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Week XXX of Ordinary Time

Year B, Psalter Week II
(27th October – 2nd November 2024)

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun the 27th **SUNDAY XXX OF THE YEAR**

18.15 *The People*

9.00 *Holy Souls* (++)

11.30 *Robert Cone* (+)

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Mon the 28th **Ss. Simon and Jude**

Tue the 29th **Feria**

Wed the 30th **Feria**

10.00 *Philip & Mollie Devoy* (++)

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Thu the 31st **Feria**

10.00 *Conversion of Protestants*

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Fri the 1st **ALL SAINTS**

10.00 *The People*

15.00 *Divine Mercy chaplet*

19.00 *The People*

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Sat the 2nd **ALL SOULS' DAY**

10.00 *Holy Souls*

followed by the Holy Rosary & Confessions

18.15 *For HM's government and law-makers*

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Sun the 3rd **SUNDAY XXXI OF THE YEAR**

9.00 *In honour of S. Martin de Porres*

11.30 *In honour of S. Winifred*

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NOTICES

- **PLEASE NOTE:** Friday, 1st November is the **Solemnity of All Saints** and is a **holy day of obligation**. There will be Mass at 10 AM in Mablethorpe and 7 PM in Louth.
- **All Saints' Praise:** An ecumenical Churches Together event 1st November, at 18.00 at Louth S. James, all invited.
- 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.
- 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 Corkell (S. Joseph's) or Ellie/Kate (S. Mary's) in the Repository along with your choice of edition and it can be ordered for you.

- **Our New Lectionary Explained:** Webinar, Tuesday 5th November at 7.00pm Explore the reason for the new translation, the translation chosen, how we can prepare to hear and proclaim the scriptures at Mass. Register at: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/our-new-lectionary-explained.
- **St John of the Cross" Secular Carmelite Day** 16th November at St Hugh's, Lincoln, from 9.30am till 3.00pm (10.00 am Mass, 10.30 am Adoration, 11.00 am meeting in Main Hall)

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- **Christmas meal**, 10th November at 12pm. Millers Daughter. £12,95. Names and payment to Siobhan 07719995161 asap.
- **SAVE THE DATE! Christmas Fair** in the Parish Centre on: **Saturday 16th November** 2 to 6 PM
Sunday 17th November after the 9 AM Mass (10 AM onwards)
Book stall, cake stall and various other stalls, and a raffle! Admission is free and refreshments will be available. Donations to the raffle and stalls are welcome and greatly appreciated. All proceeds go towards Saint Mary's Building Maintenance Fund.
- **S. Mary's repository:** Find us in the narthex after the Sunday Masses. Available: **more** Christmas cards & Advent Calendars, 2025 diaries & calendars, greeting cards, and other religious gifts.
- **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

- **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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those who are ill

S. Mary's: Pat Tiger, Sylvia Saxby, John Dean, 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 (++)

Patrick O'Reilly, Alfred Cranton, Stephen O'Shea, Frederick Ellerby, Philip Devoy, Nancy Ansbro, May McNeany, Mary Chappell, Christina Mary Flannagan, Maria Pulling, Catherine Helena Poole, Doris May Walmeby, Maria Ryan, Mary Maltby, A Hurst, John Patrick Cummins.

SUNDAY XXX OF ORDINARY TIME

A grain of faith moves mountains | Great faith produces miracles | We are to pray for faith

Seeking faith

“Man is the son of light, made to see the light, but has lost his sight, and is forced to beg. The Lord, who became a beggar for us, walks next to him: thirsting for our faith and our love. ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ God knows the answer, but asks; He wants the man to speak. He wants the man to stand up, to find the courage to ask for what is needed for his dignity.” - *Holy Father Benedict XVI, his homilies*

Looking with the eyes of faith

“Therefore let us also imitate Him, let us not seek for riches, earthly goods, or honours from the Lord, but for that Light, which we alone with the Angels can see, the way to which is faith; wherefore also Christ answers to the blind man, ‘Thy faith hath saved thee.’” - *S. Beda the Venerable*

Faith in Christ the High-priest

“Healing infirmities or forgiving sins, Jesus always responds to a prayer offered in faith: ‘Your faith has made you well; go in peace.’ S. Augustine wonderfully summarizes the three dimensions of Jesus’ prayer: ‘He prays for us as our priest, prays in us as our Head, and is prayed to by us as our God. Therefore let us acknowledge our voice in Him and His in us.’” - *Catechism §2616*



Son of David, have mercy

The Jerusalem Temple was first calamitously destroyed by the Chaldeans some 600 years before our Lord. Jeremiah, the prophet of our first reading this weekend, witnessed the destruction first-hand, but as everything was falling into ruin, the dynasty of David was effectively destroyed and the people of Juda dispersed, the prophet saw a bright light in the future. Hear him cry out here, Shout for joy (in the midst of ruin), hail the Chief of heaven (although He seems to have abandoned His city and His Temple), proclaim that God has saved the people (although they are being dispersed throughout the known world). But, the prophet is talking of a remnant of the people. The Hebrew nation had been chosen by God out of all humanity, but had failed to fulfil their destiny as a people of God, and from within that Elect nation, a smaller subset - a remnant - would be summoned. This small-scale restoration of the nation, as foretold by Jeremiah and other prophets, centred around a future successor of David, a Messiah, who would restore the relationship of the people with God, the relationship that had been destroyed by national sins, such as idolatry. And that introduces our gospel reading: the blind Bar-Timaeus like so many others at the time was convinced that herewas the expected Son of David, and so that the restoration of the people was at hand. So he calls out what every one of us should call out regularly, especially in great need, ‘Son of David, have mercy, have pity.’ The world that we live in frowns at us and scolds us and may tell us to be quiet, but we must shout out even louder, ‘Son of David, most Holy One, have mercy, have pity.’ And He stops, calls for us and asks us what He can do for us. He’s really asking us, Do you believe that I can do this thing that you wish for you? Do you understand Who and What I am? Sight healings in the gospels usually also address spiritual blindness - the blindness of unbelief and mistrust in the Creator. Faith we should constantly pray for us, always more faith, in ourselves and in others - a faith that ultimately draws us into a relationship with God that survives suffering and death and finds its reward not in this world but in the world to come.

“Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise.”