

# CATHOLIC LOUTH AND MABLETHORPE

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## First Week of Advent

Year B, Psalter Week I (3<sup>rd</sup> December – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023)

### MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sunday the 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
18.15	<i>The People</i>	S. Mary's
9.00	<i>The Holy Father, the Bishop</i>	S. Mary's
11.30	<i>The People</i>	S. Joseph's
Monday the 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>S. John Damascene, priest &amp; doctor</b>	
Tuesday the 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Advent Feria</b>	
7.00	<i>The Holy Souls</i>	S. Mary's
18.00	Scripture Studies	S. Mary's
Wednesday the 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>S. Nicholas of Myra, bishop</b>	
10.00	<i>McCabe family</i> (++)	S. Mary's
Thursday the 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>S. Ambrose, bishop &amp; doctor</b>	
10.00	<i>Religious vocations</i>	S. Joseph's
Friday the 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	
7.00	<i>Jewish communities</i>	S. Mary's
15.00	Divine Mercy Chaplet	S. Mary's
19.00	Mass with Fr. Kevin's	S. Mary's
	Induction as Parish Priest	
Saturday the 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>S. John Diego Cuauhtlatatzin</b>	
10.00	<i>People of Mexico</i>	S. Mary's
3610.45	Holy Hour of Adoration w/ the Holy Rosary	S. Mary's
18.15	<i>Peace in the Holy Land</i>	S. Mary's
Sunday the 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
9.00	<i>The People</i>	S. Mary's
11.30	<i>Father Lynch</i>	S. Joseph's

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

S. Mary's Saturday, 10.45 – 11.45  
S. Joseph's last Sunday of the month, 10.30-11.25

### SECOND COLLECTION

This Sunday **NONE**

Next Sunday **Poor and Needy Parishes**

NOTE. The monthly **CAFOD** collection at **S. Mary's, Louth** takes place on the first Sunday. The next one will be on **3<sup>rd</sup> December**.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### Those who are ill

**S. Mary's:** Patricia Kerr, Peter Endean, 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:** Maddie Owens, 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

**S. Mary's:** Fredrick Weir, Michael Leary, Roger Dygas.  
**S. Joseph's:** Irene Bray, Joan Gowling, Patrick Geoghegan (++)

#### Those with anniversaries this week

Edith Hallaghan, Robert Hayes, Thomas Devine, Daniel Howard, Mary Vaughan, John Sullivan, Michael Kirrane, Florence Colley, Mary Alice Cummings, Patrick McCabe, Annie Davis, Rosa Anne Burke, Beatrice Flynn, Fr Graham Mendel, Francis Leicester, Martin Smith, Susan Whyte, Hugo Dalton (++)

### NOTICES

- ❖ Mass with **Induction of Father Kevin as parish priest** of both S. Mary's, Louth and S. Joseph's, Mablethorpe will take place at **S. Mary's on the 8th of December, at 19.00**, the Bishop's vicar general Canon Edward Jarosz presiding.
- ❖ If you are a **Gift Aid Declaration Holder** please advise the parish office, or the Diocesan Gift Aid Department (parish.giftaid@dioceseofnottingham.uk) of any change in your circumstances, such as name change / address change / no longer a taxpayer/ death of a spouse.
- ❖ **CAFOD's Online Advent Calendar** with daily prayer and reflection: <<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar>>.

#### S. Mary's, Louth

- ❖ **PLEASE NOTE. The timing of our Sunday morning Mass has changed from 9.30 to 9.00 AM this weekend.**
- ❖ There is Mass on **Tuesday morning at 7.00 AM.**
- ❖ We are urgently looking for a **Safeguarding Officer** and a **Health and Safety Officer**. These are both voluntary positions, yet vital to the functioning of the parish. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.
- ❖ Join us for **teas and coffees** after the 10.00 AM **Wednesday** Mass and the 9.00 AM **Sunday** Mass.
- ❖ Last month's **CAFOD** collection amounted to £153.18.
- ❖ The takings from the **Christmas Fair** totalled £590.
- ❖ Please return any **red Missio boxes** for collection.
- ❖ Join us for a **Christmas Ploughman's** in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December** after the Mass. This event is open to everyone, and all proceeds will go to the refurbishment of the Lady Altar in the church.

#### S. Joseph's, Mablethorpe

- ❖ **Mass on Tuesday is cancelled** this week as building works will be taking place in the church.
- ❖ Any contribution towards **flowers for the Church this Christmas** would be welcomed and greatly appreciated.
- ❖ We are looking for a **new flower arranger/s**, starting from Christmas Day. Please get in touch with Deacon Roger.
- ❖ Donations for the **Christmas Raffle** would be greatly appreciated. Tickets are on sale at the back of the Church.
- ❖ **Teas and coffees on Thursdays** after the 10.00 Mass.
- ❖ **Saint Joseph's Repository** Now available. Greeting Cards for all occasions, Christmas Cards, Diary's, Calendars, Advent Calendars and small Advent Calendars for easy postage. Do come and browse our new Christmas stock and please support our little shop.

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# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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An epiphany is a manifestation of God | Advent awaits epiphany | advent implies watchfulness

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## Advent penitence

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"There is none left that calls on Thy Name, that bestirs himself to lay hold of Thee. Thou hidest Thy face from us, broken men caught in the grip of their wrong-doing. Yet, Lord, Thou art our father; we are but clay, and Thou the craftsman Who has fashioned us; wilt Thou crush us, Lord, with Thy anger, wilt Thou keep our sins ever in mind? We are Thy people, all of us." - Isaiah 64

## The household of the Church

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"The man who taking a far journey left his house is Christ, Who ascending as a conqueror to His Father after the Resurrection, left His Church, as to His bodily presence, but has never deprived her of the safeguard of His Divine presence." - S. Beda the Venerable

## Prayer and vigilance

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"In Jesus, 'the Kingdom of God is at hand.' He calls His hearers to conversion and faith, but also to watchfulness. In prayer the disciple keeps watch, attentive to Him Who Is and Him Who Comes, in memory of His first coming in the lowliness of the flesh, and in the hope of His second coming in glory. In communion with their Master, the disciples' prayer is a battle; only by keeping watch in prayer can one avoid falling into temptation." - Catechism, §2612



## Sleepers, awake!

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"Our Advent readings continue the theme of the end of the liturgical year, but add an increasing amount of hope that the Holy One, God our Lord, may begin a new eruption of Himself into history, to enlarge or complete His reign on earth. We want Him to *return*. So, Advent invites us to put our feet into the shoes of the ancient Jewish people of the centuries before the coming of our Lord. Many were the prophets who sought to draw the people as a whole out of their religious complacency, to prepare them for the coming not just of a human Messiah, but for the coming of God Himself. The Messiah they expected was indeed a divine figure. In our first reading today, the voice of Isaiah echoes from those last centuries of the Israelite kingdoms, calling upon God to strengthen the hearts of His people, to return them to Him. Oh that God would rend the heavens open and descend to confirm the faith of His chosen. Today, we can use Isaiah's prayer and call for Him to descend once more, to return to us. It is good to remind ourselves that we are the clay, and He is the potter. May He prepare us for His Second Coming, as He once did for His first. In the meantime, those of us who still call upon the Name of God must keep awake, stand vigilant in our lives of devotion and charity. This is the call of our Lord from the gospel reading this weekend, that we should keep the household of the Church in operation and prepared for the return of her Lord. For the Christian in expectation, Christ is always around the corner, His Second Coming is always tomorrow. He and many of His Saints have invited us to live everyday as if it were our last. Every day is then an Advent, and the watchfulness should be always present. The cry of Advent is 'Stay awake.'"