

CATHOLIC LOUTH AND MABLETHORPE

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Week XXVIII of Ordinary Time

Year B, Psalter Week IV
(13th - 19th October 2024)

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

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

18.15	<i>Propagation of devotion to the Rosary</i>	S. Mary's
9.00	<i>Betty Burney-Jones (+)</i>	S. Mary's
11.30	<i>Priest's intention</i>	S. Joseph's

Mon the 14th **S. Callistus I**

Tue the 15th **S. Teresa of Avila** S. Joseph's

Wed the 16th **S. Marguerite-Marie Alacoque**
10.00 *Increase in devotion to the Sacred Heart* S. Mary's

Thu the 17th **S. Ignatius of Antioch**
10.00 *Persecuted Christians* S. Joseph's

Fri the 18th **S. Luke**
15.00 *Divine Mercy chaplet* S. Mary's

Sat the 19th **S. Paul of the Cross**
10.00 *Passionist communities* S. Mary's
followed by the Holy Rosary & Confessions S. Mary's
18.15 *Oonagh Keeley* S. Mary's

Sun the 20th **SUNDAY XXIX OF THE YEAR**
9.00 *The People* S. Mary's
11.30 *The People* S. Joseph's

SECOND COLLECTION

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 email.
- 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 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: 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 (++)

Catherine Rawdin, Betty Burney-Jones, Elizabeth O'Brien, Alice Charlton, Maria Soobryan, John Halligan, Grace Clarke.

- A **new version of the Sunday Missal** is available through CTS at around £10 for a paperback edition and £20 & £30 for hardback and Leather bound versions. Please give your name to Val Corkhill (S. Joseph's) or Kate (S. Mary's) in the Repository along with your choice of edition and it can be ordered for you.
- Assisted Suicide: a threat to the vulnerable:** a talk being given on Tuesday 15th October at 7.00pm in Cathedral Hall, Nottingham NG1 5AE by Professor David Jones, explaining why legalising assisted suicide would be a mistake. Please join us if you are able, or the talk will be livestreamed at: <www.facebook.com/dioceseofnottingham>

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. 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.
- S. Mary's Befriending Ministry:** 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

- Parish Annual General Meeting at Saint Joseph's** will take place at 11am on Thursday **26th October 2024** in the Narthex. All parishioners are welcome. A copy of the annual finance report has been posted on the notice board in the Narthex.
- 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 XXVIII OF ORDINARY TIME

Seek after and prioritise God | Set aside everything else | Leave the rest to God

The Religious Life

“This service of God ought to inspire and foster in [members of Religious institutes] the exercise of the virtues, especially humility, obedience, fortitude and chastity. In such a way they share in Christ's emptying of Himself and His life in the spirit. Faithful to their profession then, and leaving all things for the sake of Christ, Religious are to follow Him as the one thing necessary, listening to His words and solicitous for the things that are His.”

- *Perfectae Caritatis* §5, of the Holy Father Paul VI

On the rich young man

“...the Evangelist adds the cause of his grief, saying, 'For he had great possession.' The feelings of those who have little and those who have much are not the same, for the increase of acquired wealth lights up a greater flame of covetousness.”

- S. John Chrysostom

'We have left everything for you...'

“...all who have despised temporal things for the sake of the kingdom of heaven through undoubting faith, taste the joy of the same kingdom in this life which is full of persecutions, and in the expectation of the heavenly country, which is signified by the right hand, have a share in the happiness of all the Elect.”

- S. Beda the Venerable



The measure of holiness

I often mention integrity in the practice of religion and the pursuit of holiness. ‘Holiness’ is a set-apartness, and it is not something we acquire for ourselves, but which is given us by the Holy One as we strive to approach Him. Like the Jews of old, we do so by observing His commandments to demonstrate our love for Him. We see this striving after holiness in the heart of the young man of the gospel story: I’ve done it all, he says to Christ, I have obeyed the Law of God, is there anything else I should do? The radical demand Christ makes is new to the common Jewish understanding, and it raises the bar ever higher. We could say that holiness - true and perfect holiness - is always beyond our own efforts. But we know from the history of the Church that some of the greatest Saints whose names we can remember were men and women who did just what Christ asked of this young man of the gospel: they sought the desert experience, giving away family and wealth, giving away everything for the sake of Christ and the gospel, as martyrs for the faith, or as confessing monks and nuns, or otherwise clergymen who lived common lives in colleges and convents. This does not mean that we who live in the world cannot acquire holiness, but we will perhaps admit that it is much harder for us, surrounded as we are by worldliness and temptations, by distractions of every sort. How hard it is, our Lord says, for the man rich in pocket and so anchored to this world to acquire holiness- to draw near to God. But, then He goes on, it is not impossible, by the grace of God. Difficult, but not impossible. This abandonment of the world, and the seeking after God alone, is the divine Wisdom that is sung about in the Old Testament, given us by the first reading today. The radical call of the Gospel was already buried within the Old Testament, for the sage says here, I held riches as nothing, nay, I valued divine Wisdom over everything else. It is in this way that the word of God is alive and active, per the second reading, how it sifts men and women, dividing them between those who would reach after God and those who would not bother, and between those who have a lukewarm approach to religion and holiness and those who strive after it in all sincerity. As Wisdom once said to Moses, and He does to us in the Gospel, Choose good and avoid evil, follow My commandments, and I shall be with you always, yes until the very end.

“Make it your first care to find the kingdom of God, and His approval, and all these things shall be yours without the asking.”

- Gospel of S. Matthew, 6: 33