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Third Sunday of Lent

Year B, Psalter Week III
(3rd March - 9th March 2024)

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun the 3rd **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

18.15	<i>The People</i>	S. Mary's
9.00	<i>Betty Parsons (+)</i>	S. Mary's
11.30	<i>Rev. Kevin Smyth</i>	S. Joseph's

Mon the 4th **S. Casimir**

Tue the 5 th	Lenten Feria	
18.00	Scripture Studies	S. Mary's

Wed the 6 th	Lenten Feria	
10.00	<i>Maria Walsh (+)</i>	S. Mary's

Thu the 7 th	Ss. Perpetua & Felicity	
9.00	<i>Those who are ill</i>	S. Joseph's
10.00	Stations of the Cross	S. Joseph's

Fri the 8 th	S. John of God	
14.00	Stations of the Cross	S. Mary's
15.00	Divine Mercy Chaplet	S. Mary's

Sat the 9 th	S. Frances of Rome	
10.00	<i>Private intention (M.V.)</i>	S. Mary's
10.45	Holy Hour of Adoration w/ the Holy Rosary, Confessions	S. Mary's
18.15	<i>The Holy Souls</i>	S. Mary's

Sun the 10 th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)	
9.00	<i>L.S. (intentions)</i>	S. Mary's
11.30	<i>Those who have died</i>	S. Joseph's

HOLY WEEK MASSES AND SERVICES

	S. Joseph's	S. Mary's
Maundy Thursday, 28 th March	6 PM	8 PM
Good Friday, 29 th March	3 PM	3 PM
Easter Vigil service and Easter Mass, 30 th March	8 PM, Mass at 9 PM	11 PM, Mass at 12 AM
Easter Sunday, 31 st March	11.30 AM	9 AM

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those who are ill

S. Mary's: Thomas Gallagher, 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:** Larry Walsh, Joseph Wilson, Laura Guest, Odessa Louise-Therese, John Thompson, Shaun Hewson, Winnie Copp, Owen Jenkinson, 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 Smith, Irene Bray, Joan Gowling, Patrick Geoghegan.

Those with anniversaries this week (++)

Robert Edward Lingard, Concertina Foster, Mary Agnes O' Gora, Bernard Poole, Henry Cusworth, Eileen Fiona Melangh, Robert George Osborne, Henry Joseph Baron, Anthony Bryant, Maria Holmes, Bridgett Egan, Wladyslaw Wozniak, Thomas Tighe, Thomas Brannick, James Connolly, Gus Robertson, David Woodliffe, George Larder, Hilda Jean Price, Monica Musson.

NOTICES

- The **Abortion Decriminalisation Proposal** will be debated in the House of Commons in early March. Please read more about it and write to your MP, asking them to oppose this extreme proposal.
- Our retired priests would like to thank everyone for your continuous support and generosity through the **Sick and Retired Priests' Fund**. They assure you of their constant prayers.
- **Lenten Retreats**, Saturday 10.00 to 16.00 (see noticeboard):
 - Women (18+): 9th March, Holy Trinity, Newark (£12)
 - Men (18+): 23rd March, Mt Saint Bernard Abbey (£12)
- **Upcoming pilgrimages** (see noticeboard):
 - Fatima w/ Fr. Kevin: 20th to 25th June
 - Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage: 15th to 19th July
 - Walking (Worcester to Peterborough): 10th to 25th August

S. Mary's, Louth

- The **CAFOD Family Fast Day lenten appeal** has raised a staggering £934.68! Many thanks to our CAFOD reps Amanda and Mark, and to everyone for their generosity and support.
- We are looking for two **Ecumenical Representatives** to work with other churches and ecclesial communities in Louth and the surrounding districts. See Fr. K for more information.
- Your new **Safeguarding Rep**: Mr Paul Rudd, t: 07513725463, e: <paul.ruddpsr@dioceseofnottingham.uk>.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** "Celebrate Rhiannon's 21st and Alfie's 18th with us on Sun, **24th March**. Parish centre after Mass, cuppa, nibbles and cake. Our Church family means a lot to us. Look forward to seeing you there, Siobhan."
- **S. Mary's repository**: Visit us at the back of church after Sunday Mass. Coming soon: Easter cards, rosaries, votive candles.
- **Teas & coffees**: after Mass on Wednesdays and Sundays.

S. Joseph's, Mablethorpe

- **S. Joseph's repository**: Easter cards have now arrived! Do come and browse our new stock.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** The feast of **S. Joseph the Worker, 1st May**. Mass at 18.00 followed by a celebratory supper. If you are able to help with the feast, please see Trudy.
- **Teas and coffees**: Thursdays after the 10.00 Mass.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Commandments a guide to life | Ongoing purification is crucial | Instruction precedes all else

Profiteering from ritual

“Those however, who came [to Jerusalem] from a distance, being unable to bring with them the animals required for sacrifice, brought the money instead. For their convenience the Scribes and Pharisees ordered animals to be sold in the temple, in order that, when the people had bought and offered them afterwards, they might sell them again, and thus make great profits.” - S. Beda the Venerable



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Look to heavenly things

“Or, those who sell in the Church, are those who seek their own, not the things of Jesus Christ. They who will not be bought, think they may sell earthly things... Our Lord intended a meaning to be seen in His making a scourge of small cords... Every one by his sins twists for himself a cord...” - S. Augustine

The Church, the Temple

“To take the passage mystically, God enters His Church spiritually every day, and marks each one's behavior there. Let us be careful then, when we are in God's Church, that we indulge not in stories, or jokes, or hatreds, or lusts, lest on a sudden He come and scourge us, and drive us out of His Church.” - Alcuin

Love of God, love of neighbour

The problem mankind has had from the beginning is its determination to ignore the direction or guidance of the God Who made it, to live life on its own terms. Every step that God has taken, from the moment of the fall of Adam and Eve, was to (i) instruct a small community of men and women in living a life in communion with God, and then (ii) a purification of that people, so that they could reverse the sin of Adam and Eve and reclaim the garden of Eden. In the first reading this weekend, we discover the first part - instruction - in the form of the ten commandments. There soon follows in the book of Exodus the means of purification, which in those days meant the sacrifices of animals, who would take the place in substitution of men and women who had merited death by their sins. What is the substance of these ten commandments? Christ Himself told us: love of God first, and then love of the men and women around us. We are called to an intensity of love, that will prompt us to give our lives for the beloved. Can we be like Christ, and even die praying for our enemies? As S. Paul says in our second reading, this makes no sense in a world of men, who cannot understand the mind of God. The Messiah was expected by the prophets to engrave the very logic of those commandments on the hearts of the men and women who loved Him. That was the instruction of the Gospel. There followed the purification rituals of our Sacraments, with Christ as the (animal) Sacrifice, Priest, and (as the gospel story says) the new Temple sanctuary.

“Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling...”