... That others may be esteemed more than I... That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease... That others may be chosen and I set aside ... That others may be praised and I go unnoticed ... That others may be preferred to me in everything... That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should..." - the litany of humility, of Cardinal Merry del Val

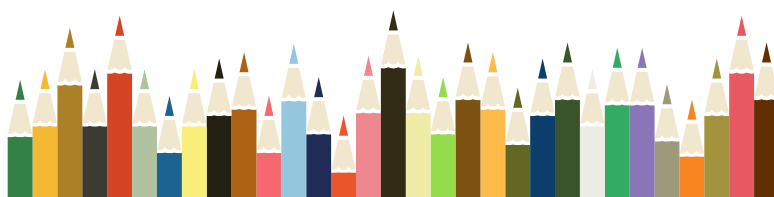
Faith arrives first

"For I do not seek to understand in order to believe, but I believe in order to understand. For I believe this: unless I believe, I will not understand." - S. Anselm of Canterbury



Divine humility

Zechariah's is one of those prophecies of the Old Testament that are very hard to understand, centuries after the fact, but that are crucial for the New Testament, and so for the Church. The Apostles and the early Church used Zechariah very much, and so we are very familiar with some images therein. Such as in our first reading this weekend, which predicts that the Messianic King, the much-awaited Son of David, would arrive triumphant and victorious, but humbly riding into the Holy City on the back of a donkey. How many would-be Messiahs must have attempted this entrance into Jerusalem before our Lord made it famous! So today, we look once more at the humility of the Holy One, Who not only enters His own creation as a human being, but arrives poor and claims His throne not on horseback, but upon a donkey. And, as the gospel message says, He wants to see that humility in us also. The humility of a child is what He treasures and rewards with divine wisdom. As the second reading says, that spirit of humility will also be rewarded with eternal life.



'Thy home is with the humble, Lord...! Thy lodging is in child-like hearts, Thou makes there Thy rest...'