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Twenty-Eighth Week of Ordinary Time

Psalter Week IV (15th October – 22nd October)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday the 15 th	Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time 18.15 <i>Mrs. Betty Burney-Jones (+)</i> S. Mary's 9.30 <i>The People</i> S. Mary's 11.30 <i>Gowling family intentions</i> S. Joseph's
Monday the 16 th	S. Margaret Mary Alacoque
Tuesday the 17 th	S. Ignatius of Antioch 10.00 <i>Sr. V. SND (intentions)</i> S. Joseph's 18.00 Scripture Study S. Mary's
Wednesday the 18 th	S. LUKE 10.00 <i>Peace in the Holy Land</i> S. Mary's
Thursday the 19 th	S. Paul of the Cross 10.00 <i>Mr. J. K. (intentions)</i> S. Joseph's
Friday the 20 th	Ferial 7.00 <i>Peace in the Holy Land</i> S. Mary's 15.00 Divine Mercy Chaplet S. Mary's
Saturday the 21 st	Our Lady's Saturday 10.00 <i>Holy Land Christians</i> S. Mary's 10.45 Holy Hour of Adoration S. Mary's w/ the Holy Rosary and Confessions 18.15 <i>Those in unemployment/financial distress</i> S. Mary's
Sunday the 22 nd	Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.30 <i>The People</i> S. Mary's 11.30 <i>Thanksgiving (M. N.)</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:

Elizabeth O'Brien (+), Alice Charlton (+), Maria Soobryan (+), John Halligan (+), Grace Clarke (+)

SECOND COLLECTION

- This Sunday: **None**
- Next Sunday: **Mission Sunday (Missio charity)**

NOTICES

- ❖ There will be a **meeting of parish EMHCs** at Louth S. Mary this coming Thursday (the 19th), at 18.00, in the parish hall.
- ❖ **The AGM at S. Joseph's Mablethorpe** took place on Thursday, 12th October. There is a short message from the chair and meeting minutes available on the parish website.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ **S. Joseph's, Mablethorpe will be holding a Christmas Raffle** in December and donations of chocolates, wine, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

❖ **The CAFOD fast day collection last weekend** has taken in a total of £500.50. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

❖ **Churches Without Walls** meets on Thursday 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. 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 XXVIII OF ORDINARY TIME

Heaven is union with God | there are conditions for wedding unions | we must have wedding garments

‘And he made no reply...’

“...and so the wedding had its full tale of guests. But when the king came in to look at the company, he saw a man there *who had no wedding-garment on*; ‘My friend,’ he said, ‘how didst thou come to be here without a wedding-garment?’ And he made no reply. Whereupon the king said to his servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and cast him out into the darkness, where there shall be weeping, and gnashing of teeth...” - Gospel of S. Matthew, 22: 10-13

Dressed in Grace

“The wedding garment is the grace of the Holy Spirit, and the purity of that heavenly temper, which taken up on the confession of a good enquiry is to be preserved pure and unspotted for the company of the Kingdom of heaven.” - S. Hilarius of Poitiers

Dressed in well-ordered virtue

“The marriage garment is the commandments of the Lord, and the works which are done under the Law and the Gospel, and form the clothing of the new man. Whoso among the Christian body shall be found in the day of judgment not to have these, is straightway condemned. “He saith unto him, ‘Friend, How camest thou in hither, not having a wedding garment?’” He calls him “friend,” because he was invited to the shredding as being a friend by faith; but He charges him with want of manners in polluting by his filthy dress the elegance of the wedding entertainment.” - S. Jerome



The wedding garment

Undoubtedly, the message of Christianity is a message of welcome and belonging, but that also makes Christianity exclusive – you either belong or you do not. Throughout Scripture, Old Testament and New, the Holy One has invited men and women to belong to Him. Although this initially seems to be an invitation made only to men and women descended from Father Abraham, several instances in the Old Testament point to non-Hebrews and non-Jews taking up the religion of the Hebrews and entering into a covenant with the Most High. And the prophets, as with Isaiah in this weekend’s first reading, foretold the day when non-Hebrews and non-Jews would stream up to Jerusalem, acquire that union with the God of Israel and attend His wedding banquet, the banquet of the King of all things. This union with God – this holy communion – we may call *the wedding garment*. Without this wedding garment, we may be unwelcome on the Holy Mountain, as our Lord Himself indicates in the Gospel story. Long ago, for some of us longer than others, we were *given* our wedding garment at baptism, a white garment, and bidden by the priest baptist to bring that garment unstained before the divine Judge. It is hard enough to keep the baptismal white unstained, but so many Christians and Catholics have given up their garment altogether through apostasy, and theirs could be a frightening fate, as the gospel story ends with the words, ‘Many are called, but few are chosen.’ And so let us pray today for lapsed Christians and their families. The world around is powerful at attracting and keeping prisoner those of us who do not keep our gaze fixed upon the Holy One. As S. Paul says in the second reading however, rich or poor, hungry or not, we must realise that it is God Who gives us strength, the Holy One Who fulfils all our needs.