

# Catholic Louth and Mablethorpe

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SEVENTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Week I of the Psalter (July the 30th - August the 6th)

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**For Louth,** 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, Laura Guest, Odessa Louise-Therese, John Thompson, Shaun Hewson, Bill Smith, Winnie Copp, Owen Jenkinson and Thecla Domici.

Those who have died: Please remember Father Kevin Gradwell (+), Sister Justine Mulch PBVM (+) and the Reverend Stephen Doona (+), and James Byrnes (+), who died recently. Also, Michael Leary (+) and Roger Dygas (+) of Louth; and Irene Bray (+), Joan Gowling (+) and Patrick Geoghegan (+) of Mablethorpe.

## NOTICES

- The Holy Father's **World Youth Day** event takes place in Lisbon from Tuesday coming until the following Sunday, and for the first time in many years a group of young adults from the Diocese will attend this event, accompanied by the Bishop himself, and by Fathers Neil, Liam and Limnyuy. World Youth Day is an international gathering of young people together with the Holy Father as a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, and a powerful expression of the universal Church. Follow events at [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/wyd](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/wyd).
- 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](http://www.bookwen.com/nrcdes).
- Let us remember **our Bishop, the Right Reverend Monsignor Patrick McKinney, who has**



**celebrated his forty-fifth anniversary** of ordination this weekend (Saturday). Please keep him in your prayers.

- Healing Service** led by Father Gladson Dabre OSA on Friday the 8th of September at Our Lady of Lincoln Church, Lincoln LN2 2HE, starting at 18.00 with Mass. Experience healing and restoration through the transforming touch of God's healing grace.
- A pilgrimage to Walsingham is being arranged** on the feast day of the Queenship of the BVM, Tuesday the 22nd of August. This will cost £20 / person, with transport arranged to leave Louth at 7.30 on the day, and leaving Walsingham to return at 16.30. Please contact Myra to book, or for more information.
- Following several requests, from September, I shall begin to **keep the church at Louth open during the week** from 8.00 to 17.00.
- For all who are interested, on Fridays at 15.00, we are beginning a prayer group attached to the **Divine Mercy devotion at Louth S. Mary**.
- Please note that there is **an hour of confessions**, rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturdays at Louth, after the 10.00 Mass.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday the 30th**

09.30 at Louth

11.30 at Mablethorpe

**Sunday XVII of Ordinary time**

For the People of the parish at Louth; for Joan Gowling (+) at Mablethorpe

**Monday the 31st**

S. Ignatius of Loyola

**Tuesday the 1st**

10.00 at Mablethorpe

S. Alphonsus of Liguori

For Joan Gowling (+)

**Wednesday the 2nd**

10.00 at Louth

S. Peter Julian Eymard

For the sick and dying at both parishes

**Thursday the 3rd**

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**Friday the 4th**

S. John Vianney

**Saturday the 5th**

10.00 at Louth

Dedication of the basilica of S. Mary Major

For our medical professionals

**Sunday the 6th**

09.30 at Louth

11.30 at Mablethorpe

**Transfiguration of OLC**

For the People of the parishes at both; for Joan Gowling (+) at Mablethorpe

# SUNDAY XVII OF ORDINARY TIME

True wisdom is Union with the Holy One | Participation in the divine life is of the greatest value

## Wisdom prized

"Precious beyond gold or jewel  
I hold Thy law. Prized be every  
decree of Thine; forsworn be  
every path of evil-doing. Right  
wonderful Thy decrees are,  
hard to read, and well my heart  
heeds them. Revelation and  
light Thy words disclose to the  
simple. Rises ever a sigh from  
my lips as I long after Thy  
covenant." - Psalm 118 (119):  
127-131

## Truth and honesty

"Men could not live with one  
another if there were not  
mutual confidence that they  
were being truthful to one  
another.' The virtue of truth  
gives another his just due.  
Truthfulness keeps to the just  
mean between what ought to  
be expressed and what ought  
to be kept secret: it entails  
honesty and discretion. In  
justice, 'as a matter of honour,  
one man owes it to another to  
manifest the truth.' The disciple  
of Christ consents to 'live in the  
truth,' that is, in the simplicity of  
a life in conformity with the  
Lord's example, abiding in His  
truth. 'If we say we have  
fellowship with Him while we  
walk in darkness, we lie and do  
not live according to the  
truth...' - Catechism of the Catholic  
Church, #2469-2470



## Seeking union with God

The rich man, being rich, often enough simply attempts to be richer. We know this, we see it around us, we may feel that desire for greater wealth ourselves. But the rich man of our first reading today had a different idea. Being the king not of a gigantic empire as those surrounding the Holy Land, but of the tiny nation of Israel, he still desired to be a good and honourable ruler, and he asked for the wisdom to achieve this. The Holy One is overjoyed, because this request is a reflection of His own dynamic of love and justice; He immediately granted Solomon not just the wisdom he requested but the riches and long life he had not. S. Paul observes in the second reading that God does cooperate with and bless the good works of His friends, as He had done with Solomon. The pursuit of divine wisdom in the Old Testament is paralleled with the pursuit of communion with God in the New Testament, and this *holy communion* is the belonging to Holy Church that grants us our Christian identity - this reign of Christ over our hearts that is called the Kingdom of Heaven.



'Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth...'