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Week XXI of Ordinary Time

Year B, Psalter Week I
(25th - 31st August 2024)

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun the 25th **SUNDAY XXI OF THE YEAR**

18.15	<i>Sy Family (intentions)</i>	S. Mary's
9.00	<i>M. V. (special intention)</i>	S. Mary's
11.30	<i>Sick and suffering</i>	S. Joseph's

Mon the 26th **Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God**

Tue the 27 th	S. Monica	
10.00	<i>Elizabeth Sweeney (+)</i>	S. Joseph's

Wed the 28 th	S. Augustine	
10.00	<i>Christine Dean (+)</i>	S. Mary's

Thu the 29 th	The Passion of S. John the Baptist	
10.00	<i>Sy, Osborn family (intentions)</i>	S. Joseph's

Fri the 30 th	The Dedication of our Cathedral	
15.00	Divine Mercy chaplet	S. Mary's

Sat the 31 st	S. Aidan & Ss. of Lindisfarne	
10.00	<i>Fredrick Weir (+)</i>	S. Mary's
followed by	Rosary & Confessions	S. Mary's
18.15	<i>M. T. M. (intentions)</i>	S. Mary's

Sun the 1 st	SUNDAY XXII OF THE YEAR	
9.00	<i>Sy, Osborn family (intentions)</i>	S. Mary's
11.30	<i>J. A. (intention: for M. N.)</i>	S. Joseph's

NOTICES

- The **March for Life** will take place on Sat, 7th Sept in Westminster. To book a coach from Nottingham: <Marielangford@live.co.uk (07948 151 264)>
- Upcoming pilgrimages** (see noticeboard for more):
 - Dowry Pilgrimage to Walsingham 1st Sept
 - Our Lady of Fatima pilgrim statue comes to Louth

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those who are ill

S. Mary's: Pat Tiger, 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: Edwin Wrigley, 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.

S. Joseph's: Brenda Smith, 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 (++)

Mary Ellen Cranton, Winifred Halligan, James Patrick Hynes, Mary Halligan, Agnes Waumsely Christine Dean, Arnold Elliot, Edward Kenny, Lilian Ada Durrance, Margaret Mooney, Mary Love, Patrick Treanor, Catherine Vera Stubbs, Helen Dobson, **Fredrick Weir**, Beryl McDermott, Patrick Joseph Conway, Elizabeth Dawson, Owen Rice, Catherine Brassil.

S. Marys 7th Sept (see below for more details)

- The Nottingham Roman Catholic **Diocesan Education Service** based at Mackworth, Derby, is **seeking to appoint an Administrator / Receptionist** to its team from 1st October. This role is for 21 hours per week, term time only. Please see www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers for further details. The closing date is Monday 16th September.

S. Mary's, Louth

- The funeral service of Mr. Edwin Wrigley** will take place at Alford Crematorium at 12 NOON on Friday, 30th August. There will be a parish Mass at 10 AM on the day to pray for the peaceful repose of his soul.
- The next **CAFOD collection** is on 31st Aug/ 1st Sept.
- SAVE THE DATE!** The **pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima** and the **relics of Ss. Jacinta and Francisco**, 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 more details of the day's events, please see the poster in the narthex or contact Myra at <07743980771>.
- Teas & coffees:** after Mass on Wednesdays and Sundays.

S. Joseph's, Mablethorpe

- Please pray for the peaceful repose of Brenda Smith** who passed away recently. Please also pray for peace and consolation for her family and friends who grieve her loss.
- S. Joseph's repository:** Along with the usual stock of quality cards and religious artifacts, we now have stocks of Christmas cards, both boxed sets and loose, Advent calendars, large and small and 2025 calendars, all at very attractive prices. Please feel free to come and take a look after Mass.
- Teas & coffees:** Thursdays after the 10.00 Mass.

SUNDAY XXI OF ORDINARY TIME

God invites mankind to communion | The world of men mostly refuses | The Church accepts with affection

A spiritual understanding

"It is the spirit that quickens, the flesh profits nothing: that is to say, You ought to understand My words in a spiritual sense: he who understands them carnally is profited nothing. To interpret carnally is to take a proposition in its bare literal meaning, and allow no other. But we should not judge of mysteries in this way; but examine them with the inward eye..."

- *S. John Chrysostom*

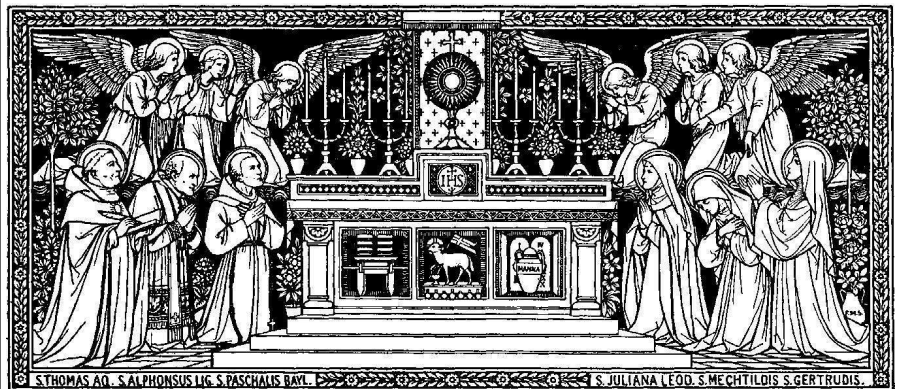
Faith is a gift

"And after distinguishing those who believed from those who did not believe, our Lord gives the reason of the unbelief of the latter, And He said, Therefore said I to you, that no man can come to Me, except it were given him of My Father."

- *S. Augustine*

Marriage everywhere

"The entire Christian life bears the mark of the spousal love of Christ and the Church. Already Baptism, the entry into the People of God, is a nuptial mystery; it is so to speak the nuptial bath which precedes the wedding feast, the Eucharist. Christian marriage in its turn becomes an efficacious sign, the sacrament of the covenant of Christ and the Church..." - *Catechism §1617*



Will you leave me also?

God always makes invitation to a chosen people, who are always given the freedom to either accept or decline. But if they do accept, they do so not on their own conditions but on His. If we remember that in such relationships, He paints Himself as the Bridegroom and the People consequently become the Bride, we should expect to find the mutual give-and-take that characterises faithful marriage. In our gospel message this weekend, we find the conclusion of our month-long read through chapter 6 of the Gospel of S. John: the Holy Communion chapter. Christ has proposed to give Himself entirely to us, body and soul, through the Sacrament of Holy Communion; he now invites us who believe in Him to give ourselves entirely to Him, body and soul. This is a basic expression of the spiritual theology of the Catholic Church and is very present in our catechisms and very evident in the life and teachings of the Saints of the Church. And the horrifying thing is that He permits us to say No, and watches sadly as the people He loves turn their backs on Him. Heaven is a choice He invites us to make. In the first reading, the Hebrews accept the invitation: 'We will be His people,' they say, 'and He our God.' This response, which Christ was looking for in the gospel story, comes from the impulsive fisherman who made the commitment to the theology of the Eucharist with characteristic emotion, speaking for the Church, 'There is nowhere else to go but to You, for You are the Holy One of God.' And that is what we should do as Catholics, in the midst of a world of unbelief, atheism and despair. We are to look at the Man on the Cross and say to Him, 'Stay with us always, for we shall never leave You.' This is a marriage which will last forever. And speaking of marriage, S. Paul provides instructions to husbands and wives in our second reading: although modern feminism doesn't like this language of submission, we may be able to see that the submission of husband and wife is mutual. For if God can die shamefully on a cross for His Church and give of Himself to her every day in Holy Communion, every one of us who is married has the opportunity to live this mystery of love everyday.

"Sing, my tongue, the Saviour's glory, of His Flesh, the mystery sing; of the Blood, all price exceeding, shed by our Immortal King... from a noble Womb to spring."