

# CATHOLIC LOUTH AND MABLETHORPE

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## Week XXXI of Ordinary Time

Year B, Psalter Week III  
(3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024)

### MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun the 3<sup>rd</sup> **SUNDAY XXXI OF THE YEAR**

18.15	For HM's government and law-makers	S. Mary's
9.00	In honour of S. Martin de Porres	S. Mary's
11.30	In honour of S. Winifred	S. Joseph's

Mon the 4<sup>th</sup> **S. Charles Borromeo**

Tue the 5<sup>th</sup> **Feria**

Wed the 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Feria</b>	
10.00	Mr. & Mrs. D'Cruz & Mr. Peter Abrue (++)	S. Mary's

Thu the 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>S. Willibrord</b>	
10.00	Pamela & Maxwell Ogden (++)	S. Joseph's

Fri the 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Feria</b>	
15.00	Divine Mercy chaplet	S. Mary's

Sat the 9<sup>th</sup> **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

10.00	<i>The Holy Father</i>	S. Mary's
followed by	the Holy Rosary & Confessions	S. Mary's
18.15	<i>Holy Souls</i>	S. Mary's

Sun the 10<sup>th</sup> **SUNDAY XXXII OF THE YEAR**

9.00	<i>Phil Dade (+)</i>	S. Mary's
11.30	<i>Holy Souls</i>	S. Joseph's

### NOTICES

- **PLEASE NOTE:** November is the month of the Holy Souls. May the Lord grant them eternal rest.
- **November Grave Blessings: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November.** Father Kevin will visit Trusthorpe cemetery immediately after the Mablethorpe Mass and Louth cemetery at 15.00.
- **Introduction to Catholicism w/ Fr Kevin, Mondays at 6 PM** on Zoom. Please email if you would like to attend.
- **New CTS Sunday Missal:** Please submit your name and choice of edition - paperback (£10), hardback (£20) and leather-bound (£30) - at the Repository, if you'd like one.

### 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 (++)

Hilda Beatrice Lancaster, Anna Cairnes, William Derines, John Rainey, Sara Helen Wright, William Wellesley Colley, Emma Naomi Green, Harold McIntosh, Catherine Sharp, Rose Ellen Harrison, Colleen Gwynneth Rosa Rawlings, Emily Maria Owen, Bernard Rice, Kathleen Gaumale, Joseph Curtis, Harry Millican, Mary Ellen Wimesy, Harry Younger, Fr. William McEnery.

- **CTS 2025 Calendar** marks all the holy days of the liturgical year. Each month is accompanied by a short meditation, a sacred art image & the Pope's intention. Cost £8. Let us know if interested.

### S. Mary's, Louth

- **CAFOD Second Collection:** This weekend 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Nov.
- **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 16<sup>th</sup> November 2 to 6 PM  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November after the 9 AM Mass (10 AM onwards)  
Stalls: Books, cakes, various, & a raffle! Free admission and refreshments provided. Donations to the raffle & stalls greatly appreciated. All proceeds towards the Building Maintenance Fund.
- **Furniture available:** 5-shelf bookcase, 5-door mirrored wardrobe, 2-door mirrored wardrobe with drawers, two matching arm chairs, a floral sofa, a small double-bed with a green padded headboard, single bed with a blue padded headboard, twin beds with padded blue headboards, a coffee table, TV/DVD cabinet. Contact Theresa Weir 07939 861 311.
- **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

- Lincolnshire County Council Highways Dept have notified the parish that **Seaholme Road will be closed to traffic** in order to repair damage caused by Badgers, **between 9am to 4pm from Saturday 9th November until Friday 22nd November 2024.** Access to Saint Joseph's by vehicle during this period cannot be guaranteed. It is assumed pedestrian access will remain. If vehicles are able to travel to Saint Joseph's during this period they will have to approach from the direction of Sutton on Sea. Further updates will be published if they become available.
- **S. Joseph's repository:** Along with the usual stock of quality cards and religious artifacts, we now have stocks of Christmas cards, Advent calendars 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 XXXI OF ORDINARY TIME

God is love and sacrifice | He will have us be the same | Charity undoes sin and death

## Christian holiness

“The followers of Christ are called by God, not because of their works, but according to His own purpose and grace. They are justified in the Lord Jesus, because in the baptism of faith they truly become sons of God and sharers in the divine nature. In this way they are really made holy. Then too, by God's gift, they must hold on to and complete in their lives this holiness they have received.” - *Lumen Gentium* §40, of the second Vatican council

## With all our mind

“Thus He has left no part of our life which may justly be unfilled of Him, or give place to the desire after any other final good; but if aught else present itself for the soul's love, it should be absorbed into that channel in which the whole current of love runs. For man is then the most perfect when his whole life tends towards the life unchangeable, and clings to it with the whole purpose of his soul.” - *S. Augustine*

## Not a command but an instinct

“Jesus united into a single precept this commandment of love for God and the commandment of love for neighbour found in the Book of Leviticus. Since God has first loved us, love is now no longer a mere 'command'; it is the response to the gift of love with which God draws near to us.” - *Deus Caritas est*, of the Holy Father Benedict XVI



## True sacrifice

Our readings this weekend gives us an identity statement of the Hebrew religion, which we can still hear Jewish people using today, several times daily. They call it the Sh'ma, which is the Hebrew word for 'hear,' the first word of the statement: Hear, o Israel, the Lord your God is one God, and you shall love Him with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. This statement defines the community of the Jews and is associated with a covenantal requirement: obedience of the commandments of God. The theological basis for these commandments is then revealed by our Lord in the gospel story when He attaches to the Sh'ma the requirement that we should love our neighbours as ourselves. This is the point of the commandments, their inner logic - the love of God and the love of neighbour. The command to love neighbour as self is not an innovation of our Lord; it already existed in the Old Testament; the innovation is that we must love not only our friends and those who love us, but our enemies as well. Perfect love, perfect charity is given to absolutely everyone who needs it. As the second reading from the letter to the Hebrews declares, perfect love (as demonstrated by Christ our High-priest) pours itself out entirely for the sake of sinners, that is, those people who have lived in enmity towards God. There is a great mystery in this, because it does not come naturally to the human heart to sacrifice itself for its enemies. The wise scribe of the gospel story correctly notes that this great love is more important than holocausts or sacrifice. If love/charity is greater than the sacrifices, then love/charity has the ability to itself effect the putting away of sin. And indeed, as S. Peter says in the first of the two letters of his that we have towards the end of the Bible, love covers over a multitude of sins. True sacrifice is then not an animal sacrifice, but a sacrifice of self - a sacrifice of our personal prejudices and dislikes, in order to offer charity even to those we dislike or who dislike us. And in this love of ours for our neighbour and observance of the commandments of Moses is revealed our love for the God Who gave us those commandments - the one God Who is three, to Whom be glory and praise both now and always.

“Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.” - *Ubi caritas*, the ancient hymn