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Fourth Week of Lent

Year B, Psalter Week IV
(10th March - 16th March 2024)

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun the 10th **LAETARE SUNDAY**

18.15 *G.E. (intentions)*

9.00 *L.S. (intentions)*

11.30 *Those who have died*

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Mon the 11th **Lenten Feria**

Tue the 12th **Lenten Feria**

18.00 Scripture Studies

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Wed the 13th **Lenten Feria**

10.00 *John & Christina McGabe (++)*

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Thu the 14th **Lenten Feria**

9.00 Stations of the Cross

10.00 *W.C. (health and wellbeing)*

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Fri the 15th **Lenten Feria**

14.00 Stations of the Cross

15.00 Divine Mercy Chaplet

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Sat the 16th **Lenten Feria**

10.00 *M. V. (private intentions)*

10.45 Holy Hour of Adoration w/ the
Holy Rosary, Confessions

18.15 *In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

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Sun the 17th **PASSION SUNDAY**

9.00 *Olive Boon & Consolacion Diez (++)*

11.30 *E.M. (health and well-being)*

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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: 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: **Thomas Gallagher**, 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 Owens, William Smith, Irene Bray, Joan Gowling, Patrick Geoghegan.

Those with anniversaries this week (++)

Frank William Hoyles, James Cummings, Eva Larder, Patrick Carney, John Rainey, Thomas Rice, Patrick Wimsey, Mary Ann Taylor, Caroline Ward, Thomas Ellett, Veronica Adward, Thomas O'Connor, Eliza Chappell, June Moss, James Anthony Flynn, Alf Appleby, Guiseppi Cuimento.

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.
- Lenten Retreat**, Saturday 10.00 to 16.00 (see noticeboard):
 - Men (18+): 23rd March, Mt Saint Bernard Abbey (£12)
- Upcoming pilgrimages** (see noticeboard):
 - Walsingham, Monday 8th April, Feast of the Annunciation.** Coach leaves Louth at 7.30 AM and returns at 4 /4.30 PM. Price: £25. Please speak to Myra, if interested.
 - Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Sat, 15th June
 - Fatima w/ Fr. Kevin: 20th to 25th June
 - Annual Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage: 15th to 19th July
 - Walking (Worcester to Peterborough): 10th to 25th August

S. Mary's, Louth

- 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.
- 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 Mass. We have Easter cards, rosaries, votive candles, etc. for sale.
- Teas & coffees:** after Mass on Wednesdays and Sundays.
- Your **Safeguarding Rep:** Mr Paul Rudd, t: 07513725463, e: <paul.ruddpsr@dioceseofnottingham.uk>.

S. Joseph's, Mablethorpe

- We plan to collect **monies for flowers** just twice in each year; just before Christmas and again just before Easter, the two biggest festivals in the Christian calendar. We will be collecting from the **4th Sunday of Lent (10th March) until Palm Sunday (24th March)**. Please give as generously as you can. Thank you.
- 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

faith and belief in the Light | the Light is Christ | unrepentant sinners prefer darkness

Removal of attachments

“...the temple was destroyed and the people in exile no longer had a land; it truly seemed that God had forgotten them. Then, however, they saw that God, through punishment, pursues a plan of mercy. It was to be the destruction of the Holy City and the Temple... it was to be an exile that would move the people's hearts and bring them back to their God so that they might know Him more deeply.” - Holy Father Benedict XVI, his homilies

God, our only possession

“O my God, Trinity Whom I adore, help me forget myself entirely so to establish myself in You, unmovable and peaceful as if my soul were already in eternity. May nothing be able to trouble my peace or make me leave You, O my unchanging God, but may each minute bring me more deeply into Your mystery!” Catechism, §260

The light of belief

“What did you expect Him to say of him who believed not, except that he is condemned. Yet mark His words: He that believes not is condemned already. The Judgment has not appeared, but it is already given.” - S. Augustine



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A surviving remnant

If we look down the history of the people of God, we find that with every great destruction of the people a small remnant survived in faith and devotion and became prosperous again. In our first reading this weekend, we hear of the calamitous destruction of Jerusalem in 587BC. The people had ignored God's commandments, they had ignored the Law of charity. Failing in their charity towards God, they had fallen into idolatry and syncretism, and they had then naturally fallen into moral depravity. Found unrepentant, they had been sent the scourge of the Babylonian king, who razed Jerusalem to the ground and carried away most of the people into exile. But the reading ends with a remnant of this people in Babylon who were permitted by the Persian king Cyrus to return to Jerusalem and rebuild. And within a few centuries, Christ would be on the streets of Jerusalem calling for the people to repent and return to Him, their ancient God, or calamity would strike again. And they crucified Him, and found unrepentant were met with the scourge of the Roman legions, who razed Jerusalem to the ground again. But a remnant of the people would remain in the Jewish community and especially also in the Church of Christ. Jerusalem stands for the earthly glory of the Chosen People. In so far as we rest upon earthly glory and ignore the glory of the Holy One Who lives within the Temple, we have fallen into error. The Church too has an earthly glory, but our gaze must be set upon the glory of the Holy One Who lives within our hearts as within His Temple of old, in Jerusalem. Our gospel reading this weekend is a discourse between Christ and the Pharisee Saint Nicodemus on baptism, which establishes a belonging to Christ. There will come a time at the end of all things when all things will pass away, as with the world of Noah's youth and the sinful Jerusalem of the prophets. But there will be a remnant, as there always is, of those who in baptism embraced the light of Christ.

“Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, o Lord, abide with me...”