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Week I of Advent

Year C, Year 1, Psalter Week I
(1st -7th December 2024)

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun the 1st **SUNDAY I OF ADVENT**

9.00 *The People*

S. Mary's

11.30 *The People*

S. Joseph's

Mon the 2nd **Advent Feria**

Tue the 3rd **S. Francis Xavier**

Wed the 4th **S. John Damascene**

10.00 *Jack & Marie Norton*

S. Mary's

Thu the 5th **Advent Feria**

10.00 *Persecuted Christians*

S. Joseph's

Fri the 6th **S. Nicholas**

15.00 *Divine Mercy chaplet*

S. Mary's

Sat the 7th **S. Ambrose**

10.00 *The Church in Europe*

S. Mary's

followed by *The Holy Rosary*

18.15 *The McCabe Family (++)*

S. Mary's

Sun the 8th **SUNDAY II OF ADVENT**

9.00 *Father Raymund Mendel (+)*

S. Mary's

11.30 *Frank Murphy (+)*

S. Joseph's

NOTICES

- **OPTIONAL: St Andrew Christmas Novena in anticipation of Christmas:** Prayed from the Feast of St. Andrew (November 30) to Christmas Eve. The following prayer is recited 15 times daily for a particular intention:
“Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.”
- **Introduction to Catholicism w/ Fr Kevin, Mondays at 6 PM** on Zoom. Please email if you would like to attend.

- **NEW!** Prayer cards, beautifully designed by the Dominican Sisters of S. Joseph, are available for purchase in the repository. Cost 55p. Please come and have a browse. For more designs and to support the Sisters, visit the Dominicards shop: <https://www.dominicansisters.net/shop>.
- **Advent booklets** are available at the back of the Church. Please take one **for free** for yourself, or for someone else who may like one to aid in their preparation for Christmas. The cost of any books taken will be covered by a kind benefactor.
- **Second Collection**, next weekend, for Poor and Needy Parishes.

S. Mary's, Louth

- **Monthly CAFOD collection:** This weekend, 30th Nov/1st Dec.
- If you currently hold a **red Missio collection box**, please bring them back to the church for counting.
- Following the very successful and enjoyable Autumn/Christmas Fayre on 16th/17th November, we still have some way to go to raising **approximately £40,000 for essential repairs**. We hope to arrange further social events including a supper and auction in February. Meanwhile, any donations would be most gratefully:
Account name St Marys Louth RCP
Account number 00108605
Sort code 30-95-22

- **S. Mary's Repository:** We are currently taking orders for Sunday Missals, CTS 2025 Calendars or other CTS books. Please send in your request by 17.00 on Monday, 2nd December. For more, visit: <https://www.ctsbooks.org>.
- **Monthly CAFOD collection:** Next weekend, 30th Nov/1st Dec.
- **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, 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.

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.
S. Joseph's: Sandra Watkinson, Brenda Smith, Joyce Kerswell, Pamela Ogden, Larry Walsh, John Gallagher, Margaret Mountain, Madeleine Ovens.

Those with anniversaries this week (++)

Thomas McEvoy, Maria Corrie, David Crawn, Michael Reynolds, Sheila McDonnell, Edith Hallaghan, Robert Hayes, Thomas Devine, Daniel Howard, Mary Vaughan, Ann Selby, John Sullivan, Michael Kirrane, Florence Mary Wellesby Colley, Mary Alice Cummings, Patrick McCabe, Annie Davis, Rosa Anna Burke, Beatrice Flynn, Fr Graham Raymund Mendel, Francis Anthony Leicester, Martin Francis Smith.

SUNDAY I OF ADVENT

Great events need preparation/vigil | Advent is a vigil of the First Coming | Our lives are a vigil of the Second Coming

Sleepers, awake!

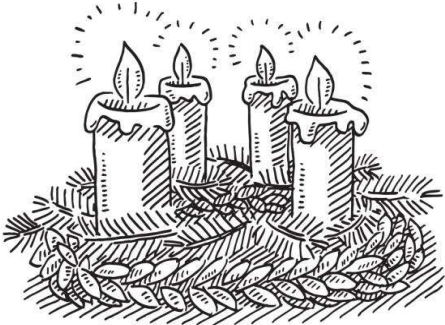
“Keep watch, then, praying at all times, so that you may be found worthy to come safe through all that lies before you, and stand erect to meet the presence of the Son of Man.”-
Gospel of S. Luke, 21: 36

Keep watch, keep vigil

“Take heed, that is, Look around you on all sides, keeping an ever watchful eye to the guardianship of your soul... Take heed to your own or to the things around, but to yourselves. For you are mind and spirit, your body is only of sense. Around you are riches, arts, and all the appendages of life, you must not mind these, but your soul, of which you must take especial care.” - *S. Basil*

Trust the divine physician

“Now supposing a physician should bid us beware of the juice of a certain herb, lest a sudden death overtake us, we should most earnestly attend to his command; but when our Savior warns us to shun drunkenness and surfeiting, and the cares of this world, men have no fear of being wounded and destroyed by them...” - *S. Beda the Venerable*



Awaiting the King

Having last Sunday celebrated the triumph of the Son of David, we cycle around again this Sunday to the centuries of expectation of the Messiah. This is what Advent is - a time of stepping into the shoes of those Jewish men and women of the late Jewish period, especially in the last few decades before Christ, in their vigil of waiting for the coming Messiah. Following the destruction of the Jewish kingdoms in the sixth century BC, and the several attempts of great kings and rulers to break the spirit of the Jewish nation, prophecy predicted the restoration of the Davidic monarchy in the son of David, and the prophet Daniel predicted with some precision when this would happen. As that moment drew near, the people looked here and there for the promised King of the Jews. In our first reading, the prophet Jeremiah mentions the promise made to the nation of Israel concerning the house of Judah, and the prophet speaks of the Branch. Jeremiah who prophesied and witnessed the destruction of the Jewish kingdom and of Jerusalem - and so the destruction of the Davidic dynasty - speaks of a Branch sprouting from the stump of the felled tree of David. The Hebrew root for the word ‘branch’ is *nzr*, *nazara*. If that sounds familiar, it’s because it is the root of the name Nazareth, a town where several descendants of the House of Judah and the family of David were resident, such as the family of the Blessed Virgin. With their eyes on Nazareth therefore, how would Jewish believers have prepared themselves for the imminent arrival of the Branch, of the Son of David, of the Messiah? We could suggest the Catholic model of the vigil of a great feast, such as Advent and Lent: prayerful waiting, penitence, personal purification, and a greater commitment to the setting aside of sin. The second reading and the gospel story echo this aspect of prayerful waiting for the return of Christ with a life of holiness - a life which is a continual vigil - the gospel adding that it will allows us to stand confidently in all purity before the Son of Man.

“O Thou, Whose coming is with dread, to judge the living and the dead, preserve us from the ancient foe while still we dwell on earth below.”