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Second Week of Christmastide

Year B, Psalter Week I
(31st December – 6th January 2024)

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sunday the 31 st	THE HOLY FAMILY	
18.15	<i>Peace in the Holy Land</i>	S. Mary's
9.00	<i>Pope Benedict XVI (+)</i>	S. Mary's
10.30	Holy Hour of Adoration w/ Benediction, Confessions	S. Joseph's
11.30	<i>Pope Benedict XVI (+)</i>	S. Joseph's
Monday the 1 st	MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	
10.00	Service of Word and Holy Communion	S. Joseph's
Tuesday the 2 nd	Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen NO MASS	
Wednesday the 3 rd	Most Holy Name of Jesus	
10.00	<i>Priest's intention</i>	S. Mary's
Thursday the 4 th	Christmas Feria	
10.00	<i>Priest's intention</i>	S. Joseph's
Friday the 5 th	Christmas Feria NO MASS	
15.00	Divine Mercy Chaplet	S. Mary's
Saturday the 6 th	Christmas Feria	
10.00	<i>In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	S. Mary's
10.45	Holy Hour of Adoration w/ the Holy Rosary & Confessions	S. Mary's
18.15	<i>Conversion of the nations</i>	S. Mary's
Sunday the 7 th	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	
9.00	<i>The People</i>	S. Mary's
11.30	<i>Madeleine Ovens (+)</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 (++)

Charlotte Cook, Philip Rayner, James
Riley, Michael Griffin, Bernard Michael
Mcrossan, Thomas Dusting, Lottie
Magdalene Higginson, Bernard Thomas
Charlton, John Shaw, Libby Kerr, Tony
Wahlberg, Nelly Dennis, Patricia Amelia
Turner, Edward Corcoran, Hilda Martin,
Caroline Winifred Pawson, Eleanor
Denniss, Gustherus Devine.

NOTICES

- ❖ "I would like to thank all of our parishioners and Mass-goers for your numerous cards, gifts and well-wishes this Advent and Christmas. You do not realise how pleased both I and Kate my sister have been to move into your locale and into your lives. I'm sorry that I have myself missed much of the Christmas festivities because of ill health, but I hope that things will improve soon. With apologies, I have temporarily reduced my weekday commitments to the Louth morning Mass on Wednesday, and the Mablethorpe morning Mass on Thursday, due to my ill health. All will be restored in due course." - Fr. Kevin
- ❖ 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).
- ❖ **Scripture Studies this Tuesday is also cancelled.** All being well, we will resume next Tuesday, 9th January.

S. Mary's, Louth

- ❖ **LAST CALL:** 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. A rota will go up on the noticeboard next weekend.
- ❖ 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.

S. Joseph's, Mablethorpe

- ❖ **Fr. Jim Lynch would like to thank everyone** for the Christmas wishes, cards and presents that have so kindly been gifted to him. He is also very grateful for the all the help that has been given to him this last year. "May God bless you and keep you fit and active in God's way. Thanks be to God for all of you." Fr. Lynch.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Do come and browse **Saint Joseph's Repository**. Gifts and Cards for all occasions, especially Mass Intentions.

THE HOLY FAMILY

Family is central | God had a human family | Pray for the family

Our father in faith

"The seed of... hope was the promise made to Abraham when he was called to leave all that was familiar and follow a God he had not known. Despite his wealth, Abraham was a man living in the shadow of death, for he had no son or land of his own. The promise seemed a vain one, for Sarah was barren and the land was in other hands. But still Abraham put his faith in God; 'he believed, hoping against hope.'" - Holy Father John Paul II, his homilies

Joseph the father

"He however might be called His father in that light in which, he is rightly regarded as the husband of Mary, that is, not from any carnal connection, but by reason of the very bond of wedlock, a far closer relationship than that of adoption." - S. Augustine

Family worship

"Like the prophets before Him, Jesus expressed the deepest respect for the Temple in Jerusalem. It was in the Temple that Joseph and Mary presented Him forty days after His birth. At the age of twelve, He decided to remain in the Temple to remind His parents that He must be about His Father's business. He went there each year..." - Catechism, §583



The Holy Family

"Our festival this weekend centres on the Holy Family in Bethlehem, and then in Nazareth, and then in exile in Egypt to escape the wicked king Herod, and then in later flourishing in Nazareth. In the circle of the Immaculate Virgin, her silent but certain protector S. Joseph and the God-man Christ passing gradually from infancy and childhood to maturity, we may now meditate upon the virtues of family life and seek their benedictions for ourselves and our own families. In our first reading this weekend, we find the benediction of the Holy One for Abraham and Sarah, who were without children. It is God Who brings us the children that we have, it is God Who blesses us with posterity. May we always be welcoming of this blessing and nurture the young life carefully. The letter to the Hebrews which gives us our second reading this weekend comments on the story of Abraham and Sarah, to say that their miracle child - given to them in old age - was theirs on account of their faith in the God Who had promised them this gift. There is a swift mention of Abraham's determination to his miracle son Isaac; this horrible act is justified by the sacred author on account of Abraham's faith in God's Own fidelity, that God would bring about a happy ending for him. We too should be as trusting when we or members of our families are in threat of health or of life. This has never been easy, but God invites it. But the priority of the devout life is worship of God, by which we render praise to God, and thanks, for His generosity to us as families. We see the liturgical devotion of the Holy Family as the Child is presented in the Temple in our gospel reading. We hear the joy of the parents and the prophets Simeon and Anna, and the solemn prophecy of the sorrows the Blessed Virgin would have to endure some thirty years later. Family life can be joyful, family life can be sorrowful. In all things, however, may the Holy One be praised."