

CATHOLIC LOUTH AND MABLETHORPE

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Week XXVI of Ordinary Time

Year B, Psalter Week II

(29th September - 5th October 2024)

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun the 29th **SUNDAY XXVI OF THE YEAR**

18.15 *The People*

S. Mary's

9.00 *A. G. (intentions)*

S. Mary's

11.30 *In honour of S. Michael*

S. Joseph's

Mon the 30th **S. Jerome**

Tue the 1st **S. Therese of the Child Jesus**

S. Joseph's

Wed the 2nd **The Holy Guardian Angels**

10.00 *M. S. (multiple intentions)*

S. Mary's

Thu the 3rd **Feria**

10.00 *In honour of the Guardian Angels*

S. Joseph's

Fri the 4th **S. Francis of Assisi**

15.00 *Divine Mercy chaplet*

S. Mary's

Sat the 5th **Blesseds Robert Sutton, Anthony Turner, George Douglas & Companions: The Martyrs of Leicestershire**

10.00 *Catholics of Leicestershire*

S. Mary's

followed by the Holy Rosary & Confessions

S. Mary's

18.15 *For penitents*

S. Mary's

Sun the 6th **SUNDAY XXVII OF THE YEAR**

9.00 *A. G. (intentions)*

S. Mary's

11.30 *Our retired priests*

S. Joseph's

SECOND COLLECTION

5th/6th October: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

NOTICES

- Our **Introduction to Catholicism** course, led by Fr Kevin, will continue **every Monday at 6 PM**. The next session is on **30th September**. The sessions 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 (++)

Ivy Powell, Ethel Mary Holmes, Phyllis Hill, Noel Preston, Bernard Appleby, Mary Kerrigan, George Parker, Reginald Swaby, Francis Howarth, Lilian Flannigan, Leslie Hill.

- If you would like the parish newsletter emailed to you, please let us know by email, or by filling in a parishioner information form (S. Mary's).
- 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.

S. Mary's, Louth

- S. Mary's repository:** We are expecting a fresh stock of items including Christmas cards & Advent Calendars, 2025 diaries & calendars, greeting cards, and other religious items. Available soon this October!
- The **new Readers' rota** for October- November is up in the narthex and will be emailed around this weekend.
- 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.
- 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

- 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 XXVI OF ORDINARY TIME

We are inspired by the Wisdom from above | It is our great treasure | We must hand it down effectively

Bringing divine Wisdom to bear

“Christians who take an active part in present-day socio-economic development and fight for justice and charity should be convinced that they can make a great contribution to the prosperity of mankind and to the peace of the world. In these activities let them, either as individuals or as members of groups, give a shining example.”

- *Gaudium et spes* §72, of the second Vatican Council

'Amputating' friends

“He calls by the name of hand, our intimate friend, of whose aid we daily stand in need; but if such an one should wish to do us a hurt in what concerns our soul, he is to be driven away from our society, lest by choosing a portion in this life with one who is lost, we should perish together with him in that which is to come.”

- *S. Beda the Venerable*

Receiving the Christian

“Not only will I not forbid him who works miracles in My Name, but also whosoever shall give you the smallest thing for My Name's sake, and shall receive you, not on account of human and worldly favour, but from love to Me, shall not lose his reward.”

- *Theophylact*



Treasuring/handing on divine wisdom

Our readings this weekend are about the delegation of apostolic authority for ministry within the Church. Remember that the Greek word ‘apostle’ simply refers to somebody who is sent, but in the Christian context that refers to a very particular missionary with extraordinary delegated power and responsibility to govern and sanctify. So, what are these delegated powers and responsibility of the Christian apostle? Given the appointment by Moses of seventy elders, we may identify the responsibility for the government of the sacred community, for the administration of justice according to the Law of God and for maintaining peace within that community. Such an act - of bringing the word of God to the people - is precisely what ‘prophecy’ means, so we see the Seventy of Moses prophesying almost immediately. Moses declares at the end of this reading, How I wish that everybody could so be inspired as to become an oracle of divine Wisdom. This is a wish we should all have. We all yearn to know the will of God, we know that great men and women whom we call Saints became oracles of God in their own lifetimes, and we pray for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that we too could be like them, Saints in a world of sin and darkness. For this is all about understanding the will of God as given by His commandments and testimonies, and communicating it to every last person in this world. Because, as we dutifully responded to the psalm, The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart. Not just my heart, or your heart - they should gladden every human heart, and draw it to God. This is our true wealth, as King Solomon once realised - the divine Wisdom, by which we live well and live for others - and not the filthy lucre the Apostle S. James rails against in our second reading. Let us then treasure divine Wisdom, seek to learn it from our Christian sources, from Scripture and tradition, and the Lives of the Saints. For we are all of us apostles in a sense, or missionary disciples (as the Bishop likes to call us), with a responsibility to demonstrate virtuous living to all around us.

“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come from Thy bright heavenly throne; come take possession of our souls, and make them all Thine own.”