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## TWENTY-FIRST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Week I of the Psalter (August the 27th - September the 3rd)

### 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, Diane Benton, and Patricia and Spencer Harvey. 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

- **A visit of the relics of three Saints associated with Scotland** to the Diocese will take place from Sunday the 27th of August: S. Andrew the Apostle, S. Columba, and S. Margaret of Scotland. The locations are Woodthorpe Good Shepherd (near Nottingham) from 8.00 to 18.45 on the 27th; Mickleover OL of Lourdes (near Derby) from 9.00 on the 29th until 10.30 on the 30th; and Ilkeston OL and S. Thomas (near Nottingham) on the 31st.
- **The Holy Father's World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation** takes place on Friday the 1st of September. Leicester *Laudato Si'* Circle warmly invites you to join them in online prayer at 20.30 on the 1st of September; book at [bit.ly/prayforcreation2023](http://bit.ly/prayforcreation2023) by the 30th of August.
- **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.
- The Diocese is organising a **Pilgrimage for Women to Lincoln Cathedral** on Saturday the 9th of September. Meet at 10:30 at the Cathedral, followed by



Mass, lunch and a private tour of the church, finishing by 14:00. Age restriction: 18 and over. For more information: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events).

- **The Woman at the Well, a day of prayer and reflection for women**, is being held on Saturday the 30th of September from 12.15 until 16.00 at The Rosmini Centre, near Leicester. For more information call Paulette at 07825 040375.
- **Join men from across the Diocese of Nottingham for a Day of Fraternity in Leicester.** On Saturday the 7th of October, we will be meeting in Bradgate Park, Leicester, celebrating Mass (10.30, All Saints Church), walking round the park and then going for a pub lunch. Please book (applicants to be 18 years and over only) by the 30th of September at [dioceseofnottingham.uk/events](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/events) or contact [adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk).
- From Friday, the church at Louth will be open **during the week** from 8.00 to 17.00, for silent prayer.
- 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.
- Let us congratulate young Noah and prayer for him and his family; Noah was baptised this weekend.

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday the 27th</b> 09.30 at Louth 11.30 at Mablethorpe	<b>Sunday XXI of Ordinary time</b>	For Christine Dean (+) at Louth; for the People of the parish at Mablethorpe
<b>Monday the 28th</b>	S. Augustine	
<b>Tuesday the 29th</b>	The Passion of S. John the Baptist	
<b>Wednesday the 30th</b> 10.00 at Louth	<b>Dedication of the Cathedral (Nottingham)</b>	Hubert Perera (+, 46th anniv.), and family
<b>Thursday the 31st</b> 10.00 at Mablethorpe	S. Aidan of Lindisfarne	For the Jenkinson family
<b>Friday the 1st</b> 15.00 Divine Mercy	Ferial	
<b>Saturday the 2nd</b> 10.00 at Louth (Confessions afterwards) 18.15 at Louth	Our Lady's Saturday	For our medical professionals; for persecuted Christians
<b>Sunday the 3rd</b> 09.30 at Louth 11.30 at Mablethorpe	<b>Sunday XXII of Ordinary time</b>	For G. P. at Louth (birthday); for the People of the parish at Mablethorpe

# SUNDAY XXI OF ORDINARY TIME

The household of the Church has appointed stewards | the Successor of S. Peter is the chief steward

## Divine government

"How deep is the mine of God's wisdom, of His knowledge; how inscrutable are His judgements, how undiscoverable His ways! Who has ever understood the Lord's thoughts, or been His counsellor? Who ever was the first to give, and so earned His favours? All things find in him their origin, their impulse, the centre of their being..." - Romans 11: 33-35

## Steward of the Word

"The key [of the steward Eliachim in Isaiah 22] represents authority over the house of David. And in the Gospel there is another saying of Jesus addressed to the scribes and the Pharisees, whom the Lord reproaches for shutting off the kingdom of heaven from people (cf. Matthew 23:13). This saying also helps us to understand the promise made to Peter: to him, inasmuch as he is the faithful steward of Christ's message, it belongs to open the gate of the Kingdom of Heaven, and to judge whether to admit or to refuse. Hence the two images - that of the keys and that of binding and loosing - express similar meanings which reinforce one another." - the Holy Father Benedict XVI, homily, 29-Jun-12



## Keys of the Kingdom

The office of the Successor of S. Peter has produced endless controversy, especially in the last few centuries, following the Protestant rebellions. In medieval Europe, the spiritual primacy of the bishop of Rome quickly became political and even in Catholic countries, national governments have pushed back against the authority - and even the spiritual authority - of the Holy Father. We should attempt occasionally to take the office of the Successor of S. Peter back to its origins, to try to understand what Christ meant to do with this particular institution. The first reading demonstrates that the kings of Judah - the descendants of David - had powerful housekeepers, who were entrusted as regents in the king's absence, to manage his affairs. The words used in this reading, from the prophecy of Isaiah, are applied almost word for word by Christ in the gospel reading. After S. Peter's solemn act of faith in Christ, he is appointed regent of the Church on earth, with the authority to govern the disciples of Christ - to open doors that are closed to them, to close those that are open.



'Good Shepherd, Peter, unto whom the charge was given: to close or open ways of pilgrimage to heaven...'