

# CATHOLIC LOUTH AND MABLETHORPE

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## Sixth Week of Lent – Holy Week

Year B, Psalter Week II  
(24<sup>th</sup> March - 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024)

### MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun the 24<sup>th</sup> **PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

18.15 *Persecuted Christians*

9.00 *G. D. (Private intentions)*

11.30 *Ditosa Clara Da Cruz (+)*

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Mon the 25<sup>th</sup> **MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

Tue the 26<sup>th</sup> **TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

10.00 *Holy Souls*

18.00 *Scripture Studies*

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Wed the 27<sup>th</sup> **WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

Thu the 28<sup>th</sup> **THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

(evening) **MAUNDY THURSDAY – MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

17.00 *Sacrament of Reconciliation (confessions)*

18.00 *Vocations (Priesthood & religious life)*

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Fri the 29<sup>th</sup> **GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

14.00 *Stations of the Cross*

15.00 *Good Friday Service*

BOTH

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Sat the 30<sup>th</sup> **HOLY SATURDAY**

(evening) **THE EASTER VIGIL**

20.00 *Carol Johnson (+)*

23.00 *Priest's intentions*

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Sun the 31<sup>st</sup> **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESSURECTION**

9.00 *The People*

11.30 *The People*

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### NOTICES

- The **Second Collection on Good Friday** will be for the Holy Places of Palestine.
- **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

- **NOTE:** There is no 10 AM Mass this Wednesday.
- **The Readers' rotas** for Holy Week and April - May are up on the noticeboard. Please take note.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** "Celebrate Rhiannon's 21<sup>st</sup> and Alfie's 18<sup>th</sup> with us this **Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March.** Parish centre after Mass, cuppa, nibbles and cake. Our Church family means a lot to us. Look forward to seeing you there, Siobhan."
- **Divine Mercy Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April:** 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:** Easter cards, 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!
- **SAVE THE DATE!** The feast of **S. Joseph the Worker, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### 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. Anthony Dolan, Fr. John Daley IC;**  
**S. Mary's:** Jim Ellison, 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 (++)

Gabrielle Simpson, Monica Violet Foley, Cyril Dawson, Lucy Sarah Curtis, Thomas Sykes, Kenneth Sutcliffe, Hugh Malachy McKenna, Charles Henry Brackenbury Williamson, William Edwards, Frederick Leake, Terry Birmingham, Evelyn Cecilia Kimmins, Agnes Andrews, Harriett Anna Corrigan, George Darker, Christopher John Frain, Bridget Sylvia Duffy, Waldemar Marian Sharp, Mary Kate Wimsey.

# PALM SUNDAY

The King returns to Jerusalem | He humbles Himself before men | He is raised up as Ruler of all

## Imitating the humility of Christ

“Nothing rouses a great and philosophic soul to the performance of good works so much as learning that in this it is likened to God. What encouragement is equal to this? None. This Paul well knowing, when he would exhort them to humility, first beseeches and supplicates them...” - S. John Chrysostom, his homilies

## The mission of the Church

“...the Church, although it needs human resources to carry out its mission, is not set up to seek earthly glory, but to proclaim, even by its own example, humility and self-sacrifice. Christ was sent by the Father 'to bring good news to the poor, to heal the contrite of heart,' 'to seek and to save what was lost.'”  
- Lumen Gentium §8, of the second Vatican Council

## Sin conquered

“It is precisely in the Passion, when the mercy of Christ is about to vanquish it, that sin most clearly manifests its violence and its many forms. However, at the very hour of darkness, the hour of the prince of this world, the sacrifice of Christ secretly becomes the source from which the forgiveness of our sins will pour forth inexhaustibly.” - Catechism, §1851



## Humility rewarded

The point of our festival this weekend is to honour the King, Who entered His own capital as the Successor of David, to claim not political power but His eternal priesthood. Indeed He went not to the palace of the tetrarch Herod, or the residence of the Roman procurator Pilate, but straight to the Temple of His presence. Thus as the prophet Zechariah once said, the Shepherd-king arrived on a makeshift throne, made from an ass and a colt. The gospel of S. Matthew describes this better. The King thus arrived in His capital not to be triumphantly crowned as secular prince, but to establish a new priestly ritual: He Himself would be the victim to be sacrificed, Himself the altar of sacrifice, Himself the priest offering the sacrifice upon the altar. This later understanding of the Church is built upon a good and honourable Heart that gave of Itself for the men and women It so loved. A very human heart. In distress and pain, It called out the lines of Psalm 22: My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me? Thus our first reading and psalm. In utter humiliation, this Sacred Heart then offered the sacrifice that Adam, Eve and every other human being before Him had failed to offer: complete subjection to the Divine will. Thus our second reading. Humility is rewarded, as S. Paul tells us, because it is when we put ourselves in the lowest place that the Holy One beckons us higher.

“Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp, ride on to die; bow Your meek head to mortal pain - then take, o Christ, Your power and reign.”