

# Catholic Louth and Mablethorpe

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## EIGHTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Week II of the Psalter (August the 6th - August the 13th)

### 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 ends this Sunday, and our group of young adults from the Diocese will return with the Bishop. Please continue to pray for all of our young people, most of whom quickly end their regular participation in the life of the Church after secondary school and university.
- Let us remember the **devastation caused in Hiroshima and Nagasaki when atomic bombs were dropped** there, on the 6th and 9th of August 1945, and especially the many Japanese Catholic families that were destroyed in the process. May nuclear weapons never be used again. To learn more about the Catholic peace movement in this country, please visit the Pax Christi website at <https://paxchristi.org.uk>.
- 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.



- 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.
- The Diocese is organising a **Pilgrimage for Women to Lincoln Cathedral** on Saturday the 9th of September. Meet at 10:30 at the Cathedral, with Mass together at 11:00 and lunch together afterwards, and a private tour of this historic church built by our diocesan patron Saint Hugh, and where he was laid to rest. The day should finish by 14:00. Please note that this is an event for those aged 18 and over. For more information and booking visit [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events).
- 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 have begun 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

<b>Sunday the 6th</b> 09.30 at Louth 11.30 at Mablethorpe	<b>Transfiguration of OLJC</b>	For the People of the parish at Louth; for Joan Gowling (+) at Mablethorpe
<b>Monday the 7th</b>	S. Caetan	
<b>Tuesday the 8th</b> 10.00 at Mablethorpe	S. Dominic	For the Faithful departed at both parishes
<b>Wednesday the 9th</b> 10.00 at Louth	<b>S. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</b>	For the sick and dying at both parishes
<b>Thursday the 10th</b> 10.00 at Mablethorpe	<b>S. Lawrence</b>	Vocations to the priesthood/RL
<b>Friday the 11th</b>	S. Clare	
<b>Saturday the 12th</b> 10.00 at Louth	S. Jane Frances de Chantal	For our medical professionals
<b>Sunday the 13th</b> 09.30 at Louth 11.30 at Mablethorpe	<b>Sunday XIX of Ordinary time</b>	For NG (75th ann.) at Louth; for Joan Gowling (+) at Mablethorpe

# THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OLJC

Moses stands for the Law, Elijah the prophecies | the prophecies turn people back to the Law

## Eye-witnesses

"We were not crediting fables of man's invention, when we preached to you about the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, and about His coming; *we had been eye-witnesses of His exaltation*. Such honour, such glory was bestowed on Him by God the Father, that a Voice came to Him out of the splendour which dazzles human eyes; 'This,' It said, 'is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased; to Him, then, listen.' *We, His companions on the holy mountain, heard that Voice coming from heaven...*"

- II Peter 1: 15-18

## Why those two?

"[Moses and Elijah] had willingly stood before tyrants... He brings them forward, that the disciples should emulate their privileges, and be meek as Moses, and zealous as Elijah." - S. John Chrysostom, the *Catena aurea*

## Clothed in light

"Bless the Lord, my soul; O Lord my God, what magnificence is Thine! Glory and beauty are Thy clothing. *The light is a garment Thou dost wrap about Thee*, the heavens a curtain Thy hand unfolds." - Psalm 103(104): 1-2



## The Word of God revealed

This weekend by a coincidence, the feast day of the Transfiguration falls on the Sunday and so is able to ride over the Sunday, filling churches with white, a colour that is vividly described in the gospels by the men who heard first-hand descriptions (from the Apostles Ss. Peter, James and John) of Christ dressed in light. As we see in our second reading this Sunday, S. Peter who was charged with the other two to not reveal this vision until after the Resurrection, was eloquent in his description. The picture above is a stylisation of the Transfiguration event, with the transfigured Christ surrounded by the figures of Moses holding the Ten Commandments (a summary of the Hebrew Law) and Elijah holding a scroll of prophecy. Long ago, Christ not yet in the form of man had given the Law to Moses and the words of the prophecies through men like Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel. Although Elijah left no writings, in the Jewish mind he represented all the prophets. Thus is the Jewish Messiah revealed to the startled Apostles as the fulfilment of Law and Prophecy.



'Be Thou my vision, o Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art...'