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Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

Year B, Psalter Week II

(11th February – 17th February 2024)

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sunday the 11 th	SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	
	18.15 <i>Medical staff & carers</i>	S. Mary's
	9.00 <i>The People</i>	S. Mary's
	11.30 <i>Deceased members of the Pye family</i>	S. Joseph's
Monday the 12 th	Feria	
Tuesday the 13 th	Feria	
	18.00 Scripture Studies	S. Mary's
Wednesday the 14 th	ASH WEDNESDAY	
	10.00 <i>In honour of S. Joseph</i>	S. Joseph's
	18.15 <i>For a blessed Lent</i>	S. Mary's
Thursday the 15 th	Lenten feria	
	9.00 Stations of the Cross	S. Joseph's
	10.00 <i>Vocations to the priesthood & religious life</i>	S. Joseph's
Friday the 16 th	Lenten feria	
	14.00 Stations of the Cross	S. Mary's
	15.00 Divine Mercy Chaplet	S. Mary's
Saturday the 17 th	Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	
	10.00 <i>In honour of the Blessed Virgin</i>	S. Mary's
	10.45 Holy Hour of Adoration w/ The Holy Rosary, Confessions, Benediction	S. Mary's
	18.15 <i>The People</i>	S. Mary's
Sunday the 18 th	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	
	9.00 <i>Patrick Hagan (+)</i>	S. Mary's
	11.30 <i>A. H. (intentions)</i>	S. Joseph's

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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 **NONE**

NOTE. The monthly **CAFOD** collection at **S. Mary's, Louth** takes place on the first Sunday. The next one is on **3rd March**.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those who are ill

S. Mary's: Patricia Kerr, Peter Endean, Lea Small, Elizabeth Melling, Shirley Kirkham, Paddy Shillington, Margaret & Robert Gwynne, Kevin Keeley, Mary 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, Winnie Copp, Owen Jenkinson and Thecla Domici.

Those who have died recently (++)

S. Mary's: Rev Dom Adrian Convery OSB, Stephen Curley, Richard Crean, Roger Norburn, Ann Selby, Anthony Stanford Taylor, Fredrick Weir, Michael Leary, Roger Dygas.

S. Joseph's: John Gallagher, Margaret Mountain, Madeleine Ovens, William 'Bill' Smith, Irene Bray, Joan Gowling, Patrick Geoghegan.

Those with anniversaries this week (++)

George Glenn, Patrick Corrigan, John Francis Barrett, Thomas Phillips, Frances Sophia Drakes, Francis Ochnik, William Whittle, Hilda Mary Larder, Catherine Grady, Helen Brooks, Mary Jane Robinson, Laura Waumsley, John Conroy, Rebecca Cusworth, Ennia Halligan, Herbert Hugo Denny, Mary Finnerty, Henry Harold Kustner, George Musson, Norma Christine Wright, Jacob Webb, Jim Mahaffy.

NOTICES

- ❖ **PLEASE NOTE: Ash Wednesday**, the first day of Lent, falls on **14th February**. It is a day of fasting and abstinence. There will be Mass at 10 AM at S. Joseph's, Mablethorpe and 6.15 PM at S. Mary's, Louth.
- ❖ Most Holy and Undivided Trinity Parish, Grimsby, Cleethorpes and Immingham, is **seeking to appoint a parish administrator**, beginning on a six-month contract, 24hpw. The closing date is 13th February. Contact Canon Andrew Cole <andrew.cole@dioceseofnottingham.uk>.
- ❖ The **Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** will be led by Bishop Patrick between Monday 15th and Friday 19th July. For more details, see poster at the back of the church or visit <www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes>.
- ❖ The **Heart of England Walking Pilgrimage from Worcester to Peterborough** is taking place on 10th to 25th August. Please see the poster at the back of church for more information. To book your place, visit <www.thepilgrims.org.uk/book>.

S. Mary's, Louth

- ❖ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Fridays in Lent at 14.00.
- ❖ Please pray for the peaceful repose of the **Reverend Dom Adrian Convery OSB**, a Monk of Ampleforth Abbey, who died on 8 February 2024, in the 93rd year of his age, the 75th of his monastic life, and the 64th of his priesthood. Fr. Adrian was the twin brother of the late Barbara Oke and used to be a regular visitor of the parish.
- ❖ The **Funeral Mass of Richard Crean** will take place on Monday, 19th February at 11 AM at S. James' Church, Louth followed by interment at London Road Cemetery at 12.30 PM. Please pray for the peaceful repose of his soul.
- ❖ January's **CAFOD** collection added up to £293.31. Many thanks for your generosity.
- ❖ **Teas & coffees:** after Mass on **Wednesday** and **Sunday**.

S. Joseph's, Mablethorpe

- ❖ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Thursdays in Lent before the 10.00 Mass.
- ❖ The next **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** will take place on **20th February at 10.30**, after the 10.00 Mass.
- ❖ **Teas and coffees:** **Thursdays** after the 10.00 Mass.
- ❖ **St. Joseph's repository.** Please do come and browse the greeting cards, Mass cards, rosaries and other items for sale.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

We are often in the grip of sin | Sin is a type of infectious disease | Christ the Physician cures us

Leprosy/sin defiles

"The man who is infected with leprosy, and segregated at the priest's bidding, must go with rent garments and bared head, his face veiled, crying out, 'Unclean, unclean.' And still, as long as he remains unclean through leprosy, he must dwell away from the camp, alone." - Leviticus, 13: 44-46

The Sinless One cannot be defiled

"Another reason why [Christ] touched him, was to prove that He could not be defiled, who free others from pollution. At the same time it is remarkable, that He healed in the way in which He had been begged to heal." - S. Beda the Venerable

The prayer of a penitent

"Blessed, kind, mighty, loving, forbearing, caring, ingenious, Visitor, Defender without sparing, Protector victorious, Life indestructible, Intercessor to heaven, undiminishing Fullness, Bliss celebrated, lovingly extend your right hand of mercy. Accept and present me, a manifold sinner, my sins forgiven and cleansed, to Your Holy Spirit, equal to You in honour, O living Word, so that reconciled through You the Holy Spirit might return to me." - S. Gregory Narek



The leprosy of sin

"With our readings this weekend, we must remember the association in the Hebrew mind of these physical infections of our bodies with the spiritual infection that we call sin. Other comparisons with sin we see made in both old and new testaments is that of yeast of leaven as it 'infects' bread. Yes, God is looking to preserve the camp of the Israelites moving for years in the desert from being overrun by illness, but we can also see in this command to Moses and Aaron to control not only medical contagions in the camp, but also to control the leprosy of sin from ruining the unity of God's holy people. Just as lepers were asked to leave the camp and follow it at a distance to avoid contaminating the rest of the camp, in the early history of the Church, all serious sins were very public, the penances (even bodily penances) were very public, and Christians who could not receive Holy Communion for being in a state of mortal sin could not hide it; they were practically walking outside the camp of the Church, declaring their state of mortal sin and excommunication. Only after their period of penance was finished could they return to the community of their fellow Christians. We could perhaps follow the logic of our early priests: if you were so publicly shamed, you would sin less often. We shall happily not have to be humiliated before the whole congregation, as were early Christians, but we shall humble ourselves before the Holy One by whispering the necessary to His priests. That puts us into the shoes of that leper in the gospel story, for we shall say to Christ through His priests: if You want to, You can cure me. And the reply is immediate: Of course I want to, be cured. In a trice, the burden of days, or months, or for some of us years, falls away. But that is certainly not the end, for our human wills are weak and easily prey to the temptations that surround us every moment of every day. Avoiding the occasions of sin is not easy in the least, when we have built wretched habits over a long period of time. But S. Paul provides useful advice in our second reading, Whatever you do, do it for the glory of God, occupy yourselves in charity, and leave no time for sin."