

# Catholic Louth and Mablethorpe

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## Twenty-Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

Psalter Week II (1<sup>st</sup> October – 7<sup>th</sup> October)

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday the 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> <b>18.15</b> <i>Persecuted Christians</i> S. Mary's <b>9.30</b> <i>Teresa Sweetman (+)</i> S. Mary's <b>11.30</b> <i>Kevin Patrick Sweeney (+)</i> S. Joseph's
Monday the 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b>
Tuesday the 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Feria</b> 18.00 Scripture Study S. Mary's
Wednesday the 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>S. Francis of Assisi</b> 10.00 <i>Sick and dying</i> S. Mary's
Thursday the 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>S. Faustina Kowalska, virgin</b> 10.00 <i>Patricia Ward (+)</i> S. Joseph's
Friday the 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>S. Bruno, priest</b> 7.00 <i>Return of lapsed Catholics</i> S. Mary's 15.00 <i>Divine Mercy Chaplet</i> S. Mary's
Saturday the 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b> 10.00 <i>Medical professionals &amp; carers</i> S. Mary's 10.45 <i>Holy Hour of Adoration</i> S. Mary's w/ the Holy Rosary and Confessions <b>18.15</b> <i>Those suffering financial hardships</i> S. Mary's
Sunday the 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> <b>9.30</b> <i>Oonagh Patricia Keeley (+)</i> S. Mary's <b>11.30</b> <i>Retired priests and their intentions</i> S. Joseph's 12.45 <i>Confessions</i> 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: **CAFOD** (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at S. Mary's, Louth)

• Next Sunday: **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day** and a third, retiring collection for **Prisoner's Sunday**

### NOTICES

- ❖ **Next Sunday** is the **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day** and donations go towards providing medical and practical help to families affected by natural disasters such as the floods in Pakistan.
- ❖ **Next Sunday** is also **Prisoner's Sunday** and a third collection will be taken after the Mass for the prison chaplaincy.
- ❖ I am planning to **restore the parish council at S. Mary's, Louth** with a meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October, at 18.00, at the parish hall. All who would be interested in joining the parish council are invited to attend.
- ❖ This coming Tuesday, at 18.00, we shall begin a series of informal **bible studies** at the parish hall at Louth S. Mary.
- ❖ **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 at S. Mary's, Louth, after the 10.00 Mass on Saturdays. At S. Joseph's, Mablethorpe, there is a period for confessions after the 11.30 Sunday Mass.

### DIOCESAN EVENTS

- ❖ On Saturday, 30th September, an **Ecumenical Prayer Vigil** takes place in Rome, with Pope Francis and representatives of different Christian Communities, to open the **16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops**. We pray for all those involved in the Synod throughout October.
- ❖ The chaplaincy at **HMP Lowdham Grange** has launched an appeal for **knitted hats and gloves** as a nice way to extend care to the male inmates in preparation for the winter. If you would like to contribute or for more information, please contact Fr. Kevin.
- ❖ 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, held at 19.00 and 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.
- ❖ **The Day of Fraternity** for men from across the diocese will take place on Saturday the 7th of October, starting with Mass at 10.30 at All Saints Church, Leicester.

# SUNDAY XXVI OF ORDINARY TIME

God welcomes humility | in Christ, He demonstrates humility | humility produces integrity of heart

## Divine humility

“...each of you must have the humility to think others better men than himself, and study the welfare of others, not his own. Yours is to be the same mind which Christ Jesus shewed. His nature is, from the first, divine, and yet He did not see, in the rank of Godhead, a prize to be coveted; He dispossessed Himself, and took the nature of a slave, fashioned in the likeness of men, and presenting Himself to us in human form; and then He lowered his own dignity...” - Philippians, 2: 3-8

## Humility as a teacher

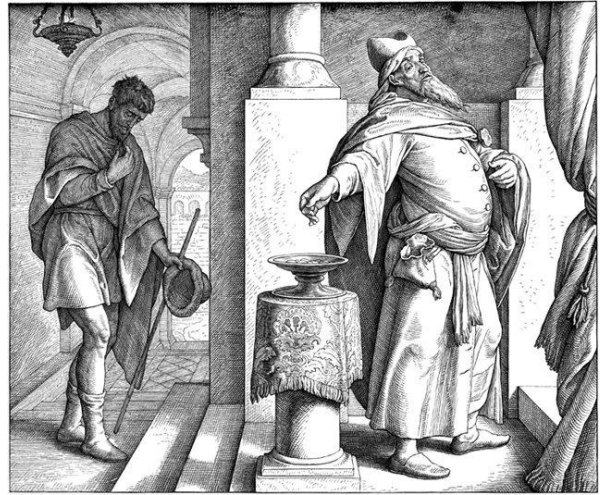
“In humbling Himself, He has given us an example to imitate, through His prayer He draws us to pray, and by His poverty He calls us to accept freely the privation and persecutions that may come our way.”

- Catechism of the Catholic Church, #520

## From humility to charity

“...the Church, although it needs human resources to carry out its mission, is not set up to seek earthly glory, but to proclaim, even by its own example, humility and self-sacrifice. Christ was sent by the Father "to bring good news to the poor, to heal the contrite of heart", "to seek and to save what was lost". Similarly, the Church encompasses with love all who are afflicted with human suffering and in the poor and afflicted sees the image of its poor and suffering Founder.”

- *Lumen Gentium* 8, of Vatican II



## Choice, and hypocrisy

At the very foundation of the moral life for both Hebrews and Christians has been the choice of free minds. So, in the Old Testament, good and evil is established in the Law given through Moses, but there is no force applied by the Holy One Himself to conform. Instead, it is made clear that our choices have real consequences, either for good or for evil. And God invites us to choose good and avoid evil. The things we say or do that are objectively sinful may have grave consequences for ourselves, for those around us, or for both. Sin leads to death, and our choices to continue in sin are destructive of ourselves. But in the earliest days as also today, most of the elect of God find the moral law to be unjust and restrictive of their freedoms. But, in our first reading, the Holy One replies, through the prophet Ezechiel, to say, Do you think that *God* is unjust? Or is persistent sin itself unjust? Elsewhere, God declares that He does not wish sinners to die, but rather that they repent and choose to live. The parable in the gospel story has the same theme of choice, and integrity: the integral man is one who demonstrates with his words and deeds what he is on the inside. The hypocrite of the gospels, on the other hand, pretended to be religious but ignored the call to charity even from John the Baptist, a manifestly holy man. But true devotion to the Holy One, says Christ, is measured by whether or not one follows the commandments, not outward appearances and initial promises. So, the superficially religious, who refused to demonstrate the charity that the Law of Moses required, are contrasted today with the repentant tax collectors and prostitutes, who had left off being public sinners and had accepted the Gospel.