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Twenty-Seventh Week of Ordinary Time

Psalter Week III (8th October – 14th October)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday the 8 th	Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time 18.15 <i>Those suffering financial hardships</i> S. Mary's 9.30 <i>Oonagh Patricia Keeley (+)</i> S. Mary's 11.30 <i>Retired priests and their intentions</i> S. Joseph's
Monday the 9 th	S. John Henry Newman, priest
Tuesday the 10 th	S. Paulinus of York, bishop and the Anglo-Saxon Saints 10.00 <i>Ward family intentions</i> S. Joseph's 18.00 Scripture Study S. Mary's
Wednesday the 11 th	S. Denis, bishop and Companions, martyrs 10.00 <i>Fredrick Weir (+)</i> S. Mary's
Thursday the 12 th	S. Hilda of Whitby, religious 10.00 <i>Miss T. D. (intentions)</i> S. Joseph's
Friday the 13 th	S. Edward the Confessor 7.00 <i>Priest's intention</i> S. Mary's 15.00 Divine Mercy Chaplet S. Mary's
Saturday the 14 th	S. Callixtus I, pope and martyr 10.00 <i>The Holy Father in Synod</i> S. Mary's 10.45 Holy Hour of Adoration S. Mary's w/ the Holy Rosary and Confessions 18.15 <i>Mrs. Betty Burney-Jones (+)</i> S. Mary's
Sunday the 15 th	Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.30 <i>The People</i> S. Mary's 11.30 <i>Gowling family intentions</i> 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:

James Byrnes (+).

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

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

Those whose anniversaries are this week:

Margaret Stanton (+), Lilian Rossington (+), Ethel Convery (+), Edward Cummins (+), Catherine Rawdin (+), Betty Burney-Jones (+)

SECOND COLLECTION

- This Sunday: **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day** and a third, retiring collection for **Prisoner's Sunday**
- Next Sunday: **NONE**

NOTICES

- ❖ This 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.
- ❖ This Sunday is also **Prisoner's Sunday** and a third collection will be taken after the Mass for the prison chaplaincy.
- ❖ The **AGM at S. Joseph's Mablethorpe** takes place after the 10.00 Mass on Thursday, 12th October. All are welcome to attend.
- ❖ The **Bishop's Statement on Marriage** has been posted on the noticeboard in the Narthex for all to read.
- ❖ This coming Tuesday, at 18.00, we continue our series of informal **bible studies** at the parish hall at Louth S. Mary.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ For those at **S. Mary's** who wish to sing the parts of the Mass, you will find the notes for the Kyrie (M2), the Gloria (M3), the Sanctus (M4) and the Agnus Dei (M9) in the

Celebration Hymnal under 'Icel Missal Chants' between hymn numbers 967 and 968.

- ❖ **Churches Without Walls** meets on Thursday, 12th and 26th October at 19.00 – 21.00 in S. James' Church House, Louth.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

- ❖ 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 Nottingham Deanery is hosting a talk at 19.00 and open to all:
 - Father Richard Ounsworth OP, on Wednesday the 18th October, at Sacred Heart, Carlton NG4 1FP, on *Dei Verbum*, the constitution about scripture.
- ❖ **Preaching at Advent and Christmas with Jewish people in mind** – Wednesday 29th November at 11.00-13.00 at S. Philip's Centre, Leicester LE5 5UB. To book, email <courses@stphilipscentre.co.uk>

SUNDAY XXVII OF ORDINARY TIME

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

Prayer for the vineyard

“...God of hosts, relent, look down from heaven, look to this vine, that needs Thy care. Revive the stock which Thy own hand has planted, branches that by Thee thrive, and thrive for Thee. Death be in Thy frown for the men that have cut it down and burned it. Thy chosen friends, a race by Thee thriving, and thriving for Thee, O let Thy hand protect them still! Henceforth we will never forsake Thee; grant us life, and we will live only to invoke Thy Name. Lord God of hosts, restore us to our own...”
- Psalm 79(80)

The prophets as servants of God

“...the emphasis is not so much on the vineyard as on the workers in it, from whom the landowner's *servants* ask for rent on his behalf. However, the servants are abused and even murdered. How is it possible not to think of the vicissitudes of the Chosen People and of the destiny reserved for the prophets sent by God? In the end, the owner of the vineyard makes a final attempt: he sends his own son, convinced that at least they will listen to him. Instead the opposite happens: the labourers in the vineyard murder him precisely because he is the landowner's son, that is, his heir, convinced that this will enable them to take possession of the vineyard more easily... Here we clearly see that contempt for the master's order becomes contempt for the master: it is not mere disobedience to a divine precept, it is a true and proper rejection of God: the mystery of the Cross appears.” - HF Benedict XVI, in his homilies



Churches and vineyards

Prophetic figures don't find it very difficult to make people very angry. They tend to ask us to choose, either for and against God, and to choose wholeheartedly and with integrity. And most people would rather not choose, but beat around the bush, hedge bets and be altogether undecided about the most important aspects of our lives. Let's take the example of the men of Jerusalem in the time of the prophets Isaiah or Jeremiah: they were well-to-do and comfortable, they were men of the world, they wanted diplomacy with surrounding nations, they don't seem either to have believed anymore in or given any relevance to the theological basis of their nationhood as Israel - the People chosen by God, and destined for greatness. They had been established, in the words of Isaiah, to produce sweet grapes, but were betraying that trust. And God promises to lay waste to this carefully prepared vineyard of His; as the response to the psalm says, the vineyard of the most High is the nation of Israel. Isaiah had the benefit of a benevolent king in Hezekiah, a successor of David. Jeremiah, a little later did not. And as our gospel reading this weekend shows, neither did our Lord. Christ adapted the vineyard parable of Isaiah to deepen His condemnation of the worldliness of the religious leaders of the people, and their rejection of the Messiah they had long waited for. And then - our great glory as Christians - He has established the Church as the new Israel, giving the vineyard over to us as His new tenants, to produce its fruit. A great glory, yes, but a great warning as well. For can the spirit of this world not enter into and corrupt the Church, as it once did Israel of old? So, as the Lord has often counselled, we must watch and pray that it doesn't.

