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Week XVIII of Ordinary Time

Year B, Psalter Week II
(4th - 10th August 2024)

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun the 4th **SUNDAY XVII OF THE YEAR**

18.15 *The People*

9.00 *The People*

11.30 *Ron Naylor (+)*

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Mon the 5th **Feria**

Tue the 6th **THE TRANSFIGURATION**

10.00 *People of England*

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Wed the 7th **S. Sixtus II & Companions**

10.00 *D. & S. C. (anniversary)*

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Thu the 8th **S. Dominic**

10.00 *Mgr. M Cummins (intentions)*

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Fri the 9th **S. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Patron of Europe**

10.00 *Jewish communities*

15.00 *Divine Mercy chaplet*

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Sat the 10th **S. Lawrence**

10.00 *The Holy Roman Church*

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followed by *Rosary & Confessions*

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18.15 *John Adlard (+)*

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Sun the 11th **SUNDAY XIX OF THE YEAR**

9.00 *Elizabeth Melling (+)*

11.30 *B. H. (intentions)*

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NOTICES

- PLEASE NOTE carefully the Mass schedule in the upcoming weeks for any changes.
- The annual March for Life will take place on Saturday, 7th September in Westminster. There are many attempts at the moment to further liberalise abortion in the UK and to silence those offering any alternative viewpoint, whether it's 'pills by post' abortions, 'decriminalisation', buffer zones, or censorship of pro-life students at universities. The dangers of these situations are being highlighted by the theme of this year's March for Life which is 'Abortion isn't healthcare'. More info: <www.marchforlife.co.uk/2024-event-page>. There will be a coach going from Nottingham; to book, contact <Marielangford@live.co.uk (07948 151 264)>
- There are two new job openings at the Diocesan Youth Service; apply by 16th August: <ndcys.com/job-vacancies/>
- Upcoming pilgrimages (see noticeboard for more):
 - Dowry Pilgrimage to Walsingham 1st Sept w/ Abp Malcolm

S. Mary's, Louth

- JOIN US! The parish Summer Fair will continue after Mass today, Sun 4th August in the parish centre. This will include a book stall, raffle, cake stall, and various other stalls. Free admission. Refreshments provided. All proceeds will go toward S. Mary's Building Maintenance fund.
- SAVE THE DATE! Sunday lunch, 11th August 12 PM, Millers Daughter, £13 on booking please to Siobhan, 07719995161.
- The funeral Mass of Elizabeth Melling will take place on Friday, 16th August at 10.30 AM followed by the committal at Alford Crematorium. Please pray for the peaceful repose of her soul and for peace and consolation for family and friends who grieve her loss.
- SAVE THE DATE! The pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Ss. Jacinta and Francisco, the little children of Fatima will be visiting S. Mary's on Saturday 7th September. A day of devotions has been planned, beginning with a procession and crowning of Our Lady at 11 AM followed by Holy Mass and ending with a Holy Hour of Adoration and Confessions at 3.30 – 4.30 PM. Lunch will be provided. For details of the day's events, please see the poster in the narthex or contact Myra for more information 07743980771.

- The new Readers rota is up on the noticeboard and will be sent out by email.

- Teas & coffees: after Mass on Wednesdays and Sundays.

S. Joseph's, Mablethorpe

- 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.

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, 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: Elizabeth Melling, 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 (++)

Michael Bolan, Hector John Stubbs, Jacob Waumsley, Margaret Halligan, Mary Lakin, Helen Webb, Mary Hewitt, Annie Elizabeth Scott, Catherine Dand, Gertrude Florence Ironside, George Andrews.

SUNDAY XVIII OF ORDINARY TIME

Stride out into the wilderness | Don't look back | God your only support

The fleshpots of Egypt

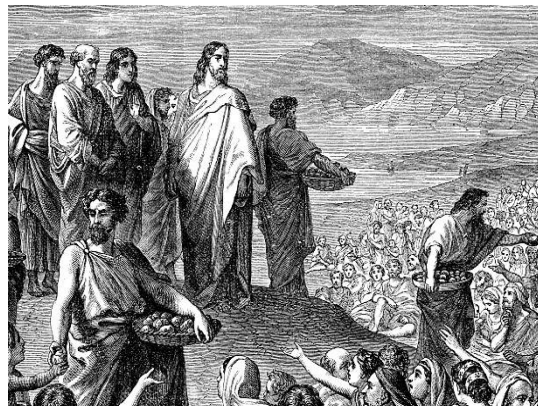
“...we often confuse freedom with the absence of bonds, in the conviction that we can manage by ourselves, without God Who is seen as a restriction of freedom. This is an illusion... leading to nostalgia for the bonds of the past... In fact, only in openness to God, in receiving His gift, do we become truly free, free from the slavery of sin that disfigures man's face, and capable of serving the true good of our brethren.” - *the Holy Father Benedict XVI, his homilies*

Weighed down by the world

“How many there are who seek Jesus, only to gain some temporary benefit. One man has a matter of business, in which he wants the assistance of the clergy; another is oppressed by a more powerful neighbour, and flies to the Church for refuge: Jesus is scarcely ever sought for Jesus' sake.” - *S. Augustine*

Greater than manna

“Our Lord might have replied, that He had done miracles greater than Moses: but it was not the time for such a declaration. One thing He desired, viz. to bring them to taste the spiritual meat... He calls [the Eucharist] the true bread, not because the miracle of the manna was false, but because it was the figure, not the reality. He does not say too, Moses gave it you not, but I: but He puts God for Moses, Himself for the manna.” - *S. John Chrysostom*



Hand on plough, looking back

Our readings this weekend are not only the miraculous provision of food for the elect people of God, but also the preparation that was required for them to receive it. To make the usual comparison, the Israelites emerging from slavery in Egypt are a parable for conversions to Christianity, especially of adult converts, who effectively reject the world and the devil and all their empty promises, etc., And the great temptation for all Christians after baptism or reception into the Church is to return to the physical comforts of Egypt, if we are unable to deal with the stringency of the rule of God in the community of the Church. The more demanding the Church is, the more tempting it is to return to the world. 'Why can we not return to Egypt, instead of suffering with God in the desert? Relying upon God is a matter of faith, and it is the strength of that faith that draws forth the miracle in the Exodus reading. But in this state of trembling between belief and unbelief, God wishes to continue the conversation with the people. And He does so in the gospel reading, now standing as a man in the place of Moses, and He has a mind to further the teaching of Moses. After having fed five thousand hungry men with a few loaves and fishes, not unlike when the bread fell from heaven for Moses and his people, He finds that the minds of the people are once again fixed on the miracle, on the bread and fish that He had given them. He wants to get them to see that the true food for the human soul is not of this type. The true food for humanity is God! He says to them, What you need is Me! Obey My commandments, show that you love Me, here I am, I AM the real food, for the life of God flows through me, and you shall have that life. And S. Paul will tell us in our second reading what the result of Holy Communion should be: we cannot return to Egypt, to live the type of aimless life of the unbelievers, we must give up the old way of life, set aside the old self which is so easily corrupted, we must be constant renewed and reconverted to God, walking boldly into the desert; for He will not let us die there.

“O Food of life, Thou Who dost give the pledge of immortality; I live; no, 'tis not I that live; God gives me life, God lives in me...”