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Week XIX of Ordinary Time

Year B, Psalter Week III
(11th - 17th August 2024)

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

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

18.15 *John Adlard (+)*

S. Mary's

9.00 *Elizabeth Melling (+)*

S. Mary's

11.30 *B. H. (intentions)*

S. Joseph's

Mon the 12th **S. Jane Frances de Chantal**

Tue the 13th **Ss. Pontian & Hippolytus**

Wed the 14th **S. Maximilian Maria Kolbe**

10.00 *Polish communities*

S. Mary's

Thu the 15th **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

10.00 *Dr. L. B.*

S. Joseph's

18.15 *O. J. (intentions)*

S. Mary's

Fri the 16th **S. Stephen of Hungary**

10.30 *Elizabeth Melling (in requiem)*

S. Mary's

15.00 *Divine Mercy chaplet*

S. Mary's

Sat the 17th **Saturday Mass of the BVM**

10.00 *In honour of Our Lady*

S. Mary's

followed by *Rosary & Confessions*

S. Mary's

18.15 *Fr. Adrian Convery &*

Peter & Barbara Oke

S. Mary's

Sun the 18th **SUNDAY XX OF THE YEAR**

9.00 *People of England*

S. Mary's

11.30 *Fr. Lynch (intentions)*

S. Joseph's

NOTICES

- **PLEASE NOTE:** The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on Thursday, 15th August. This is a **holy day of obligation** and there will be two Masses said: 10.00 AM in Mablethorpe and 18.15 in Louth.
- The **March for Life** will take place on Saturday, 7th September in Westminster. To book a coach from Nottingham: <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 TODAY! 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.
- **MANY THANKS!** The **parish Summer Fair** last weekend raised £610. A big thank you to the organisers, all who sent in donations, and those who attended the event. All proceeds will go toward S. Mary's Building Maintenance fund.
- **MANY THANKS!** David and Shirley Cummings would like to thank everyone for the kindness and warm wishes they received last week in honour of their wedding anniversary.
- **MANY THANKS!** The July **CAFOD collection** raised £196.14 and the August collection raised £167.68. Many thanks to all for your ongoing generosity. The next collection is on Sat 31st / Sun 1st Sept.
- **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.
- **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 (++)

Elda Elizabeth Julia Ramella, Catherine Wright, Mary Beatty, Mary Carney, Hilary Blaise Melling, Lucy Stimson, Mary Cheetham, Sarah Otley, Maria Hallett, John Vincent Younger, Gladys Lamming, Caroline Hemsby.

SUNDAY XIX OF ORDINARY TIME

Christ requires faith in Him | He then gives of Himself in Holy Communion | In this way we live eternally

The discouragement of Elijah

“...the Eucharist seeks to free us from every kind of despondency and discouragement, wants to raise us, so that we can set out on the journey with the strength God gives us through Jesus Christ. It is the experience of the People of Israel in the exodus from Egypt, their long wandering through the desert...” - *Holy Father Benedict XVI, his homilies*

This is not about manna

“[It is] as if He said, 'That manna was the type of this food, of which I just now spoke; and which all My miracles refer to. You like My miracles, you despise what is signified by them.' This bread which God gives, and which this manna represented, is the Lord Jesus Christ, as we read next, 'For the bread of God is He Which comes down from hearer, and gives life to the world.'” - *S. Augustine*

The Bread is God Himself

“Jesus said to them, 'I am the Bread of life.' He does not say this of His body, for He speaks of that at the end: 'The bread that I will give you is My flesh.' Here He is speaking of His Divinity. The flesh is bread, by virtue of the Word; this bread is heavenly bread, on account of the Spirit which dwells in it.” - *S. John Chrysostom*



Food for the journey

This weekend, we continue with a discourse on divine providence. The first reading tells of the prophet Elijah, in flight from the wicked queen of Israel, Jezebel, who wished to have him killed; in distress and on the way to the mountain upon which Moses received the ten commandments, the prophet now is fed miraculously by an angelic figure. And that story dovetails with our ongoing trip through chapter six of the Gospel of S. John, which is crucial for our understanding of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Communion, for much of its content is reproduced by the Church in the Catechism for that Sacrament. After managing to feed at least five thousand men (divine providence) with five loaves and two fish, and after walking over the water to the Apostles through a massive storm on the sea of Galilee (keep Christ in the boat with Holy Communion through every storm in life), he now told a crowd of Jews favourable to Him that they would have to eat Him somehow to have the life of God flowing through them. Eat him, follow Him? Some of them are from Nazareth, and once again we hear them say, Hey, that's the Carpenter's son! What's so special about Him? But He replies at once that He, the Carpenter's son is the only way to the Father, the only means of resurrection from death. He is the only One Who can not only tell them about God, but He is the only One Who can give them the other necessity for eternal life: the Bread of life. We could perhaps now see the reason for the Incarnation, for God's becoming man: He had to, in order to raise men and women up from death, through Holy Communion in His Body and Blood. So here in this gospel story we are introduced to the actual practice of the Church: we come to belief in Christ as the way to the Father, make a statement of that belief in the Creed, and then receive Holy Communion, to complete the deal. And we do this every time we come to Holy Mass. Why aren't more Catholics with us at Mass for this exchange between heaven and earth? Once more, S. Paul tells us in our second reading that, once we have achieved this nearness to God (in Holy Communion), our behaviour must reflect it, through an extreme of charity to both God and man, by which we become icons of the love of Christ as given by the crucifix.

"O see! within a creature's hand the vast Creator deigns to be; reposing infant-like, as though on Joseph's arm, or Mary's knee"