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Thirty-Second Week of Ordinary Time

Year A, Psalter Week IV (12th November – 18th November 2023)

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sunday the 12 th	Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time 18.15 <i>The People</i> S. Mary's 9.30 <i>In Remembrance</i> S. Mary's 11.30 <i>In Remembrance</i> S. Joseph's
Monday the 13 th	Ferial
Tuesday the 14 th	Ferial 10.00 <i>The Holy Souls</i> S. Joseph's 18.00 Scripture/Bible Studies S. Mary's
Wednesday the 15 th	S. Albert the Great, bishop and doctor 10.00 <i>The Holy Souls</i> S. Mary's
Thursday the 16 th	S. Margaret of Scotland 10.00 <i>The Holy Souls</i> S. Joseph's
Friday the 17 th	S. HUGH OF LINCOLN, bishop 7.00 <i>The Holy Souls</i> S. Mary's 15.00 Divine Mercy Chaplet S. Mary's
Saturday the 18 th	Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul 10.00 <i>The Holy Souls</i> S. Mary's 10.45 Holy Hour of Adoration S. Mary's w/ the Holy Rosary 18.15 <i>The Holy Souls</i> S. Mary's
Sunday the 19 th	Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.30 <i>The Holy Souls</i> S. Mary's 11.30 <i>The Holy Souls</i> S. Joseph's

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

S. Mary's Saturday, 10.45 – 11.45 and 17.45 – 18.10

S. Joseph's Sunday, 12.45; last Sunday of the month, 10.30-11.25

SECOND COLLECTION

- This Sunday: **NONE**
- Next Sunday: **NONE**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those who are ill:

S. Mary's: Lea Small, Elizabeth Melling, Shirley Kirkham, Paddy Shillington, Ann Selby, Margaret & Robert Gwynne, Kevin Keeley, Mary & Roger Norburn, 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:

Sr. Helena (Mary Nuala) O'keeffe (+), Alice Cahill (+), John Keane (+), 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:

Annie Johannsen (+), Gertrude King (+), Rosamund Dora Chambers (+), Margaret Wilkinson (+), Nicole Hazelhurst (+), Betty O'Brien (+), Edward Roy Stubbs (+), Catherin Foy (+), Patrick Joseph O'Dea (+), Michael Andrew Treanor (+).

NOTICES

- ❖ S. Joseph's, Mablethorpe is looking for a new **flower arranger/s** to decorate the Church each week, starting from the first week of Christmas. If you have the skill and would like to be involved in this, **please get in touch** with Deacon Roger. This is following the retirement of our current flower arranger; we thank her for her dedication and service.
- ❖ There will be **teas and coffees** after the 10.00 Mass on **Wednesdays** at Louth, and on **Thursdays** at Mablethorpe, and after the 9.15 Sunday Mass at Louth.
- ❖ **For those at S. Mary's who wish to sing the parts of the Mass**, the notes are in the hymnbook between 967 & 968.
- ❖ S. Joseph's, Mablethorpe will be holding a **Christmas Raffle** in December and any donations would be greatly appreciated.
- ❖ **Rwanda Action Christmas cards** are available for sale over the next two weeks; £5 for 5 large and £4 for 5 small cards. Please see Siobhan at S. Mary's.
- ❖ A **Christmas Fair** will take place in S. Mary's Parish Centre on Saturday, November 18th from 14.00 to 18.00 and on

Sunday, November 19th after the morning Mass. Donations for the raffle and stalls would be greatly appreciated.

- ❖ There will be a **Christmas gathering** on Sunday, 26th November at 12.00 at the Miller's Daughter, Louth. Cost per person is £ 11.95. Please give your names and deposit to Siobh  n ASAP on 077 199 95161.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

- ❖ **Handel's Messiah by Candlelight, Saturday 16th December at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe NG5 4HT.**
- ❖ **Aid to the Church in Need** is organising a **pilgrimage** to Durham, Jarrow, and other places in the north east, between 23rd and 27th July. Please call for more information.
- ❖ The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst is organising a **pre-Advent retreat, 'Why God Became Man'** between Friday 24th and Sunday 26th November. Information and registration is available on their website.
- ❖ The next **Churches Without Walls** meeting is on Thursday, 23rd November from 19.00 to 21.00, at St. James Church House, Louth.

SUNDAY XXXII OF ORDINARY TIME

Divine Wisdom is often portrayed as water | we are to *thirst* after it | we *shall* be filled with it

Virginity as self-discipline

“...every one - every soul, as touching the soul, and that uncorruptness of faith by which abstinence from things unlawful is practised, and by which good works are done - is not unsuitably called ‘a virgin;’ the whole Church which consists of virgins, and boys, and married men and married women, is by one name called a Virgin.” - S. Augustine, from his sermons

The lamp-oil being wisdom

“Or, the “oil” is the word of teaching, with which the vessels of souls are filled; for what gives so great content as moral discourse, which is called the oil of light. The ‘wise’ took with them of this oil, as much as would suffice, though the Word should tarry long, and be slack to come to their consummation.”

- Origen the theologian

The Lord restores us

“Since we know neither the day nor the hour, we should follow the advice of the Lord and watch constantly so that, when the single course of our earthly life is completed, we may merit to enter with him into the marriage feast and be numbered among the blessed...”

- Catechism, #1036



Wisdom on the march

“We could ask ourselves if we really are thirsting after God in our lives of devotion? In our present situation in England and largely in the West, religion is seen as something you keep out of the public square, that you should generally be lukewarm about; it is seen as rather shocking when anybody makes public displays of religious prayer and worship. The effect of this is to discourage people as a society to not thirst after God, in the manner of the psalm at Mass today. The Christian religion, as much as the Hebrew religion, is a pursuit of truth, a pursuit of wisdom, and as the psalm tells us this is a pursuit of God Himself. There is a water that we should be filled with, in the language of the New Testament, and even a fire, and that fire and water can be nothing else but the Holy Spirit of God, among Whose several gifts to human souls is knowledge and wisdom. And as the first reading says, Wisdom is searching for us too - quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. If you seek after the Lord, you shouldn’t have to wait long before you are filled with His Spirit. In our gospel message this weekend, Christ adds warnings about being lukewarm and about remaining vigilant in observance of the Commandments of God. Those who are seeking after God, searching for wisdom, should also have welcomed the wisdom that has already been given and profited from it. These are the wise virgins of the parable, carefully keeping their lamps lit. This wisdom is contained in Scripture, and in the Tradition of the Church, and is distilled for us and applied to our present situation by the teaching authority of the Church in numerous catechisms. We must be careful, so careful - the traps are many, the temptations without bound, and Christ calls us to be wakeful and ready. And yet, to not lose hope. For Wisdom is on the move, graciously showing herself to us we go, in every thought of ours coming to meet with us.”