

# CATHOLIC LOUTH AND MABLETHORPE

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## Week XVI of Ordinary Time

Year B, Psalter Week IV

(21<sup>st</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> July 2024)

### MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun the 21<sup>st</sup> **SUNDAY XVI OF THE YEAR**

9.00 *Sr. Ann Patricia Hewitt*

S. Mary's

11.30 *The People*

S. Joseph's

Mon the 22<sup>nd</sup> **S. MARY MAGDALENE**

Tue the 23<sup>rd</sup> **S. BRIDGET, PATRON OF EUROPE**

Wed the 24<sup>th</sup> **S. Sharbel Makhluf**

Thu the 25<sup>th</sup> **SAINT JAMES, Apostle**

10.00 Service of Word & Holy Communion

S. Joseph's

Fri the 26<sup>th</sup> **Ss. Joachim & Anne (the Holy Grandparents)**

15.00 Divine Mercy chaplet

S. Mary's

Sat the 27<sup>th</sup> **Feria**

Sun the 28<sup>th</sup> **SUNDAY XVII OF THE YEAR**

9.00 *Christopher John Adlard (+)*

S. Mary's

11.30 *Pamela Ogden (+)*

S. Joseph's

### NOTICES

- **PLEASE NOTE** carefully the **Mass schedule** in upcoming weeks as we attempt to find priests for the parish Masses. Scripture Study remains cancelled for now.
- The **World Day of Prayer for Grandparents** is Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> July, following the feast day of S. J and A on Friday.
- **The Diocesan Education Service is seeking to appoint a highly professional, motivated Governance Manager** to join their small and friendly team. This is a part-time / term-time permanent appointment. The post will start on 1st September, at a FTE salary of between £38k and £42k. Applications should be received by noon, Monday 29 July 2024. More details: <www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers>.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### Those who are ill

**S. Mary's:** Sylvia Saxby, Fr. Kevin Athaide, 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:** Fr. James Lynch, 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:** Christopher John Adlard, Ann Lavarack, 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:** Joyce Kerswell, Pamela Ogden, Larry Walsh, John Gallagher, Margaret Mountain, Madeleine Ovens, William Smith, Irene Bray, Joan Gowling, Patrick Geoghegan.

#### Those with anniversaries this week (++)

Una Hedderly, Eileen Josephine Kerrigan, Graham Sullivan, Patrick Rowland, Jaqueline Graves, Adelaide Graves, Thomas Carney, Salina Elliot, Maria Dales, Elizabeth Mullin, Jean Mary Wrigley, Thomas McManus, Teresa McDonagh, Mary Whittaker, Peter Christopher Eden, Thomas Cummings.

- As Catholics we must do all that we can to defend human life, in all forms and at all stages. On Saturday **7th September** there will be an opportunity to witness to our belief in the value of life with the **annual March for Life in Westminster**. More information is available at <www.marchforlife.co.uk/2024-event-page>. There will be a coach going from Nottingham; for information, and to book, contact Marielangford@live.co.uk (07948 151 264)
- **Upcoming pilgrimages** (see noticeboard for more):
  - Walsingham Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life: 3<sup>rd</sup> August

### S. Mary's, Louth

- **Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christopher JOHN Adlard** (1/7/1937), who sadly passed away on 13/7/2024. Cherished husband of the late Veronica. Deeply regretted by his relatives and many friends. May he Rest in Peace. Funeral arrangements to be announced.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** Our annual devotions to **Our Lady of Penafrancia** will take place on **July 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM**. Refreshments will be served in the parish hall afterwards. For more info, see Myra.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** The parish **Summer Fair** will take place on **Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2 - 6 PM & Sun 4<sup>th</sup> August** after Holy Mass. This will include a book stall, raffle, cake stall, and various other stalls. Refreshments will be provided and admission is free. All proceeds will go toward S. Mary's Building Maintenance fund. Donations for the raffle and stalls gratefully accepted. More info, see Meg.
- Mass for the peaceful repose of the **late Barbara Oke and her twin brother Fr. Adrian Convery OSB** will be said on the weekend of **17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> August** to commemorate their birthday. Please pray for the peaceful repose of their souls and for the family who grieves their loss.
- **Teas & coffees:** after Mass on Wednesdays and Sundays.

### S. Joseph's, Mablethorpe

- Please pray for **Fr. Jim Lynch** who has been ill and is in recovery.
- **S. Joseph's repository:** Please come and browse our collection of greeting cards and religious items after the Sunday Mass.
- **Teas and coffees:** Thursdays after the 10.00 Mass.

# SUNDAY XVI OF ORDINARY TIME

Human shepherds may fail | The Good Shepherd triumphs | In Him is our comfort

## The exhaustion of the Work

“How arose the necessity for giving rest to His disciples, He shews, when He adds, 'For there were man coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat,' we may then see how great was the happiness of that time, both from the toil of the teachers, and from the diligence of the learners.” *S. Beda the Venerable*

## Shepherds after His heart

“This very promise [of God through Jeremiah] is the reason and force underlying the Church's rejoicing at the growth and increase of priestly vocations now taking place in some parts of the world. It is also the foundation and impulse for a renewed act of faith and fervent hope in the face of the grave shortage of priests which is being felt in other parts of the world.” *Pastores dabō vobis* §1, of the Holy Father John Paul II (1992)

## To be sheep

“I will fear no evil, for Thou dwellest in my heart by faith: and Thou art now with me, that after the shadow of death I too may be with Thee. Thy discipline [crook and staff], like a rod for a flock of sheep, and like a staff for children of some size, and growing out of the natural into spiritual life, they have not been grievous to me; rather have they comforted me: because Thou art mindful of me.” - *S. Augustine of Hippo, on Psalm 22(23)*



## Woe to the shepherds!

Just before the calamitous destruction of Jerusalem in 587BC, there were many among the priests, prophets and nobility who supported the king of Juda, and failed to condemn injustice and idolatry when this was the ordinary experience of the people. This made these false shepherds guilty of leading the sheep astray, as Jeremiah says in our first reading today. And whether or not we like to think of it, most people are sheep, following various shepherds, be they politicians, thinkers or (in our days) celebrities of various types, even sporting celebrities. And we have been let down severely by the shepherds of the Church in the last sixty or seventy years, in many ways. Apart from the several abuse scandals involving priests and Religious, there has been a more general failure of the teaching and judicial authority of the Church. The temptation to corruption is always present, the serpent from the garden is always curled around new trees, whispering into our ears that we don't need God, that we can be gods on our own, that we are who we make ourselves, etc. But the good news is that, when human shepherds fail, the Good Shepherd arrives, and Jeremiah also speaks of the Virtuous Branch of the line of David. Part of the integrity in the shepherd is hard-work and dedication to the life of the sheep, and in the gospel story this weekend we find the seminary for Christian shepherds: the men were exhausted, but Christ and His Twelve recognised that where the Jerusalem priesthood had again failed they were to provide guidance according to the Law of God. And so, let us pray always for our priests and bishops, because they are caught up continually in the cultures they live within and in the West today, that is a culture of anti-religion and secularism. Pray that our priests and bishops may be icons of the Good Shepherd, so that they too may guide us along the right path, be true to His Name, causing us to fear no evil in the most desperate places, for we should be able to find in every circumstance the crook and the staff of the Good Shepherd, which will be a comfort to us.

“Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill; for Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.”