

CATHOLIC LOUTH AND MABLETHORPE

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Week XXVII of Ordinary Time

Year B, Psalter Week III
(6th - 12th October 2024)

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

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

18.15 *For penitents*

S. Mary's

9.00 *Dwight Alejandro, Barbara Green* (++)

S. Mary's

11.30 *Our retired priests*

S. Joseph's

Mon the 7th **Our Lady of the Rosary**

10.00 *The People*

Tue the 8th **Feria**

S. Joseph's

Wed the 9th **S. John Henry Newman**

10.00 *Conversion of England*

S. Mary's

Thu the 10th **S. Paulinus & the Anglo-Saxon
Saints of our Diocese**

10.00 *English Christians*

S. Joseph's

Fri the 11th **S. Denis & Companions**

15.00 *Divine Mercy chaplet*

S. Mary's

Sat the 12th **S. Hilda of Whitby**

10.00 *English monastic life*

S. Mary's

followed by the Holy Rosary & Confessions

S. Mary's

18.15 *Propagation of devotion to the Rosary*

S. Mary's

Sun the 13th **SUNDAY XXVIII OF THE YEAR**

9.00 *Betty Burney-Jones* (+)

S. Mary's

11.30 *Priest's intention*

S. Joseph's

SECOND COLLECTION

5th/6th October: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

19th /20th October: Missio (World Mission Sunday)

NOTICES

- Our **Introduction to Catholicism** course, led by Fr Kevin, continues **every Monday at 6 PM**, 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 Edean, 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:** Sandra Watkinson, Brenda Smith, Joyce Kerswell, Pamela Ogden, Larry Walsh, John Gallagher, Margaret Mountain, Madeleine Ovens, William Smith, Irene Bray.

Those with anniversaries this week (++)

Ian Macdonald, Oonagh Keeley, Laura Loftus, Sara Denny, Margaret Stanton, Lilian Rossington, Ethel Convery, Edward Cummins, Catherine Rawdin.

- Those who would like the **parish newsletter emailed to them**, please get in touch via phone/email.
- 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: NEW STOCK!** Find us in the narthex before and after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses starting from next weekend. We have a fresh stock of items including Christmas cards & Advent Calendars, 2025 diaries & calendars, greeting cards, and other religious items. If you'd like to have a browse during the week, please let us know; we would be happy to facilitate it.
- 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.
- 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 AGM will be held on 24th October 2024 at 11 AM.** All parishioners are invited to attend. If you have any concerns you would like to raise at the meeting, please bring them to Trudy or a member of the parish council.
- 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 XXVII OF ORDINARY TIME

In the beginning there was Eve | Then there was the Church | God thinks in terms of marriage

Did Moses favour divorce?

“Moses, however, was against a man's dismissing his wife, for he interposed this delay, that a person whose mind was bent on separation, might be deterred by the writing of the bill, and desist; particularly, since, as is related, among the Hebrews, no one was allowed to write Hebrew characters but the scribes...But if a hatred so great had arisen that it could not be extinguished and corrected, then indeed a bill was to be written, that he might not lightly put away her who was the object of his hate, in such a way as to prevent his being recalled to the love, which he owed her by marriage, through the persuasion of the wise. For this reason it is added, 'For the hardness of your heart, he wrote this precept.'”

- S. Augustine

To children does heaven belong

“...we are ordered to receive the kingdom of God, that is, the doctrine of the Gospel, as a little child, because as a child, when he is taught, does not contradict his teachers, nor put together reasonings and words against them, but receives with faith what they teach, and obeys them with awe, so we also are to receive the word of the Lord with simple obedience, and without any gainsaying.”

- S. Beda the Venerable



Marriage: the fire of love

One of the grand themes of Holy Scripture is the marriage of God to His chosen people. The Jews dwelt a great deal upon this, for it made them a very special possession of God, in the same way that a husband is the very special possession of his wife, and she a very special possession of his. It is this mutual self-giving that is the inner strength of every strong marriage. The Church notably extended to non-Jewish Christians this belonging to God. The Church always therefore has considered herself the Bride of Christ, and very carefully guards sacramental marriage as unbreakable, insoluble. God calls us to love each other in this respect with a love akin to His own for us. The Genesis reading today is quite obvious and needs no elaboration. When Adam cannot find the companionship he needs in the beasts and the fowl brought before him, the Holy One gives him the greatest blessing yet: woman. Woman who can complete him, not only assisting in the work of creation and in providing companionship, but also in uniting intimately with him in a symphony of love that finds its source in the love of God Himself. A love which then bears fruit in the birth of children and therefore the further blessing of this race of men. But the heart of man can corrupt anything, and these pharisees of the Gospel story dared to parade their permissions for divorce before the Holy One, Who had given woman to man in the beginning. Our Lord is not amused and immediately instructs them about what marriage was when Eve had been created. Today, marriage and family life is the battleground in which we may perceive the armies of light and the armies of darkness fighting for the soul of mankind. So, these readings are perennial, and the Holy One invites husbands and wives to make commitments to each other and blesses their little children. Our second reading from the letter to the Hebrews demonstrates to us that He Himself made His commitment to His bride the Church, bowing His eternal head before her in humility, making perfect His devotion to her in sacrifice and suffering. She has always replied with tears, blessing Him to Whom she owes everything, Her Lord and God.

“Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways! Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives Thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.”