

# CATHOLIC LOUTH AND MABLETHORPE

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## Fourth Week of Advent & First Week of Christmastide

Year B, Psalter Week IV  
(24<sup>th</sup> December – 30<sup>th</sup> December 2023)

### MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sunday the 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
18.15	<i>Poor and destitute</i>	S. Mary's
9.00	<i>The People</i>	S. Mary's
11.30	<i>E.M. (intentions)</i>	S. Joseph's
	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	
18.00	Service of the Word and Holy Communion	S. Joseph's
18.00	<i>Bill Smith (+)</i>	S. Joseph's
18.15	<i>Priest's intention</i>	S. Mary's
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Monday the 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>	
9.00	<i>The People</i>	S. Mary's
11.30	<i>The People</i>	S. Joseph's
Tuesday the 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>S. Stephen</b>	
10.00	<i>Priest's intention</i>	S. Joseph's
Wednesday the 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>S. John, apostle and evangelist</b>	
10.00	<i>Anne Weir (+)</i>	S. Mary's
Thursday the 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Holy Innocents, martyrs</b>	
10.00	<i>Aborted babies, their mothers</i>	S. Joseph's
Friday the 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Saint Thomas of Canterbury</b>	
7.00	<i>Catholics in England</i>	S. Mary's
15.00	<i>Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>	S. Mary's
Saturday the 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sixth Day of Christmas</b>	
10.00	<i>Medical Staff</i>	S. Mary's
10.45	Holy Hour of Adoration w/ the Holy Rosary & Confessions	S. Mary's
18.15	<i>Peace in the Holy Land</i>	S. Mary's
Sunday the 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY</b>	
9.00	<i>The People</i>	S. Mary's
10.30	Holy Hour of Adoration w/ Benediction, Confessions	S. Joseph's
11.30	<i>The People</i>	S. Joseph's

### 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:** 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:

**Roger Norburn, Ann Selby, Anthony Stanford Taylor, Fredrick Weir, Michael Leary, Roger Dygas.**

##### S. Joseph's:

**Madeleine Ovens, William 'Bill' Smith, Irene Bray, Joan Gowling, Patrick Geoghegan.**

#### Those with anniversaries this week (++)

John Corrigan, Norah Mary Rutherford, Bernard Malcolm Fell, Jacob Paynes, Mary Theresa Randall, Edward Ellith, Fr. Gerry Collins, Rose Harrison, Edith Anne Cummings, Fr. Augustine Joseph Rowley, William Hynes, Catherine Kelly, Anne Weir, Alice Skipworth, Catherine Earl, George Henry Waumsley, John Hayden, Henry Tate, John Johansson, Henriette Dows, Catherine Isobel Bentley, Patrick Magee, Mary Carney, Gerald Wilson, Michael Joseph Houlihan.

### NOTICES

- ❖ **PLEASE NOTE:** The 18.00 Christmas Eve (Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup>) Mass at S. Joseph's, Mablethorpe is **CANCELLED** due to Fr Kevin being unwell and unable to say the Mass, but there will be a Service of the Word and Holy Communion taking place instead at 18.00.
- ❖ 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 (name/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>>.
- ❖ **Scripture Studies this Tuesday is cancelled.** We will resume next Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

#### S. Mary's, Louth

- ❖ **PLEASE NOTE.** The timing of our Sunday morning Mass has changed from 9.30 to 9.00 AM.
- ❖ If you **would like to be a Reader**, please fill in one of the forms available in the narthex, sign and return it to the presbytery.
- ❖ We are urgently looking for a **Health and Safety Officer**. This is a voluntary position, yet vital to the functioning of the parish. If interested, please contact the parish office.
- ❖ **Teas and coffees:** after the **Wednesday** and **Sunday** Masses.
- ❖ The takings from the **Christmas Ploughman's event** totalled £730.75. All funds will go towards the refurbishment of the Lady Altar.

#### S. Joseph's, Mablethorpe

- ❖ **Heartfelt thanks** to all who have donated to the **Food Bank** collection at the back of the church in either cash or kind.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ **Teas and coffees: on Thursdays** after the 10.00 Mass.
- ❖ **Saint Joseph's Repository** Gifts and Cards for all occasions, especially Mass Intentions, and other items.

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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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Christus natus est nobis, venite adoremus | Christ is born for us, O come let us adore him

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## God saves

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" 'Jesus means in Hebrew: 'God saves.' At the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel gave Him the name Jesus as His proper name, which expresses both His identity and His mission. Since God alone can forgive sins, it is God Who, in Jesus His eternal Son made man, 'will save His people from their sins.' in Jesus, God recapitulates all of His history of salvation on behalf of men." - Catechism §430



## The Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us

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**"A very happy and holy  
Christmas to all our  
parishioners and Mass-goers.  
My very best to you all as you  
celebrate the first  
manifestation of the God-man  
to the world, and honour His  
beloved Mother. Please  
remember that Christmas is  
not only one day, for the  
Church celebrates for at least  
eight days of what we call an  
'octave,' and the Christmas  
season of old has stretched to  
the second day of February.  
May you be all blessed. - Fr.  
Kevin."**

"Thus begins the shortest week of Advent possible, which only happens when Christmas is on a Monday. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we find that king David wants to build a stone temple for the God of Israel. Or at least a wooden one. The king feels guilty that, after his long life of tumultuous war, he lives in a house of wood, but the tabernacle of the presence of God still sits in the humble tent design that Moses had given the people centuries before. At first the court prophet Nathan, who trusts in God's protection of David, is inclined to allow the king to have his way. But he gets a stern warning from God, who knows well of David's sinful life. It is rather his son Solomon who would build, having killed fewer men in his time. But as the prophet Nathan goes on, we find that God is looking beyond the stone Temple to find a purer vessel for Himself in inhabit. We know that He first chose our Lady Mary to be that vessel for some nine months, while He prepared for Himself the ultimate Temple, His own human body. This Catholics of the Latin tradition call the Incarnation, when God built a Temple for Himself out of the substance of our own humanity. But first came Mary, and so in our gospel message, the Virgin appears to give assent to the angel for her being made into a tabernacle of the most High God. This is the mystery we celebrate in the next few days: the mystery of how the God-man emerges from His tabernacle and becomes the instrument of our atonement with God."