

# CATHOLIC LOUTH AND MABLETHORPE

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## First Week of Lent

Year B, Psalter Week I  
(18<sup>th</sup> February – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024)

### MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

|                          |   |             |
|--------------------------|---|-------------|
| Sun the 18 <sup>th</sup> | <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>   |             |
| 18.15                    | <i>The People</i>   | S. Mary's   |
| 9.00                     | <i>Patrick Hagan (+)</i>  | S. Mary's   |
| 11.30                    | <i>A. H. (intentions)</i>   | S. Joseph's |
| Mon the 19 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Lenten Feria</b>   |             |
| Tue the 20 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Lenten Feria</b>   |             |
| 10.00                    | <i>The holy souls</i>   | S. Joseph's |
| 18.00                    | Scripture Studies   | S. Mary's   |
| Wed the 21 <sup>st</sup> | <b>S. Peter Damian, bishop &amp; doctor</b>                               |             |
| 10.00                    | <i>The sanctification of the clergy</i>                                   | S. Mary's   |
| Thu the 22 <sup>nd</sup> | <b>THE CHAIR OF ST PETER</b>  |             |
| 10.00                    | <i>The Holy Father, Pope Francis</i>                                      | S. Joseph's |
| Fri the 23 <sup>rd</sup> | <b>S. Polycarp, bishop &amp; martyr</b>                                   |             |
| 15.00                    | Divine Mercy Chaplet  | S. Mary's   |
| Sat the 24 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Lenten Feria</b>   |             |
| 10.00                    | <i>Persecuted Christians</i>  | S. Mary's   |
| 10.45                    | Holy Hour of Adoration w/<br>The Holy Rosary,<br>Confessions, Benediction | S. Mary's   |
| 18.15                    | <i>The Holy Souls</i>   | S. Mary's   |
| Sun the 25 <sup>th</sup> | <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>  |             |
| 9.00                     | <i>The People</i>   | S. Mary's   |
| 10.30                    | Holy Hour of Adoration w/<br>Confessions, Benediction                     | S. Joseph's |
| 11.30                    | <i>The People</i>   | S. Joseph's |

### SECOND COLLECTION

This Sunday **NONE**

Next Sunday **CAFOD Lent Fast Day**

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

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Thursdays in Lent at 9.00 at S. Joseph's

Fridays in Lent at 14.00 at S. Mary's

### 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 (++)

Norma Christine Wright, Jacob Webb, Jim Mahaffy, Clement Caley, Alice Maud Roberts, Margaret Rice, Charlotte Edmonds, Olive Keenan, Arthur Fitz-osborne Brady, Sophia Zakhary, Betty Hayler Pike, Clementine (Lyn) Marvin, Jacob Corrigan, Edward Patrick Griffin, Peter Corrigan, Catherine Booker, Paene Birch.

### NOTICES

#### ❖ Lenten Retreats, Saturday from 10.00 to 16.00:

- Young Adults (18-35): 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Holy Cross Leicester (Free)
- Women (18+): 9<sup>th</sup> March, Holy Trinity, Newark (£12)
- Men (18+): 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Mount Saint Bernard Abbey (£12)

#### ❖ Upcoming pilgrimages (details on the noticeboards):

- Fatima w/ Fr Kevin: 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June
- Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage: 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July
- Walking from Worcester to Peterborough: 10<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August

### S. Mary's, Louth

❖ The **Funeral Mass of the late Reverend Dom Adrian Convery OSB** will take place on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30 AM at Ampleforth Abbey and will be livestreamed at < <https://www.youtube.com/@ampleforthabbeyliturgy4569/streams>>. Please pray for the peaceful repose of his soul. His family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude for all the kind messages they have received at this difficult time.

❖ The **Funeral Mass of Richard Crean** will take place on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

❖ The **Hope for Tomorrow Cuppa and Cake Fundraiser** held last Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, raised £408.72. Many thanks to all those who attended, contributed and baked goodies for the event.

❖ The **CAFOD Lent Fast Day** is this Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February. There is a Soup and Roll lunch planned. For more details, see Amanda.

❖ **S. Mary's repository is now open.** Please visit us in the parish hall after Sunday Mass to have a browse! We have rosaries, crucifixes, and books. There is also an adjoining **Lenten library** with books to aid prayer and meditation this penitential season.

❖ The new **Readers' rota** is up at the back of the church. Please do sign up to read for the Holy Week Masses and services on the sheet provided.

❖ **Teas & coffees:** after Mass on **Wednesday** and **Sunday**.

### S. Joseph's, Mablethorpe

❖ The next **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** will take place this **Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

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# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Lent is a preparation | We prepare for union with God | This union is a covenant

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## The wilderness of this world

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“He began after His baptism to dwell in the wilderness, and fought against the devil, [in order] that every baptized person might patiently sustain greater temptations after His baptism, nor be troubled, as if this which happened to Him was contrary to His expectation, but might bear up against all things, and come off conqueror.”

- S. John Chrysostom

## Living in the wilderness

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“Consider also that Christ dwells among the wild beasts as man, but, as God, uses the ministry of Angels. Thus, when in the solitude of a holy life we bear with unpolluted mind the bestial manners of men, we merit to have the ministry of Angels, by whom, when freed from the body, we shall be transferred to everlasting happiness.” - S. Beda the Venerable

## Noah’s covenant

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“The covenant with Noah remains in force during the times of the Gentiles, until the universal proclamation of the Gospel... Scripture thus expresses the heights of sanctity that can be reached by those who live according to the covenant of Noah, waiting for Christ to 'gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.'” - Catechism, §58



## Forty days and forty nights

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“As the gospel story this weekend indicates, our forty days is a shadow of His forty days, the period in which He prepared for his three-year mission of preaching and teaching and for His great Sacrifice with the retreat into the wilderness. Mark says that Christ was driven into the wilderness - and here we must remember that Christ had two natures, one divine and the other human. and that the human nature of our Lord had to resign and submit itself to the divine Will. And there is where Adam and Eve failed in that first garden, and which Christ finally manages in this other garden, the garden of Gethsemane: the will of the Father, the will of God, must be done. But, long before Gethsemane, the humanity of Christ is on display in our gospel story today. Fasting is not easy; in fasting, we discover our fragility as mortal beings and we are led to reverse the sin of Adam and Eve, and declare that we are always dependent upon the Holy One as human beings. And if we get this right, and acknowledge that we cannot go the distance on our own, we are able to live through the difficulties of our lives - we are able to be with the wild beasts - and we shall find heavenly assistance therein - the angels will look after us. Have united ourselves to the Holy One in mind and heart, we shall be ready to proclaim the Good News to a world that is still astray from her Maker. This union with God every Christian soul must aspire to, and every Lenten fast helps. It is like the union Noah acquired with God. That cross is our sign of covenant - not unlike the bow in the sky of Noah's covenant. We recall our covenant made on the Cross every time we make the sign of the cross, the sign we first received in baptism, and every time we attend Holy Mass and the crucifix soars above us, literally in our churches and vividly in our memories: Love poured out.”