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Third Week of Christmastide & First Week of Ordinary Time

Year B, Psalter Week II & I
(7th January – 13th January 2024)

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sunday the 7 th	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	
18.15	<i>Conversion of the nations</i>	S. Mary's
9.00	<i>The People</i>	S. Mary's
11.30	<i>Madeleine Ovens (+)</i>	S. Joseph's
Monday the 8 th	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	
10.00	<i>Ann Selby (In requiem)</i>	S. Mary's
Tuesday the 9 th	Feria	
18.00	Scripture Studies	S. Mary's
Wednesday the 10 th	Feria	
10.00	<i>Maria Senior (+)</i>	S. Mary's
Thursday the 11 th	Feria	
10.00	<i>Madeleine Ovens (+)</i>	S. Joseph's
Friday the 12 th	S. Aelred of Rievaulx	
11.00	<i>Margaret Mountain (+)</i> (Funeral service)	S. Joseph's
15.00	Divine Mercy Chaplet	S. Mary's
Saturday the 13 th	S. Hilary	
10.00	<i>The propagation of the Faith</i>	S. Mary's
10.45	The Holy Rosary	S. Mary's
18.15	<i>Holy Souls</i>	S. Mary's
Sunday the 14 th	SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	
9.00	<i>The People</i>	S. Mary's
11.30	<i>Newly Ordained Priests</i>	S. Joseph's

SECOND COLLECTION

This Sunday **CAFOD (at S. Mary's only)**

Next Sunday **Sick and Retired Priests**

NOTE. The monthly **CAFOD** collection at **S. Mary's, Louth** takes place on the first Sunday. The next one will be on 7th January.

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:
Margaret Mountain,
Madeleine Ovens, William 'Bill' Smith, Irene Bray, Joan Gowling, Patrick Geoghegan.

Those with anniversaries this week (++)

Mary Moore, Catherine Couroy, Ronald Smith, Aubrey Hanes, Agnes Parker, William Molloy, Kenneth Laking, Charles O'Connell, Martin Mongan, Marie Bramall, Mary Kent, Leslie Segal, Florence Younger, James Davis, Jane Scholefield, Sllwynne Davis, Anna Booth, Nicholas Piff, John Rice, William Kelly, Anthony Price, John McArdle, Fr Scully, Edith Svierczok, William Rice, Eleanor Fermellow, James Henry, Thomas Herringshard, Thomas Pethinger, Patrick Cummings, Roluitt Marriott.

NOTICES

- ❖ 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** starts again this **Tuesday at 6 PM.**

S. Mary's, Louth

- ❖ **The committal of Ann Selby** will take place at Alford Crematorium at 1 PM on Monday, the 8th of January. Please pray for the peaceful repose of her soul.
- ❖ **The date for the next Parish Council meeting is Thursday, 25th January** at 6PM in the Parish Hall. Those interested in supporting the running of the parish are invited to attend.
- ❖ **Teas and coffees:** after the **Wednesday** and **Sunday** Masses.

S. Joseph's, Mablethorpe

- ❖ **The committal of Madeleine Ovens** will take place at Trusthorpe Cemetery at 12 Noon on Thursday, the 11th of January. Please pray for the peaceful repose of her soul.
- ❖ **The funeral service for Maragaret Mountain** will take place this Friday, the 12th of January at 11 AM. Please pray for the peaceful repose of her soul.
- ❖ **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 EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

An epiphany is a manifestation of God | The God-child is revealed to the world | Come, let us adore

Christ the true light

"The light that shone in the night at Christmas illuminating the Bethlehem Grotto, where Mary, Joseph and the shepherds remained in silent adoration, shines out today and is manifested to all. The Epiphany is a mystery of light, symbolically suggested by the star that guided the Magi on their journey. The true source of light, however, the 'sun that rises from on high,' is Christ." - Holy Father Benedict XVI, his homilies

Light to the nations

"The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship Him as Son of God and Saviour of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise..." - Catechism, §528

Lighting the way

"The star is the way, and the way is Christ; and according to the mystery of the incarnation, Christ is a star. He is a blazing and a morning-star. Thus where Herod is, the star is not seen; where Christ is, there it is again seen, and points out the way." - S. Ambrose of Milan



Manifested to the world

"This weekend marks the transferred feast of the Epiphany of Christ to the three kings who came from the East. An epiphany is a manifestation of God, so you could perhaps see that although this feast is the Epiphany, our Lord was manifested to the people in various ways, at different events. So, today, the Church also remembers a series of epiphanies, that will be marked successively in January. There is this epiphany to the kings of the East, the epiphany to John the Baptist at the Baptism of our Lord (when heaven opened and the Holy Trinity was revealed), and the epiphany to the Apostles at the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee (when Christ for the first time openly self-identified as not only the Messiah, but as the ancient God of Israel). Of all these manifestations, today's is specifically made to a non-Jewish audience, three kings who had followed a light in the sky for months, that they may discover the new, Jewish King. So the first reading from Isaiah speaks of Jerusalem now delivering its light not only to the Jewish people, but to all the tribes of the earth. The prophet speaks of Christ endlessly as Light, and S. Paul in the second reading declares that what was evident to the prophets and later to the Apostles - the ancient mystery of God's salvation - is now given to non-Jews ('pagans,' it says) as an inheritance. Why should Herod fear Christ so much? Because of the prophecies, and particularly that of Daniel, which had said that the Shepherd-King to come would be a conqueror of hearts, and so would not only rock but destroy the glory of all the ancient empires. As the great Martyrs of the Church have shown us, not the worse tortures, not even death itself, has since separated men and women from the love of Christ."