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TWENTY-THIRD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Week III of the Psalter (September the 10th - September the 17th)

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

- This weekend, we have **the great joy of a pastoral letter from the Bishop**, in which he commends the Diocesan Catholic education service and invites us to support them with our prayers, and with a second collection.
- 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.



- Ahead of Education Sunday, **the Catholic Union is encouraging people to sign an open letter to the Education Secretary calling for the 50 percent cap on faith-based admissions to new free schools to be lifted.** The cap is preventing the Catholic Church in England from taking part in the free schools programme. The letter is available to sign at www.catholicunion.org.uk.
- There is now **a regular Sunday-vigil Mass on Saturday evening at Louth**, at 18.15.
- The monthly collection for CAFOD** has amounted to £160.21. Thank you for your ongoing generosity with this important fund.
- 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, cards only). RSVP by the 15th of September to sbarnes@cafod.org.uk.
- 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 10th 18.15 at Louth (I) 09.30 at Louth (II) 11.30 at M'thorpe (III)	Sunday XXIII of Ordinary time	For persecuted Christians (I); for the People of the parish (II); for M. N. (III)
Monday the 11th	Ferial	
Tuesday the 12th	Most holy Name of Mary	
Wednesday the 13th 10.00 at Louth	S. John Chrysostom	Marian Land (+) and her family
Thursday the 14th	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	
Friday the 15th 07.00 at Louth 15.00 Divine Mercy	Our Lady of Sorrows	For Christians of the Holy Land
Saturday the 16th 10.00 at Louth (Confessions afterwards)	Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian	For our medical professionals, and all carers of people
Sunday the 17th 18.15 at Louth (I) 09.30 at Louth (II) 11.30 at M'thorpe (III)	Sunday XXIV of Ordinary time	For persecuted Christians (I), the People of the parish at Louth (II) and Mablethorpe

SUNDAY XXIII OF ORDINARY TIME

Common discipline sustains the community | internal threats must be contained | the local leaders are responsible

Correction is love

"In order then that we may be able well to do and to fulfil what we have been admonished of to-day, let us first persuade ourselves to this, above all things to *have no hate*. For when there is no beam in thine own eye, thou seest rightly whatever may be in thy brother's eye; and art uneasy, till thou cast out of thy brother's eye what thou seest to hurt it." - Sermons of S. Augustine

Remedial correction

"For the more [the sinner] is shameless and bold, the more ought we to be active for his cure, *not in anger and indignation*. For the physician in like manner, when he sees the malady obstinate, doth not give up nor grow impatient, but then makes the more preparation; which [Christ] commands us to do in this case too." - Homilies of S. John Chrysostom

An Apostolic function

"The power to 'bind and loose' connotes the authority to absolve sins, to pronounce doctrinal judgements, and to make disciplinary decisions in the Church. Jesus entrusted this authority to the Church through the ministry of the Apostles." - Catechism, 553



Excommunication!

A defensive feature that many human communities have, by which internal threats to the community are managed, is expulsion from the community. With the Jewish and then the Christian communities, there was a rather milder defence and that was excommunication. It may seem rather uncharitable, but this extreme action can also be seen as an act of mercy, not only to the community at large, which could easily fall into the same sin as the person at fault, but to the sinner himself/herself, who is drawn through the resulting deprivation to seek repentance and reconciliation. We may have thought it natural to the Old Testament (our first reading from the prophet Ezechiel this weekend prescribes correction), but we may be thoroughly shocked to hear similar words from our Lord Himself. Or perhaps not, for it was *He* Who once spoke through the prophet. The gospel lesson puts the burden upon the teachers in the Church to give an ultimatum, first private and then public, to the unrepentant sinner, which might itself bring about repentance. But failing that comes the discipline.



'Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me... and home, rejoicing, brought me...'