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Week XXXIII of Ordinary Time

Year B, Psalter Week I
(17th - 23rd November 2024)

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun the 17 th	S. HUGH OF LINCOLN	
18.15	<i>Holy Souls</i>	S. Mary's
9.00	<i>Tania (birthday intentions)</i>	S. Mary's
11.30	<i>Ronald Naylor (+)</i>	S. Joseph's
Mon the 18 th	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul	
Tue the 19 th	Feria	
Wed the 20 th	Feria	
10.00	<i>Michelle's intentions</i>	S. Mary's
Thu the 21 st	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
10.00	<i>J. McL. (in thanksgiving)</i>	S. Joseph's
Fri the 22 nd	S. Cecilia	
15.00	Divine Mercy chaplet	S. Mary's
Sat the 23 rd	S. Clement I	
Sun the 24 th	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	
9.00	<i>Holy Souls</i>	S. Mary's
11.30	<i>Holy Souls</i>	S. Joseph's

NOTICES

- **PLEASE NOTE:** The Saturday morning Mass and Saturday evening Vigil Mass are both **cancelled** this week.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** November is the month of the Holy Souls. May the Lord grant them eternal rest.
- **Introduction to Catholicism w/ Fr Kevin, Mondays at 6 PM** on Zoom. Please email if you would like to attend.
- The Catholic Bishops of England, Wales and Scotland have issued a **statement on Assisted Suicide** ahead of the Second Reading of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. You can find a copy of this statement in the narthex, and attached to this newsletter.

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 Joseph O'Dea, Catherine Foy, Michael Andrew Treanor, Arthur Miles, Teresa Fell, Irene Leese, James Hanlon, Michael John Davis, Patrick Feeley, Brigitta Chambers, William Rice.

S. Mary's, Louth

- **THIS WEEKEND!** The **Christmas Fair** in the Parish Centre continues on Sunday 17th November after the 9 AM Mass. Stalls: Books, cakes, various, & a raffle! Free admission. Refreshments provided. All proceeds towards the Building Maintenance Fund.
- **Furniture available:** 5-shelf bookcase, 5-door wardrobe, 2-door wardrobe, two matching arm chairs, a floral sofa, a 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.
- The **parish banking details** for Louth S. Mary are presented below. As always, all donations are received most gratefully:
Account name St Marys Louth RCP
Account number 00108605
Sort code 30-95-22
- **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

- **PLEASE NOTE:** 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 XXXIII OF ORDINARY TIME

All things will pass away | Only Love and Truth will remain | And we must be allied to Him

The end of all things

“... in that hour of distress thy fellow-countrymen shall win deliverance, all whose names are found written when the record lies open. Many shall wake, that now lie sleeping in the dust of earth, some to enjoy life everlasting, some to be confronted for ever with their disgrace.”

- *Daniel 12: 1-2*

The contrast

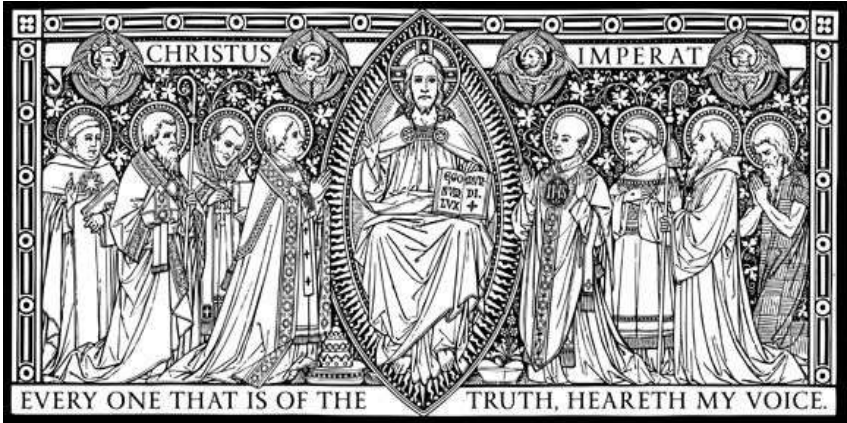
“For He did not only foretell to His disciples the good things which He would give to His saints and faithful ones, but also the woes in which this world was to abound, that we might look for our reward at the end of the world with more confidence...”

- *S. Augustine*

'Lead us not into temptation'

“In this petition [of the Our Father]...Christ urges us to vigilance of the heart in communion with His own. Vigilance is 'custody of the heart...' The Holy Spirit constantly seeks to awaken us to keep watch... this petition takes on all its dramatic meaning in relation to the last temptation of our earthly battle; it asks for final perseverance. 'Lo, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is he who is awake.'”

- *Catechism §2849*



Lo, He comes with clouds descending...

As we come to the end of the liturgical year, in these last Sundays before Advent, our readings become apocalyptic and speak of the end of all things. This sort of thing can be very scary to the people of this world - those who have set their hearts upon the things of this world. When we have invested very much upon the material, we don't like to hear that the material world is doomed to pass away. So, the prophet Daniel speaks in our first reading of a great distress. But Daniel says that a remnant of that people will be spared distress, of those whose names are written down in the book of life. The prophet speaks of a general resurrection of some to eternal life, and others to eternal disgrace - note that these last things: death, judgement, heaven and hell are all in the first reading. These are not Christian concepts per se, but Jewish ones. Now, when we look upon the gospel reading for this weekend, our Lord uses the same words as Daniel, but He is more graphic in His description of the end. All the things we take for granted, sun and moon, stars in the firmament... everything will be shaken when the great Judge arrives to gather up His Elect, His chosen, separating them out for eternal life from everybody else. So, again, death, judgement, heaven, hell. There are two dimensions to this theme of the end of all things: there is (i) the living of a life of virtue in the present, and (ii) the living in expectation of the second coming of Christ. Christ's continual warning to be prepared applies to both: we are to live in the present, doing good, avoiding evil; and if we manage, then we shall be well-prepared for when He returns. The fig tree in the gospel story is therefore about discernment, about discovering the good and evil, and maintaining self-control in the present, and perseverance in the Christian religion until the end, and in the darkest hour. Then, when sun fails and moon dies, and all about us are quaking in terror, we shall not fear; rather, we shall stand up and look towards the heavens, for our Salvation - our long-awaited Jesus - will finally have arrived.

“Yea, amen let all adore Thee, high on Thine eternal throne! Saviour, take the pow'r and glory; claim the kingdom for Thine own. O come quickly, Hallelujah!”