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Week XXV of Ordinary Time

Year B, Psalter Week I
(22nd - 28th September 2024)

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun the 22nd **SUNDAY XXV OF THE YEAR**

18.15	<i>Elizabeth Melling (+)</i>	S. Mary's
9.00	<i>M. S. (multiple intentions)</i>	S. Mary's
11.30	<i>The People</i>	S. Joseph's

Mon the 23rd **S. Pius of Pietrelcina**

Tue the 24 th	Our Lady of Walsingham	
10.00	<i>Father Lynch (intentions)</i>	S. Joseph's

Wed the 25 th	Feria	
10.00	<i>M. S. (multiple intentions)</i>	S. Mary's

Thu the 26 th	Ss. Cosmas & Damian	
10.00	<i>Persecuted Christians</i>	S. Joseph's

Fri the 27 th	S. Vincent de Paul	
15.00	<i>Divine Mercy chaplet</i>	S. Mary's

Sat the 28 th	S. Wenceslaus	
10.00	<i>In honour of Our Lady</i>	S. Mary's
followed by	<i>the Holy Rosary & Confessions</i>	S. Mary's
18.15	<i>The People</i>	S. Mary's

Sun the 29 th	SUNDAY XXVI OF THE YEAR	
9.00	<i>A. G. (intentions)</i>	S. Mary's
11.30	<i>In honour of S. Michael</i>	S. Joseph's

NOTICES

- Our **Introduction to Catholicism** course, led by Fr Kevin, will begin on **Monday, 23rd 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.
- Young Adults Lincoln (for ages 18-35)** . 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.

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 Owens, William Smith, Irene Bray.

Those with anniversaries this week (++)

Phyllis Elizabeth Mann, Gerard Joseph Wimsey, Mary Ellen Mumby, Lawrence Gutrin, Charlotte Simpson, Lilian Wood, Bridgette Connie Hannigan, Elsie Cox, Bernard Ansbro, Isabella Freer, Ivy Powell.

- How does CAFOD work?** The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) is part of Caritas Internationalis, a global network of Catholic charities. Caritas is the second largest development network in the world, after the United Nations! The fundraising CAFOD receives is used to support Caritas programmes around the world. Watch out for more brief background information about CAFOD in the lead-up to CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day, 4th October

S. Mary's, Louth

- If you have a **loved one who is in a nursing home or who is unable to come to church** for other reasons, and if they would like to receive the Sacraments, please do get in touch with the parish office and we can arrange for Fr. Kevin or a member of the Pastoral Care team to visit them.
- PLEASE NOTE:** In case of an emergency, please contact Fr. Kevin on the mobile telephone number listed in the header above, and not the parish office.
- Communion under two kinds:** If you would like to receive from the chalice, please let Fr. Kevin or the parish office know so we can assess the demand for it and perhaps make it available to the congregation in the near future.
- 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

- PLEASE NOTE:** The next **parish council meeting** will take place in the narthex at **11 AM on Tuesday, 24th September**.
- 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 XXV OF ORDINARY TIME

Christ humbled himself | Christian leadership humbles itself | True leadership is one of service

Being nothing as leader

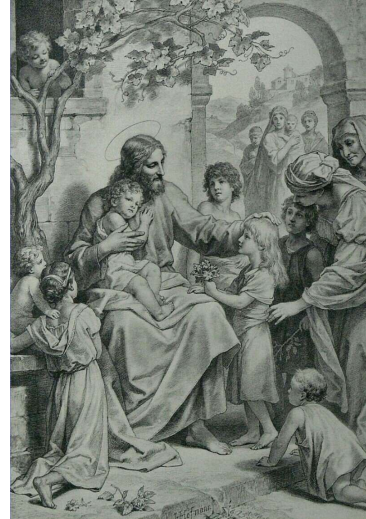
“It could be said that the Teacher felt the need to illustrate such a demanding teaching with the eloquence of an act rich in tenderness. He embraced a child, who - according to the standards of the time - counted for nothing, and, as it were, identified Himself with him: 'Whoever receives one such child in My Name receives Me.'” - *Holy Father John Paul II, his homilies*

Why the question?

“The reason why the dispute concerning the chief place arose amongst the disciples seems to have been, that Peter, James and John, were led apart from the rest into the mountain, and that something secret was there entrusted to them; also that the keys of the kingdom of heaven were promised to Peter, according to Matthew.” - *S. Beda the Venerable*

Charity in the life of the Church

“The fruits of charity are joy, peace, and mercy; charity demands beneficence and fraternal correction; it is benevolence; it fosters reciprocity and remains disinterested and generous; it is friendship and communion: Love is itself the fulfilment of all our works.” - *Catechism §1829*



Humility in governance

As with last weekend, we meditate upon the suffering of our Lord in the course of His great Sacrifice. The Old Testament rings with the promise of the coming of the Messiah, the Son of David, the heir of that great King. This was central to the Jewish hopes of the first century. And our Lord took pride in this human lineage, as we can perceive in His attention to detail, for example, with the careful arrangement of the entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. He knew, of course, that the humiliation was coming, but it would have been painful nonetheless to see the people whom He had cared for for centuries and centuries reject Him, mock Him and hand Him over to non-Jews, who crowned Him with thorns, also in mockery. And His poor mother... herself of family of David, knowing better than anybody else that the tortured body on the Cross belonged to both that much-looked-for Messianic king and to God Himself. But, looking at it from the perspective of the corrupt priesthood, we turn to our first reading today, written in prophecy long before the Passion of our Lord. We can imagine their rage, because the Just man always pricks consciences and calls out their corruption simply by himself being without sin. So, they reason, let us torture the man and if God really loves him, God will look after him. Mockery, mockery, all He receives is mockery. But, as we all replied to the psalm, God does uphold the life of the Just Man. And so, He says to us His Christians, acquire Righteousness before the throne of God through lives of virtue, and they will hate you and scorn you and mock you, but I will uphold your life. And to acquire righteousness, the gospel tells us about true Christian leadership, and the second reading tells us about compassion and peace-making within the community. All Christian leadership, even of the parents in a family, is based on humility, and opposed to domineering. And we must leave off jealousy or ambition, which (S. James says) creates disharmony and wickedness, and breeds argument and infighting. And when we could learn to live in simplicity, as a child does, by helping and being helped, we shall make ourselves last, and servants of all.

“Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth...”