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Fifth Week of Lent

Year B, Psalter Week I
(17th March - 23rd March 2024)

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun the 17th **PASSION SUNDAY**

18.15 *In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary* S. Mary's
9.00 *Olive Boon & Consolacion Diez* (++) S. Mary's
11.30 *E.M. (health and well-being)* S. Joseph's

Mon the 18th **S. Cyril of Jerusalem**

Tue the 19th **SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN**

10.00 *The People* S. Joseph's
18.00 Scripture Studies S. Mary's

Wed the 20th **S. Alcmund, martyr**

10.00 *M. V. (Private intention)* S. Mary's

Thu the 21st **Lenten Feria**

9.00 Stations of the Cross S. Joseph's
10.00 *Fr. Anthony Dolan* (+) S. Joseph's

Fri the 22nd **Lenten Feria**

14.00 Stations of the Cross S. Mary's
15.00 Divine Mercy Chaplet S. Mary's

Sat the 23rd **S. Turibius of Mongrovejo**

10.00 *Raymond Jackson* (+) S. Mary's
10.45 Holy Hour of Adoration w/ the
Holy Rosary, Confessions S. Mary's
18.15 *Persecuted Christians* S. Mary's

Sun the 24th **PALM SUNDAY**

9.00 *G. D. (Private intentions)* S. Mary's
11.30 *Ditosa Clara Da Cruz* (+) 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: Kerry Ashby, 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 (++)

Fr. John Daley IC; 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 Ovens, 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 March. Please read more about it and write to your MP, asking them to oppose this extreme proposal.
- Upcoming pilgrimages** (see noticeboard for more):
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.

S. Mary's, Louth

- SAVE THE DATE!** "Celebrate Rhiannon's 21st and Alfie's 18th with us **next Sunday, 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."
- Readers needed** for the Easter Vigil service and Mass. If you are able to assist, please do let us know.
- On **Divine Mercy Sunday, 7th April**, there will be Confessions from 2-3 PM with the recitation of the Holy Rosary, the recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet at 3 PM and Holy Mass at 3.15 PM.
- 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.
- S. Mary's repository:** Visit us in the parish hall after Sunday 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.

PASSION SUNDAY

Disobedience ruined humanity | Obedience restored us | Obedience is patient in suffering

The Gentiles arrive...

“He saw that after His passion and resurrection, the Gentiles in all lands would believe in Him; and took occasion from this request of some Gentiles to see Him, to announce the approaching fullness of the Gentiles, for that the hour of His being glorified was now at hand, and that after He was glorified in the heavens, the Gentiles would believe” - S. Augustine

Can God suffer?

“To our Lord's exhortation to His disciples to endurance, they might have replied that it was easy for Him, Who was out of the reach of human pain, to talk philosophically about death, and to recommend others to bear what He is in no danger of having to bear Himself. So He lets them see that He is Himself in an agony, but that He does not intend to decline death” - S. John Chrysostom

United in the Church

“Having been lifted up from the earth, He draws all men to Himself... This mystery had not been manifested to other generations as it was now revealed to His holy Apostles and prophets in the Holy Spirit, so that they might preach the Gospel, stir up faith in Jesus... and gather together the Church.” - Dei Verbum §17, of the Second Vatican Council



Glorified in suffering

On Passion Sunday, we remember when our Lord declared that His Hour had come and set His face for Jerusalem. Christ had carefully planned the moment when He would accomplish His end - the salvation of mankind - and He would ascend the mountain to Jerusalem and be sacrificed. This is not an easy thing - to sacrifice one's life even for friends - and we must always remember that this Son of God was also a Son of Man - a human being. What a terror for Him, especially knowing by His divine foresight the manner of His torture and death. The second reading tells us that He offered up prayer, even with tears, that He may be saved out of death, and that He had to submit Himself in obedience to the command of God the Father, and perfectly unite His human will to the divine Will that also resided within Him. And thus the Passion began with the turning towards Jerusalem, the signal being given by the arrival of non-Jewish Greeks, in a premonition of the upcoming birth of the Church - a community of both Jews and Gentiles, united together, as the prophets had long predicted. Our first reading today speaks of the new covenant of Christ, to be established when those days arrive, when the Law of God will no longer be merely in books to be read out but written into the hearts of all who love God, through the action of the Holy Spirit. But all this glory - the Christian Pentecost and the union of all mankind with God - requires the evil of the Passion to fall upon Christ, by Whose devotion to His Father and by His perseverance through it, mankind who had left God in the persons of Adam and Eve had now returned to Him through the person of OLJC and through His Church. And the Voice descended from on high, to say, I have glorified My Name in My Son Jesus, and I shall glorify it again in His Church for all ages.

“Hail, Cross, most sublime of hopes, in this Passiontide grant us increases of grace, and remove our sins.”