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Twenty-fourth Week of Ordinary Time

Psalter Week IV (17th September – 23rd September)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday the 17 th	Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time	
	18.15 Heather Grierson (+)	S. Mary's
	9.30 People of the parish	S. Mary's
	11.30 People of the parish	S. Joseph's
Monday the 18 th	Feria	
Tuesday the 19 th	S. Theodore of Canterbury, bishop	
	10.00 Faithful Departed	S. Joseph's
Wednesday the 20 th	Ss. Andrew Tae-gon & Paul Ha-sang, Korean martyrs	
	10.00 Sick and dying	S. Mary's
Thursday the 21 st	S. Matthew the Apostle	
	10.00 Vocations to the priesthood & religious life	S. Joseph's
Friday the 22 nd	Feria	
	7.00 Christians of the Holy Land	S. Mary's
	15.00 Divine Mercy Chaplet	S. Mary's
Saturday the 23 rd	S. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)	
	10.00 Medical professionals & carers	S. Mary's
	10.45 Holy Hour of Adoration w/ the Holy Rosary and Confessions	S. Mary's
	18.15 Persecuted Christians	S. Mary's
Sunday the 24 th	Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time	
	9.30 People of the parish	S. Mary's
	11.30 People of the parish	S. Joseph's
	12.45 Confessions	S. Joseph's

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those who are ill:

S. Mary's: 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, Patricia & Spencer Harvey.

S. Joseph's: Joseph Wilson, Laura Guest, Odessa Louise-Therese, John Thompson, Shaun Hewson, Bill Smith, Winnie Copp, Owen Jenkinson and Thecla Domici.

Those who have died recently:

Father Kevin Gradwell (+), Sister Justine Mulch PBVM (+), Rev. Stephen Doona (+), James Byrnes (+).

S. Mary's: Fredrick Weir (+), Michael Leary (+), Roger Dygas(+).

S. Joseph's: Irene Bray(+), Joan Gowling (+), Patrick Geoghegan (+).

SECOND COLLECTION

• This Sunday: **Evangelii Gaudium Sunday**

| • Next Sunday: **NONE**

NOTICES

- ❖ This Sunday has been dubbed **Evangelii Gaudium Sunday**, which is another expression of what we used to call Home Mission Sunday. There will be a second collection after Mass to further enable the spread of the Gospel in our countries - the *home mission*.
- ❖ In preparation for the **Jubilee Year 2025**, the Holy Father has asked the Church to review some of the documents of Vatican II. To that end, Nottingham Deanery is hosting a series of specific talks, open to all:
 - Father Guy Nicholls CO, on Monday the 2nd of October, at OL of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell NG6 9ES, on *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, on the liturgy;
 - Father Richard Ounsworth OP, on Wednesday the 18th October, at Sacred Heart, Carlton NG4 1FP, on *Dei Verbum*, the constitution about scripture.Evenings begin at 19.00 with a talk, followed by questions, and light refreshments, finishing at 20.30.
- ❖ **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> or contact <adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk>.
- ❖ **To celebrate CAFOD's work in our Diocese over the last year**, a short walk and shared picnic is planned for Saturday the 23rd of September. Meeting at 11.30 at the Wollaton 508 Café (NG8 2AE – car parking is £5 all day, card only). RSVP by the 15th of September to <sbarnes@cafod.org.uk>.
- ❖ **S. Mary's, Louth is now open during the week** from 8.00 to 17.00, for silent prayer.
- ❖ There is now a **regular Sunday-vigil Mass on Saturday evening at S. Mary's, Louth**, at 18.15.
- ❖ **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Please note that there is an hour of confessions on Saturdays at S. Mary's Louth, after the 10.00 Mass. At S. Joseph's Mablethorpe, the best I can do at the moment is a period of confessions after the 11.30 Sunday Mass.

SUNDAY XXIV OF ORDINARY TIME

In forgiving, we are to be like God | what good is vengeance | we must show mercy to find mercy ourselves

Be merciful as God is

"Forgive thy neighbour his fault, and for thy own sins thy prayer shall win pardon; *should man bear man a grudge, and yet look to the Lord for healing?* Should he refuse mercy to his fellow-man, yet ask forgiveness; should he think to appease God, while he, a mortal man, is obdurate? Who shall plead for his acquittal?." - Ecclesiasticus 28: 2-5

Saying the Our Father

"...if anyone say the Lord's Prayer while unwilling to forgive his neighbour's trespasses, he lies not, although his words do not apply to him personally: for they are true as referred to the person of the Church, *from which he is excluded by merit*, and consequently he is deprived of the fruit of his prayer. Sometimes, however, a *sinne*" - Summa theological of S. Thomas, II-II, q.83, a.12.

Forgive lesser sins

"...let us speak it in instances. If any one of you shall have committed an adultery, a homicide, or a sacrilege, these greater sins of *ten thousand talents* shall be remitted when you beg for it, if you also shall remit lesser offences to those that trespass against you."

- S. Jerome



True forgiveness

In past Sundays, we were reminded of the office of the Apostles, and so of the bishops and priests who followed them. The essence of that teaching office - the binding and loosing - was the establishment of unity within the community. Our lesson this Sunday concerns managing that community well, something even the Apostles had to struggle with, as we know so well from the Acts of the Apostles and the various letters of the New Testament. The Church has continued to struggle with it. Human communities like to fall into party politics, squabbling, bickering, etc. Our first reading this weekend, from Ecclesiasticus, tells us about the foulness of resentment and anger, and foreshadows the Lord's Prayer when it says that one who shows no pity to another human being cannot easily plead for his own sins. The Gospel message is a prolonged homily on this theme, with a parable to accompany it. As we listen to it, or read it, let us remember the prayer we say daily (privately or publicly) and resolve from the heart to '...forgive those who trespass against us...'



'Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray; through darkness and perplexity, point Thou the heavenly way.'