

# CATHOLIC LOUTH AND MABLETHORPE

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## Fifth Week of Eastertide

Year B, Psalter Week V  
(28<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024)

### MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun the 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>V SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
18.15	<i>Peace in the Holy Land</i>	S. Mary's
9.00	<i>Private Intentions (multiple)</i>	S. Mary's
11.30	<i>K&amp;S Hewson (intentions)</i>	S. Joseph's
Mon the 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>S. CATHERINE OF SIENA</b>	
Tue the 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>S. Pius V</b>	
18.00	Scripture Studies	S. Mary's
Wed the 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>S. Joseph the Worker</b>	
10.00	<i>For all workers</i>	S. Mary's
18.00	<i>The People</i>	S. Joseph's
Thu the 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>S. Athanasius</b>	
10.00	<i>Persecuted Christians</i>	S. Joseph's
Fri the 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>SS. PHILIP AND JAMES</b>	
15.00	Divine Mercy chaplet	S. Mary's
Sat the 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THE ENGLISH MARTYRS</b>	
10.00	<i>The conversion of England</i>	S. Mary's
10.45	Holy Hour of Adoration w/ the Holy Rosary, Confessions	S. Mary's S. Mary's
18.15	<i>In reparation for abuse by clergy</i>	
Sun the 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>VI SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
9.00	<i>The work of safeguarding</i>	S. Mary's
11.30	<i>The work of safeguarding</i>	S. Joseph's

### NOTICES

- Tuesday, 30th April, is the national **Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse**. The following Sunday, 5th May, is our diocesan **Safeguarding Sunday**.
- Bishop Patrick invites you to a **free online webinar**, on Tuesday 21st May, 6.00 – 8.00 pm, led by best-selling author and eminent speaker **Sherry Weddell** who will share her inspirational ideas on how Catholics can explore their Mission to bring all people closer to Christ. Register at: <www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/sw>.
- A **choral concert** of music in honour of **Our Lady, Queen of**

**the May**, is being given by the combined forces of Nottingham Cathedral Choir, Salford Cathedral Choir, and Nottingham Cathedral Choir Alumni, in Saint Barnabas Cathedral on Saturday 11th May at 7.45pm. All are very welcome to attend.

- Rethink Abortion Interactive Training Day**, Saturday 11th May at Trinity School, Aspley (NG8 3EP), 10.00 to 16.30, £25.
- The **Abortion Decriminalisation Proposal** aims to legalise abortion up to birth. Please read more about it and write to your MP, asking them to oppose this extreme proposal.
- Fr. Kevin will soon begin a **series of discussions on the Catholic Faith** for those interested in learning more about the Catechism and the magisterium of the Church. Expected start date: a Monday in July.
- Upcoming pilgrimages** (see noticeboard for more):
  - Pilgrimage to Melwood in honour of S. Augustine Webster, Saturday 4th May. Meet before 12.00 at Low Melwood Farm between Epworth and Owston Ferry (DN9 1AD; parking available on site) for the Rosary Procession, and Mass. Bring a chair, optional picnic, and appropriate footwear for walking
  - Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Sat, 15th June

### S. Mary's, Louth

- PLEASE NOTE:** The next **parish council meeting** will take place on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July after the 10.00 Mass.
- The next **CAFOD collection** will be on **Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May**. This will go towards the **Sudan Crisis Appeal** to raise emergency funds and provide humanitarian aid for a people who are facing starvation in the midst of a terrible civil war.
- 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.
- 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.

### S. Joseph's, Mablethorpe

- 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.
- 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.

### 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, 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:** Kerry Ashby, 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 (++)

Charles Smith, John Doyle, Kathleen Cummings, Josefine Meaby, John Lorimer Ward, Agnes Smith, Tony Keeler, Wim Kirkham,

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Church cultivated by God | The Church pruned through suffering | The Church thus a mother of souls

## Cultivated as a vine

“For we cultivate God, and God cultivates us... His culture of us makes us better. His culture consists in extirpating all the seeds of wickedness from our hearts, in opening our heart to the plough, as it were, of His word, in sowing in us the seeds of His commandments, in waiting for the fruits of piety.” - S. Augustine

## Pruned through suffering

“The one branch, because it is fruitless, cannot even remain in the Vine, but for the other, because it beareth fruit, He rendereth it more fruitful. This, some one might assert, was said with relation also to the persecutions then coming upon them... persecutions rather make men stronger.” - S. John Chrysostom

## Producing fruit

“The Church... which is called 'that Jerusalem which is above' and 'our mother', is described as the spotless spouse of the spotless lamb. It is she whom Christ 'loved and for whom He delivered himself up that He might sanctify her.' It is she whom He unites to Himself by an unbreakable alliance, and whom He constantly 'nourishes and cherishes.'” - Catechism §757



## One in Christ - Jew and Gentile

“Over the years, I have several accounts of the conversion of Jews in our own times, and the usual theme I find is this: a Jew who accepts Christ and somehow becomes a Christian doesn't feel that he or she has ceased to be a Jew; rather, they find that their Jewishness is deepened and that they stand at the end of a long story that began millenia ago with the election of the patriarch Abraham. This forms a good introduction to the two principal readings today. In the first reading, we find that S. Paul, some time after having his extraordinary conversion on the road to Damascus, is now looking for the Apostles. For Paul had already been given a task by Christ - he was to be a missionary to carry the Christian religion beyond the bounds of Judaea, to the Greek countries and beyond. So, Paul went with the support of S. Barnabas to Jerusalem, to receive apostolic authority for his mission. This proud Pharisee now kneels before Christ's regents in humility and, with their authority, creates such a stir in the Holy City that he must be sent off for his safety. Consider the plight of all converts like Paul, and like the rabbi I mentioned earlier, and also converts to Catholicism. They don't usually suffer violence anymore, but they quickly become pariahs among their former communities, cut off and abandoned. They should not be abandoned by us. Let us pray first of all for the conversion of the hearts of our Jewish brothers and sisters, through the intercession of OL and the Apostles, and the Saints of the early Church - all Jews. Our gospel message establishes the picture of the vine of the Church, as Christ explains to His Jewish audience that they are branches on that vine. Paul would later explain in his letters that non-Jewish people such as ourselves are grafted onto that very Jewish vine through baptism. And the life that flows through us - the sap of the vine - is the grace of God, through which we are either pruned to bear fruit, or else destroyed. And so we are to preach, all of us - both by our words and by real and active lives of faith (as S. John also says in the second reading), we are to bring the pride of this world to its knees before Christ.”

“I AM the vine, you are its branches; if a man lives on in Me, and I in him, then he will yield abundant fruit...”

