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First Week of Eastertide

Year B, Psalter Week I
(31st March - 6th April 2024)

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun the 31st **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESSURECTION**

9.00 *The People*

S. Mary's

11.30 *The People*

S. Joseph's

Mon the 1st **MONDAY OF EASTER**

Tue the 2nd **TUESDAY OF EASTER**

18.00 Scripture Studies

S. Mary's

Wed the 3rd **WEDNESDAY OF EASTER**

10.00 *E. N. (intentions)*

S. Mary's

Thu the 4th **THURSDAY OF EASTER**

10.00 *Raymond Jackson (+)*

S. Joseph's

Fri the 5th **FRIDAY OF EASTER**

15.00 Divine Mercy chaplet

S. Mary's

Sat the 6th **SATURDAY OF EASTER**

10.00 *Raymond Jackson (+)*

S. Mary's

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

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18.15 *Deceased priests and Religions*

Sun the 7th **II SUNDAY OF EASTER -
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

9.00 *Robert Forrester (+)*

S. Mary's

11.30 *The People*

S. Joseph's

14.00 Confessions, Holy Rosary

S. Mary's

15.00 Divine Mercy Chaplet

S. Mary's

15.15 *In reconciliation*

NOTICES

- **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.
 - Fatima w/ Fr Kevin: 20th to 25th June.
- **S. Mary's, Louth**
 - **Monthly CAFOD collection:** next Sunday, 7th April .
 - The new **Readers' rota** for April/May is on the noticeboard.
 - **Siobhan sends her heartfelt thanks** to all who attended the birthday celebrations of her beautiful children, Rhiannon and Alfie, last Sunday and for all the lovely cards and gifts.
 - **SAVE THE DATE!** Join us on **12th May** in the parish hall after Sunday Mass, for a cream tea and coffee morning with yummy scones and cakes. All proceeds go towards the costs of an upcoming 5-day priest retreat in October 2024 hosted by the Diocese of Nottingham and the Unbound deliverance ministry. There will be a collection after Mass on the day for the same. Please see Ellie for more details.
 - **Divine Mercy Sunday, 7th 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 one more **Ecumenical Representative** to work with other churches and ecclesial communities in Louth and the surrounding districts. See Fr. K for more information.
 - **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

- **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.
- **S. Joseph's repository:** Please visit us after the Sunday Mass and browse our collection of greeting cards and holy items.
- **Teas and coffees:** Thursdays after the 10.00 Mass.

Fr. Kevin would like to thank everybody who has so kindly helped prepare for the observance of Lent, Holy Week and Easter, both in the church and at the house, with food and other gifts. A very happy Easter to all of you and your families, and may the Risen One draw you ever closer to Himself and bring you peace in every circumstance.

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 (++)

Joan Gerety, Mary Joanna Crow, Maureen Roe, Ivy Biggs, Bridget Hargreaves, Pat Flannagan, Michael Halligan, Mary Moody, John Edward Dows, Ernest Charles Mackey, Winifred Walmesley. Mary Alice Kelly, Bridget Walsh, Denis Peter Darker, Helen Griffin, Maria Oakes.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

Christ humbled Himself | He sacrificed what is dearest to us | So His Name stands above every other

He has truly risen?!

“That the disciples were slow in believing our Lord's Resurrection was not so much a weakness of theirs as it is our strength. For the Resurrection itself through their doubts was manifested by many proofs; and whilst we read and acknowledge them, what do we but become firmer through their doubting?” - Holy Father S. Gregory

Saint Mary's devotion

“Mary Magdalene, undoubtedly the most fervent in love, of all the women that ministered to our Lord; so that [the Evangelist] John deservedly mentions her only, and says nothing of the others who were with her, as we know from the other Evangelists.” - S. Augustine

Saint John's faith

“The disciple 'whom Jesus loved' affirmed that when he entered the empty tomb and discovered 'the linen cloths lying there,' 'he saw and believed.' This suggests that he realized from the empty tomb's condition that the absence of Jesus' body could not have been of human doing and that Jesus had not simply returned to earthly life as had been the case with Lazarus.” - Catechism §640, on John 20: 1-9



Humility rewarded

The readings of the Easter vigil in particular take us on a run through the Old Testament, and tell us progressively of the sin of our first parents, which created the seemingly irreparable rift with the Will of the Holy One, and then of the first mending of the rift through Father Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his beloved son for the Will of God. Having thus tested the waters, it was within the promises to Abraham and his family that the final rebuilding of the bridge between God and man would appear. That bridge would be the God-man Christ, in Whom God would sacrifice His beloved Son, this wonderful Lord of ours conforming His own human will perfectly with the Will of God His Father. So, the Holy One would draw the people of Israel out of the sinfulness of Egypt into the desert of atonement with God and into His own Presence. But the people fell back into sin, and prophets like Isaiah, Baruch and Ezekiel called them back to obedience. In the midst of a nation of sinners, there was always a faithful remnant, carefully following the Divine Will and praying for the others. And within the fullness of time, descended of King David, arose the family of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of whom we have received the perfect Man, wholly God and wholly man, who as man officiates as priest for men and in Himself finally joins mankind back to God. This day, that renewed Mankind walked alive from the dead, and He bids us enter into His perfection, and so into His peace and His life. Salvation came from the Jews, but is now made available everywhere. For the Risen One meets the Church not in Jerusalem, but beyond, in Galilee of the Gentiles.