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Week XII of Ordinary Time

Year B, Psalter Week IV

(23rd - 30th June 2024)

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun the 23rd **Sunday XII of Ordinary Time**

18.15 *Peace in the Holy Land*

9.00 *Fr. Kevin (intentions)*

11.30 *M. P. (intentions)*

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Mon the 24th **THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Tue the 25th **Feria**

Wed the 26th **Feria**

10.00 *Peace in the Holy Land*

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Thu the 27th **S. Cyril of Alexandria**

10.00 *Coptic Christians of Egypt*

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Fri the 28th **S. Irenaeus**

15.00 *Divine Mercy chaplet*

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Sat the 29th **Feria**

10.00 *D. T. (intentions)*

10.45 *The Holy Rosary*

18.15 *The Holy Father*

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Sun the 30th **SS. PETER AND PAUL**

9.00 *The People*

11.30 *The People*

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SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday, 30th June: Peter's Pence

NOTICES

- **PLEASE NOTE:** The **weekday Mass schedule** may be disrupted this month, because of Fr. Kevin's medical treatment and recovery. The Sunday Masses will continue, thanks to Fr. Richard's kindness. Tuesday evening **Scripture Study remains cancelled** until further notice.
- **Upcoming pilgrimages** (see noticeboard for more):
 - New Dawn Pilgrimage to Walsingham 5th to 9th August
 - Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage: 15th to 19th July

- Consider how to vote at the General Election (4th July):
From the Bishops about Education:

"Catholic schools support parents as the primary educators of their children and welcome anyone who seeks a Catholic education for their child. The 2,100 Catholic schools make up 9% of the state-funded sector and are considerably more ethnically diverse than the national average, taking in more pupils from the poorest households, and outperforming state schools at GCSE. The Catholic community provides the government with rent-free land and buildings for schools, and by contributing to capital costs saves taxpayers hundreds of millions of pounds. This partnership with the State has resulted in protection of the core principles of Catholic education, such as the ability to give priority in admissions to Catholic children, and to teach a Catholic curriculum for Religious Education. Catholic education is popular with parents and successful in preparing pupils for life in modern Britain. However, there are campaigns to get rid of schools with a religious character, and to change the curriculum so that our schools would no longer be Catholic. Consider whether election candidates support the creation of new Catholic schools through the removal of the cap on faith-based admissions? Whether they recognise the importance of Catholic leaders, teachers and governors in maintaining the Catholic school ethos? How will they safeguard parents' rights as the primary educators including their right to withdraw their child from Relationships and Sex education and Religious Education?"

More info at: <www.cbcew.org.uk/education-election24/>

- Join in the diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage from home with the **Lourdes From Home initiative**. Registrants have the option to receive a physical 'Pilgrim Pack' posted to their own home, complete with 1) a Pilgrimage Booklet 2) a candle lit in Lourdes 3) prayer intentions taken to the Grotto 4) a live Zoom call with Bishop Patrick 5) daily updates via e-mail 6)... and more! This is an excellent opportunity to engage with the housebound and less-physically-able of our communities. Register today at <dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes> or by emailing <communications@dioceseofnottingham.uk>.

S. Mary's, Louth

- **PLEASE NOTE:** The next **parish council meeting** will take place on **Wednesday, 3rd July** after the 10.00 Mass.
- **Teas & coffees:** after Mass on Wednesdays and Sundays.

S. Joseph's, Mablethorpe

- **S. Joseph's repository:** Open after the Sunday Mass.
- **Teas and coffees:** Thursdays after the 10.00 Mass.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those who are ill

S. Mary's: John Dean, 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, Thecla Domici.

Those who have died recently (++)

S. Mary's: Edward Noble, 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: Pamela Ogden, Larry Walsh, John Gallagher, Margaret Mountain, Madeleine Ovens, William Smith, Irene Bray, Joan Gowling, Patrick Geoghegan.

Those with anniversaries this week (++)

Felix Price, Mary Schofield, Florence Edith Rice, John Derek Dean, Hector Stubbs, Arthur McNeaney, Thomas Halligan, Mary Ann Laking, Daisy Dixon, Helen Corrigan.

SUNDAY XII OF ORDINARY TIME

The Church as a boat on the waves | Christ sleeps in the boat | Be of good faith and hope!

Why's He asleep?

"Showing His humility, and thus teaching us many lessons of wisdom. But not yet did the disciples who remained about Him know His glory; they thought indeed that if He arose He could command the winds, but could by no means do so reposing or asleep." - S. John Chrysostom

Asleep in His Passion and Death

"...when He ascended the cross, of which the stern of the ship was a type, His blaspheming persecutors rose like the waves against Him... The disciples awake the Lord, because they sought, with most earnest wishes, the resurrection of Him whom they had seen die. Rising up, He threatened the wind, because when He had triumphed in His Resurrection, He prostrated the pride of the devil." - S. Beda the Venerable

Awake, Christian soul

"Without a doubt, the man in whom the faith of Christ sleeps will perish. It should be reawakened with renewed devotion, with the cry of confession and with the hand of holy activity. 'Then, rising up, He commanded the winds and the sea.' This is similar to what Job says: 'Who shut up the sea with doors? And I said: Hitherto shalt thou come, and shalt go no farther. And here thou shalt break thy swelling wave.'" - S. Anthony



Faith and trust

Our readings this weekend speak of our trust in the providence of God, Who always has the bigger picture, and knows therefore what is best at all times. He says so much to the patriarch Job in our first reading today. In the story of Job, this venerable old man had lost his family and his fortune, and finally his own health. Sitting in misery, he had called up to heaven that he was innocent of all wrongdoing and dared to put God in the dock, demanding that He, God, defend the attack upon Job. So came the Most High in this tempest in our reading, to put Job in his place and to ask him to be patient in suffering. So God provides, but He expects us to trust at the same time, and even in suffering, that He will bring all things to a good end. Let's compare this with the gospel story... Christ and the Apostles in a boat, great storm, Christ asleep in the boat. When Job was in the midst of great suffering, it seemed as if God was asleep, or at least unaware of his pain. So, we have the Apostles struggling and calling in despair for the Holy One, asleep in the stern. 'Master! Do you not care that we are going down??' Christ awakes and God descends to Job in a tempest. As Job's suffering ends in an instant, now the storm dies away in Galilee. And the rebuke of the Holy One is the same: Why did you not trust? The story of the Bible and of the history of the Church is of men and women repeatedly failing in their trust in God, and then of finding it again. We too should weather the storm and say afterward in wonder, 'Who can this be, our Friend, that even the very wind and the sea obey Him? That all that we feared has fallen to its knees before Him?' S. Paul suggests an extreme of this trust in our second reading: that we live without care, seeing the world in the light of the Resurrection, very aware that beyond suffering and death there is always new life. The Christian soul is living in a new creation, Paul says, the old having passed away. And such a Christian philosophy is only possible to men and women who live continually in trust in the providence of God.

"O Christ, Whose voice the waters heard and hushed their raging at Thy word... O hear us when we cry to Thee, for those in peril on the sea."