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Seventh Week of Eastertide

Year B, Psalter Week III
(12th to 18th May 2024)

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun the 12th **VII SUNDAY OF EASTER**

18.15 *Those suffering in Sudan*

9.00 *The People*

11.30 *The People*

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Mon the 13th **Our Lady of Fatima**

Tue the 14th **S. Matthias, Apostle**

Wed the 15th **Easter Feria**

10.00 *Harry Millican (+)*

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Thu the 16th **Easter Feria**

10.00 *Tim and Ann Twomey (++)*

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Fri the 17th **Easter Feria**

10.00 *Roger Dygas (+)*

15.00 *Divine Mercy chaplet*

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Sat the 18th **S. John I, pope & martyr**

10.00 *John W. Giles (+)*

10.45 *The Holy Rosary*

18.15 *Mr. and Mrs. Perkins (++)*

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Sun the 19th **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

9.00 *Ditosa Clara da Cruz (+)*

11.30 *Bernard and Thelma Farrell (++)*

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SECOND COLLECTION

This Sunday, 12th May: Catholic Communications

NOTICES

- Today, 12th May is **Communications Sunday**.
- PLEASE NOTE:** Tuesday evening **Scripture Study** is **cancelled** until further notice due to Fr. Kevin's ill health.
- 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.

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: 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: Larry Walsh, John Gallagher, Margaret Mountain, Madeleine Ovens, William Smith, Irene Bray, Joan Gowling, Patrick Geoghegan.

Those with anniversaries this week (++)

John James Rooney, William Scott, Daniel Hagan, George Benton, Fr Philip Morris, John Rice, William Pettinger, Margaret Bourke, Florence Holeman, Mary Brown, Edwin Halligan, Barbara Treanor, Aleksejs Usov, Michael Kolsdij, James Hayes, Roger Dygas, Beatrice Rose Stacey, Winifred Musson, Alison Cosford, Jane Drakes, Thomas Halligan, Teresa Maybury.

- Secular Carmelite Enquirers' Day:** Saturday 18th May, from 11.00 am till 3.00 pm, in St Hugh's Church Hall, Lincoln.

The community meets on the third Saturday of every month at Our Lady of Lincoln, and meetings include Morning and Evening Prayer from the Divine Office; silent Contemplative Prayer (traditional and/or more contemporary approaches, such as those of John Main and Thomas Keating, etc ; Lectio Divina; and exploring, in particular, though not exclusively, the teachings of Carmelite Saints, such as John of the Cross, Teresa of Avila, Thérèse of Lisieux, Elizabeth of the Trinity, and Edith Stein, etc.

- Tuesday 21st May, 6.00 – 8.00 pm: **Free online webinar** on how Catholics can explore their Mission to bring all people closer to Christ. Led by best-selling author and eminent speaker **Sherry Weddell**.

Register at: <www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/sw>.

- Upcoming pilgrimages** (see noticeboard for more):

- Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Sat, 15th June

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- Please join us today, Sunday 12th May in the parish hall** after 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 for the same. See Ellie for details.
- This month's **CAFOD collection** raised £419.42 and will go towards the **Sudan Appeal** to help the people in the midst of civil war and famine. Many thanks for your continuous generosity and support.
- PLEASE NOTE:** The next **parish council meeting** will take place on Wednesday, 3rd July after the 10.00 Mass.
- 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

- 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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Church is called out of the world | The Church belongs to God | The Church must be united intimately to God

The unity of friendship

“And this unity [of love] is recommended by the great example of unity: 'As You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be one in Us,' i.e. that as the Father is in the Son, and the Son in the Father, so after the likeness of this unity, all may be one in the Father and in the Son.” - S. Hilarius

The mission of the Church

“One engages in the apostolate through the faith, hope, and charity which the Holy Spirit diffuses in the hearts of all members of the Church. Indeed, by the precept of charity, which is the Lord's greatest commandment, all the faithful are impelled to promote the glory of God through the coming of His kingdom and to obtain eternal life for all men.” - Apostolicam actuositatem §3, of the Holy Father Paul VI

Meanwhile, in house...

“To believers also the Church must ever preach faith and penance, she must prepare them for the sacraments, teach them to observe all that Christ has commanded, and invite them to all the works of charity, piety, and the apostolate. For all these works make it clear that Christ's faithful, though not of this world, are to be the light of the world and to glorify the Father before men.” - Sacrosanctum concilium §9, of the Second Vatican Council



Elected out of this world

Following Thursday's feast of the Ascension, we are now on the approach towards Pentecost Sunday and our readings now relate to the promise of the guidance of the Holy Spirit. What does this guidance of the Holy Spirit imply? In the gospel reading, we find Christ's 'high-priestly prayer,' made primarily on behalf of the Apostles at the Last Supper, but by extension on behalf of us all. The theme is unity, unity in our profession of faith, and unity in our mutual love. And this love is of the type of the intimate self-sacrificial love of married friendship. As married love unites husband and wife, so we are to be united one to another, and so be true to His Name. The reading further says that this love of God in us, as a result of the Holy Spirit working within us, separates us out from the world - making us 'holy' - and so belonging rather to Him than to the world. And so we must live in love, in order to be true to Christ; S. John in the second reading makes our demonstration of love (by following the commandments) a condition of God completing His love in us - that is, completing His union of love with us in what we call 'heaven.' All of this should not sound abstract, for it is very practical. Looking about us, we should see men and women worthy of the self-sacrificing love God commands us to show them; then we must pray for that charity in our hearts. This love for strangers and even for those who hate us is not the easiest demand of Christ, but it is essential, if full of risks. But the Lord Himself takes risks with us, knowing that not all of us will accept Him in love, and that the great majority of men and women will reject Him, deeply wounding the Sacred Heart. And so we must love like Him.

“Though the cloud from sight received Him, when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget His promise, 'I AM with you evermore'?”