

CATHOLIC LOUTH AND MABLETHORPE

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Week XXII of Ordinary Time

Year B, Psalter Week II
(1st - 7th September 2024)

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun the 1st **SUNDAY XXII OF THE YEAR**

18.15	M. T. M. (intentions)	S. Mary's
9.00	Sy, Osborn family (intentions)	S. Mary's
11.30	J. A. (intention: for M. N.)	S. Joseph's

Mon the 2nd **Feria**

Tue the 3 rd	S. Gregory the Great	
10.00	<i>The Holy Father</i>	S. Joseph's

Wed the 4 th	S. Cuthbert	
10.00	<i>Elizabeth Melling (+)</i>	S. Mary's

Thu the 5 th	Feria	
10.00	<i>J. McL. (intentions)</i>	S. Joseph's

Fri the 6 th	Feria	
15.00	Divine Mercy chaplet	S. Mary's

Sat the 7 th	Saturday of the BVM	
11.00	<i>In honour of the Blessed Lady</i> (See column to the right)	S. Mary's
18.15	<i>P. T. (intentions, & those of M.T. M)</i>	S. Mary's

Sun the 8 th	SUNDAY XXIII OF THE YEAR	
9.00	<i>The People</i>	S. Mary's
11.30	<i>Pamela & Maxwell Ogden (++)</i>	S. Joseph's

SECOND COLLECTION

31st / 1st Sept: S. Mary's monthly CAFOD collection

7th/8th Sept: Catholic Education Service

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):
 - Our Lady of Fatima pilgrim statue: 7th Sept at S. Mary's, Louth (see below for details)

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 (++)

Martin Keeler, James Carroll, Stanley Dunaitias, Joan Younger, Jill Kemp, James Wall, Geoffrey William Thornley, Hilda May Kavanagh, Theresa Genevieve Murphy, Charles Cummings, Michael Lintham, James Vincent Halligan.

S. Mary's, Louth

- PLEASE NOTE:** The next **parish council meeting** will take place on Thursday, 19th September at 6 PM.
- SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, 7th September, S. Mary's Visitation of the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima & the relics of Ss. Jacinta and Francisco**

11.00	Procession & crowning of Our Lady
11.15	Holy Mass
12.00	Rosary, Fatima Prayers, Litany of the Immaculate Heart
13.00	Fatima Film
13.45	Lunch break
14.35	Fatima talk
15.20	Investiture & Enrolment in the Brown Scapular
15.35	Holy Hour of Adoration & Confessions, Divine Mercy Chaplet
16.35	Benediction / end

For more details of the day's events, please see the poster in the narthex or contact Myra at <07743980771>.

- S. Mary's Befriending Ministry:** We are starting a befriending service for those who may be feeling isolated or in need of a listening ear. Would you or someone you know in Louth & the surrounding areas benefit from a friendly visit from our team? Perhaps you've recently lost a loved one, or are going through a difficult illness, or just fancy a good old-fashioned natter over a cuppa. Please leave Ellie a message on 07800751014 and we will get in touch to arrange a visit! Your privacy is our topmost priority.
- Your Safeguarding Officer:** Mr Paul Rudd
t: 075 1372 5463,
e: <paul.ruddpsr@dioceseofnottingham.uk>
- Teas & coffees:** after Mass on Wednesdays and Sundays.

S. Joseph's, Mablethorpe

- 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 XXII OF ORDINARY TIME

Superficiality of religion | Personal integrity | Commitment to God

Regular spiritual washings

“But it is necessary for those who desire to partake of the bread which comes down from heaven, often to cleanse their evil deeds by alms, by tears, and the other fruits of righteousness. It is also necessary for a man to wash thoroughly away the pollutions which he has contracted from the cares of temporal business, by being afterwards intent on good thoughts and works.”

- *S. Beda the Venerable*

Becoming worthy of God

“Wherefore (that is, in order to deserve to receive the Spirit of truth), casting away all uncleanness (of soul and body) and abundance of naughtiness (the thoughts of a depraved mind), with meekness (for the meek shall inherit the earth) receive the ingrafted word (which is given by God only to the meek, and those who are dove-like in their meekness).”

- *S. Anthony*

Instrumentality of the Law

“The Lord prescribed love towards God and taught justice towards neighbour... [through the Ten Commandments] God prepared man to become his friend and to live in harmony with his neighbor.... The words remain likewise for us Christians. Far from being abolished, they have received amplification and development from the fact of the coming of the Lord in the flesh.”

- *Catechism, §2063*



Ritual washings

It seems that one of the reasons the Pharisees and the disciples of Christ had so many arguments, as given by the gospel stories, is that they were both very similar, being groupings of orthodox Jews. And in the best tradition of the Jews, they have a good old argument about the best way to observe the Law of Moses. In our first reading from Deuteronomy, Moses talks about laws and customs he has personally taught them, and says that the observance of these customs is the condition of avoiding death and possessing the Land. But they were to add nothing, Moses says, and remove nothing from these early traditions. And this is the accusation made by Christ to the pharisees in the gospel reading: that they have done a bit of adding. Now, we could probably see the piety in the addition of priestly washings and ablutions to the life of everyday Jews - and there would have been the inevitable hygienic benefits - the pharisees were seeking to claim the holiness of the priests for themselves. But these were not religious mandates on the people, and He Who could see through the superficiality of their piousness into their hearts was quick to attack their hypocrisy. Christ concludes marvellously with His list of common sins, stating clearly that true impurity comes from within, from the heart of men and women, and no amount of ritual washing would result in spiritual cleanness or purity before the Holy One, unless we repent and turn back to God. And then we receive the effective purification from sin, as S. James says in the second reading, from above. Just as Moses had required the people to make a commitment to God by following the commandments, James now asks that we submit to the word of the gospel planted within us, listening and obeying it. And James is clear that the true, pure and unspoilt religion is shown not by the superficialities of ritual washings, but by the spirit of charity (towards widow and orphan, etc.) and purity from the filth that always surrounds the Church, threatening her holiness. But by the grace that comes from above, she will prevail until the end.

“My God, accept my heart this day, and make it always Thine; that I from Thee no more may stray, no more from Thee decline.”