

# CATHOLIC LOUTH AND MABLETHORPE

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## Week XXIV of Ordinary Time

Year B, Psalter Week IV  
(15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024)

### MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun the 15<sup>th</sup> **SUNDAY XXIV OF THE YEAR**

18.15 *Frederick Weir* (+)

9.00 *Edwin Wrigley* (+)

11.30 *Fr. Jim Lynch (intentions)*

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Mon the 16<sup>th</sup> **S. Cornelius**

Tue the 17<sup>th</sup> **S. Robert Bellarmine**

Wed the 18<sup>th</sup> **Feria**

10.00 *Elsie & Alf Appleby* (++)

S. Mary's

Thu the 19<sup>th</sup> **S. Theodore of Canterbury**

10.00 *Church of England*

S. Joseph's

Fri the 20<sup>th</sup> **Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Hasang & Companions**

15.00 *Divine Mercy chaplet*

S. Mary's

Sat the 21<sup>st</sup> **S. MATTHEW**

10.00 *Michelle (special intentions)*

S. Mary's

followed by the Holy Rosary & Confessions

S. Mary's

18.15 *Elizabeth Melling* (+)

S. Mary's

Sun the 22<sup>nd</sup> **SUNDAY XXV OF THE YEAR**

9.00 *The People*

S. Mary's

11.30 *The People*

S. Joseph's

### SECOND COLLECTION

This Sunday: 14<sup>th</sup> /15<sup>th</sup> Sept: Evangelii Gaudium Day  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Oct: CAFOD Harvest Fast

### NOTICES

- Our **Introduction to Catholicism** course, led by Fr Kevin, will begin on **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 6 PM** and continue weekly thereafter. The sessions will take place online via Zoom. If you would like to attend, please let us know by emailing the parish.

### 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.

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

Ruth Fitzgerald, Ethel Hagan, Leo Hagan, Arthur Gerard McGarth, Elsie Agnes Appleby, Kathleen McDonald, Beatrice Joan Wall, Annie Florence Page.

- Young Adults Lincoln.** Thursday, **10th October** at St. Hugh's Church, Lincoln, 6 PM: Adoration & Benediction. 7 PM: a talk on 'the universal call to holiness'. 8 PM: Compline. Finally, a social, w/ free pizza & soft drinks.

### S. Mary's, Louth

- Congratulations to Alfie Norton** on receiving a silver medal for the Guild of S. Stephen for Altar Servers this last Sunday! We are grateful for his dedicated service at the altar these last several years and wish him all the very best for the future.
- PLEASE NOTE:** The next **parish council meeting** will take place on **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September at 6 PM**. We would be grateful for help as we gear up the Parish Committee in order to support Fr Kevin. We have nominations for all essential posts so please don't stay away out of fear of being landed with a job. We would especially appreciate attendance on this occasion of those people in the parish who presently organise rotas, hospitality, etc. so that we can thank you and understand who is doing this vital work. There are many parishioners who have been on the committee in the past and may feel they have done their bit and don't want to come to regular meetings any more but whose wisdom and experience would help us at this stage and their attendance would be greatly appreciated.
- 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. If you would like a friendly visit from our team, please leave Ellie a message on 07800751014.
- 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 take a look after Mass.
- Teas & coffees:** Thursdays after the 10.00 Mass.

# SUNDAY XXIV OF ORDINARY TIME

Christ came to suffer and die | But He was raised from death | He invites us offer our lives too

## Get thee behind me, Satan?

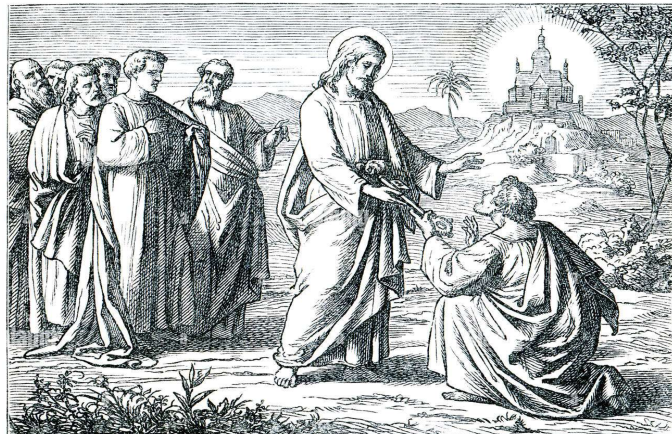
"As is He would say to Peter, Thou indeed dost rebuke Me, who am willing to undergo My passion, but I tell thee, that not only is it wrong to prevent Me from suffering, but neither canst thou be saved unless thou thyself diest. Again He says, 'Whosoever wishes to come after Me...' as if He said, I call you to those good things which a man should wish for, I do not force you to evil and burdensome things... a man denies himself when he cares not for his body, so that whether it be scourged, or whatever of like nature it may suffer, he bears it patiently." - *S. John Chrysostom*

## Fearless be the Mission

"Dear friends! To you I entrust the task of making a decisive contribution to the evangelization of your country. Take Christ into the third millennium. Trust him! His promise spans the centuries: "Whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it" Do not be afraid! Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure. He alone can give full meaning to life, He alone is the centre of history. Live by Him! With Mary! With your Saints!" - *Holy Father S. John Paul II, his homilies*

## And live well...

"We shall be inclined to say... 'Thou hast faith, but I have deeds to shew. Shew me this faith of thine without any deeds to prove it, and I am prepared, by my deeds, to prove my own faith.'" - *James, 2: 18*



## Divine vengeance

Our Gospel reading gives us the famous confession of the Apostle S. Peter, when (S. Matthew tells us) He received the Keys of the Kingdom. But to what end? The Lord goes on to tell them: things are coming to a head, and He is preparing for His last pilgrimage to Jerusalem. And that will end with the leadership of the community passing from Him to Peter and the Apostles, but Peter would still be the first of the Apostles and so given a primacy over them. The story of the episcopal leadership of the Church in the Twelve begins here, with the description of Christ's inevitable departure through suffering and torment, and eventual death. The first reading gives us the prophet Isaiah's poetic vision of the suffering of the Just Man, Whom every Christian recognises as Christ: the insults, mockery, beatings, and the His almighty patience through it all. Although He will rise in three days, the Church would need a leader to take His place. But Peter is not ready; no, he says, surely they cannot do this evil thing to You, You Whom I see as my Lord and God. Christ responds with very strong words, to forestall impetuous Peter: he must fall in with the divine plan, the Lord must complete His work, He must be so sacrificed and return humanity to the bosom of God the Father, and Peter must become His regent on earth. And Christ further elaborates with a new instruction to the Church; anybody who wishes to be a Christian must likewise follow Him down the path of martyrdom. What does this mean for us on a practical level? Why, that we shouldn't set our hearts on earthly glory, which has always meant wealth, and power, and perhaps celebrity. That, in the words of the gospel, is building treasures up in this world, in the land of sin and death. The Lord wants us to build up treasures in heaven, in the land of the living, through lives of virtue. S. Paul names the principle virtues for us in his letters - faith, hope and charity - and S. James tells us in our second reading that faith and charity are intertwined. Our faith is then made visible in the way we live, and actions always speak louder than words. So, as things begin to worsen, the Church must become a shining light, as she once was, on the watch of bishops like the S. James of our second reading. And because the Church is not just priests and bishops, but all of us together, we shall have to defend human life in its every aspect together, and as beacons of charity we shall build our heavenly treasure together, suffer together, and find eternal life together.

*"My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me; Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be. O who am I, that for my sake My Lord should take frail flesh and die?"*