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TWENTY-SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Week II of the Psalter (September the 3rd - September the 10th)

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, **Fredrick Weir (+)**, Michael Leary and Roger Dygas (++) of Louth; and Irene Bray, Joan Gowling and Patrick Geoghegan (++) of Mablethorpe.

NOTICES

- **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.
- **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.

- **The church at Louth is now open during the week** from 8.00 to 17.00, for silent prayer.
- I failed to make mention last weekend, but there is now **a regular Sunday-vigil Mass on Saturday evening at Louth**, at 18.15.
- **I would like to meet with all the various groups of parishioners involved in pastoral service**, such as the extraordinary ministers of holy communion (EMHCs), the readers/lectors, catechists, etc., to renew existing rotas, organise fellowship meetings, and to build up the Catholic presence in our area.
- **I would like to begin visiting the homes of our parishioners**, to get to know all of you better, following my recent appointment to here. I apologise for not having begun this already; I have been trying to take the last three months slowly to overcome exhaustion. I do not wish to descend upon anybody unsolicited, so would prefer you to invite me over.
- 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 3rd 09.30 at Louth 11.30 at Mablethorpe	Sunday XXII of Ordinary time	For G. at Louth (her birthday); for the People of the parish at Mablethorpe
Monday the 4th	S. Cuthbert	
Tuesday the 5th 10.00 at Mablethorpe	Ferial	For the Faithful departed
Wednesday the 6th 10.00 at Louth	Ferial	For the intentions of P. H. And S. H. (for R. M. and J. M.)
Thursday the 7th 10.00 at Mablethorpe	Ferial	For Vocations to the priesthood and R/L
Friday the 8th 07.00 at Louth 15.00 Divine Mercy	Nativity of the BVM	For Christians of the Holy Land
Saturday the 9th 10.00 at Louth (Confessions afterwards)	S. Peter Claver	For our medical professionals
Sunday the 10th 18.15 at Louth (I) 09.30 at Louth (II) 11.30 at Mablethorpe	Sunday XXIII of Ordinary time	For persecuted Christians (I), the People of the parish at Louth (II) and Mablethorpe

SUNDAY XXII OF ORDINARY TIME

Attachment to Christ is vital | Christian mission is drawing people towards a relationship with Christ

To be a Christian

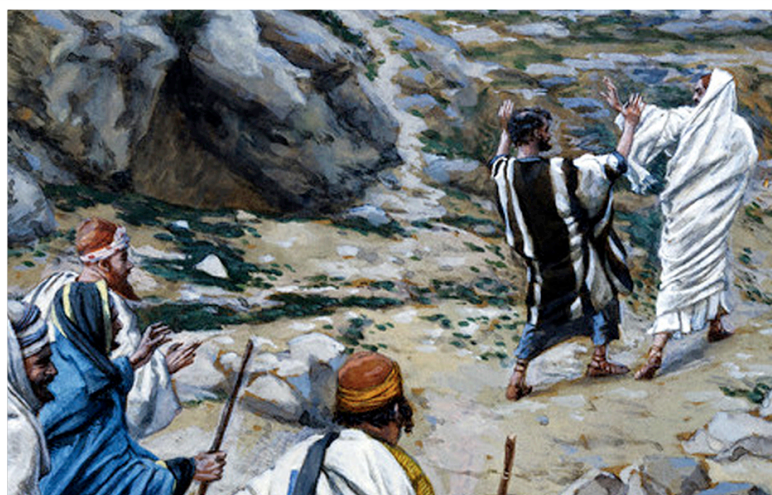
"...Brethren, I appeal to you by God's mercies to *offer up your bodies as a living sacrifice, consecrated to God* and worthy of His acceptance; this is the worship due from you as rational creatures. And you *must not fall in with the manners of this world*; there must be an inward change, a remaking of your minds..." - Romans 12: 1-2

Against the world?

"...by 'the world' is meant that spirit of vanity and malice which transforms into an instrument of sin those human energies intended for the service of God and man. Hence if anyone wants to know how this unhappy situation can be overcome, Christians will tell him that all human activity, constantly imperiled by man's pride and deranged self-love, *must be purified and perfected* by the power of Christ's cross and resurrection." - Gaudium et spes 37, of Vatican II

Devotion to God

"To win Thy favour is dearer to me than life itself; my songs of praise can no more be withheld. So, all my life long, I will bless Thee, holding up my hands in honour of Thy Name..." - Psalm 62: 4-5



What is Christian mission?

We seem to have forgotten what mission is over the course of the last few decades, because we have a mistaken impression that religious belonging is not essential, and perhaps that everybody's going to heaven anyway. And it is rather uncomfortable being a Christian (let alone being a Catholic) in this post-modern culture and society that we live in. Why should we speak of Christ, why should we draw people to Him, why should we risk becoming unpopular by turning people away from their attachment to this world and its pleasures? Mission is not comfortable, being Christian apostles never has been. In our first reading, we have heard how difficult it was for the Jeremiah (some 600 years before Christ) to turn the people of Jerusalem back to God; yet, when he tried to stay quiet, he was compelled by the Holy Spirit, burning within him. In the gospel reading, S. Peter himself tries to dissuade Christ from His mission and is called Satan by Him. Then Christ said to us all: 'take up your cross and follow Me, give up this world and win your eternal life...'



'Go the Mass is ended, take His word to others, as you've heard it spoken to you...'