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Seventh Week of Ordinary Time

Year B, Psalter Week III (19th to 25th May 2024)

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun the 19 th	PENTECOST SUNDAY	
18.15	Mr. and Mrs. Perkins (++)	S. Mary's
9.00	Ditosa Clara da Cruz (+)	S. Mary's
11.30	Bernard and Thelma Farrell (++)	S. Joseph's

Mon the 20 th	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother	
	of the Church	

Tue the 21st **S. Christopher of Magallanes** & Companions

Wed the 22nd S. Rita of Cascia

10.00 The Bishop

Thu the 23rd OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

Fri the 24th Feria
15.00 Divine Mercy chaplet

Sat the 25th S. Bede the Venerable

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10.00	Suffering Christians	S. Mary's
10.45	The Holy Rosary	S. Mary's
18.15	The People	S. Mary's

Sun the 26th THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 9.00 Peace in the Holy Land

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SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday, 26th May White Flower Appeal

NOTICES

 Please join in, where possible, with the Prayer for Peace this Monday, 20th May at 12.50. All of us across the diocese are invited to join the Bishop to pray the Angelus at this time for all people affected by war, especially those in Sudan, Gaza and Ukraine.

- At this critical moment, when certain persons in government are campaigning to remove every last restriction on abortion, perhaps allowing babies to be aborted up to the very moment of birth, I would like to support the pro-life charity, the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC); and collect for their White Flower appeal next weekend. - Fr. K
- 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.
- Upcoming pilgrimages (see noticeboard for more):
 - · Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Sat, 15th June

S. Mary's, Louth

S. Joseph's

- A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the cream tea and coffee morning last Sunday, by baking yummy cakes, helping out on the day and by your presence on the morning. A remarkable £250.21 was raised! 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.
- **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

- Father Kevin would like to **thank everybody** who helped arrange for our parish Mass and for the great feast in the parish hall on the feast day of S. Joseph the Worker. It was an excellent event and an absolute delight.
- 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: Susie Watchorn, 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, Theela 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 (++)

David Shillington, Alison Cosford, Jane Drakes, Thomas Halligan, Teresa Maybury, James Patrick Rice, Thomas Cummings, Mary Humble, Francis Higginson, Sarah Burke, Delabene Weston Marsden, John Blutley, Bernard Stanley Zakary, Henry Trimlett, Marilyn Groves, William Kayes, Mona Elizabeth Charlton, John Halligan, Cyril Clements.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost concludes the Easter event | The Church was born on Good Friday | She receives the Breath of Life today

Overcoming self

"For the Apostle [S. Paul] it is not a matter of despising and condemning the body which with the spiritual soul constitutes man's nature and personal subjectivity. Rather, he is concerned with the morally good or bad works, or better, the permanent dispositions virtues and vices - which are the fruit of submission (in the first case) or of resistance (in the second case) to the saving action of the Holy Spirit." -Catechism §2516

Divine assistance

"When the work which the Father gave the Son to do on earth was accomplished, the Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost in order that He might continually sanctify the Church, and thus, all those who believe would have access through Christ in one Spirit to the Father." - Lumen Gentium §4, of the Second Vatican Council

The divine River

"...the Holy Spirit is the River, and the abundant River, which according to the Hebrews flowed from Jesus in the lands, as we have received it prophesied by the mouth of Isaiah. This is the great River which flows always and never fails..." - S. Ambrose of Milan



Written upon our hearts

Today's festival of Pentecost is a Jewish one. Seven weeks after the festival of first fruits (after Passover), the Hebrews marked another harvest festival, which they still call Weeks: seven weeks of seven days. In Greek, this is 'Pentecost.' Seven is a meaningful number in Hebrew writings, and Weeks celebrated also the giving of the Law of Moses (the Ten Commandments) to Moses on the mountain. Prophets like Ezekiel spoke of the Law of God one day being written upon the hearts of the men and women who loved Him. How would God effect this engraving of His upon our hearts? Isn't it fitting that it was during the feast of Weeks (or Pentecost) that the rush of wind we hear about in our readings today came down upon the Apostles of Christ and imprinted within their hearts far more than Ezekiel could ever have imagined? The outstanding effect was the reversal of the ancient curse imposed upon mankind when we had begun to build a tower at Babel in Mesopotamia, in a direct challenge to the Holy One. And He divided us in speech until such a time should come as mankind should learn humility and submission to His will for us. And mankind demonstrated that very humility and submission upon a Cross outside Jerusalem, on Good Friday. Learn from me, our Lord had once said, for I am meek and humble of heart, and (if you are too) you will find rest for your souls. Humanity is thus redeemed in Christ from its ancient rebellion against the Holy One, and those united to Him thus receive the grace of holy abandon to His will, and the ability to be united not only in mind and heart, but in understanding and language.