

# CATHOLIC LOUTH AND MABLETHORPE

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## Week II of Advent

Year C, Year 1, Psalter Week II  
(8<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> December 2024)

### MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun the 8<sup>th</sup> **SUNDAY II OF ADVENT**

18.15 *The McCabe Family* (++)

S. Mary's

9.00 *Father Raymund Mendel* (+)

S. Mary's

11.30 *Frank Murphy* (+)

S. Joseph's

Mon the 9<sup>th</sup> **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

10.00 *The People*

S. Joseph's

18.15 *The People*

S. Mary's

Tue the 10<sup>th</sup> **Ss. Augustine Webster & Eustace White,  
Blessed Mark Barkworth & Companions:  
The Martyrs of Lincolnshire**

10.00 *The conversion of England*

S. Mary's

Wed the 11<sup>th</sup> **S. Damasus I**

10.00 *In Thanksgiving*

S. Mary's

Thu the 12<sup>th</sup> **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

10.00 *Unborn children and their mothers*

S. Joseph's

Fri the 13<sup>th</sup> **S. Lucy**

15.00 *Divine Mercy chaplet*

S. Mary's

Sat the 14<sup>th</sup> **S. John of the Cross**

10.00 *The Carmelite Order*

S. Mary's

followed by *The Holy Rosary*

18.15 *The People*

S. Mary's

Sun the 15<sup>th</sup> **SUNDAY III OF ADVENT**

9.00 *Elizabeth Weir*

S. Mary's

11.30 *Retired clergy*

S. Joseph's

### NOTICES

- **Second Collection:** for Poor and Needy Parishes.
- **Introduction to Catholicism w/ Fr Kevin, Mondays at 6 PM** on Zoom. Please email if you would like to attend.

### S. Mary's, Louth

- **Please pray for the peaceful repose of Mr. David Peter Stubbs**, who was laid to rest on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024. Please also pray for his family and friends who mourn his loss.

### 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:** David Peter Stubbs, 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 (++)

Fr Graham Raymund Mendel, Francis Anthony Leicester, Martin Francis Smith, Susan Gabrielle Whyte, Hugo Dalton, Emily Caroline Halligan, Maria Abell, Maria Emily Charlton, Anna Fall, Emily Drakes, Thomas Benedict Fitzgerald, Julia Ellett, Margaret Bridget Davis, Elizabeth Bridget Weir, Peter Dunn, Anna Tanzy.

- **Feeling lucky?** This is your chance to **win a basketful of goodies this Christmas** by trying your luck in our Christmas raffle. **Tickets (£1)** are available before/after Sunday Mass or by contacting Myra. The lucky winner will be drawn on Christmas Day and they will go home with many lovely treats to share! All proceeds will go towards the Building Maintenance Fund.
- **UPDATE! The Christmas Fayre (16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Nov):** Upon the completion of some pending transactions, a further £160 has been raised, resulting in a **grand total of £780**. Heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in making this event a big success. All funds raised will go towards the Building Maintenance Fund.
- **The Annual General Meeting of the Parish of Saint Mary** will be held on **Thursday, 9th January 2025 at 6 PM**. You will have the opportunity to appoint/meet the members of your **Parish Pastoral Council** and be informed of matters relating to the running of the parish. Please email any agenda items and nominations (to the council) to the parish office by 2<sup>nd</sup> January.
- Please return the **red Missio collection boxes** for counting.
- Following a recent assessment of the parish buildings, it has been ascertained that we will need to spend **approximately £40,000 on essential repairs**. We will be running a number of fundraisers over the next several months to meet this need. In the meantime, any donations would be welcomed most gratefully:  
**Account name** St Marys Louth RCP ;  
**Account number** 00108605; **Sort code** 30-95-22
- **S. Mary's Repository:** This Advent, in order to maintain a reverent and prayerful atmosphere within the church, we will instead be **located in the conservatory** of the presbytery. **Please come and pick up your pre-ordered Sunday Missals**. CTS 2025 wall calendars are also available for sale, along with a selection of other items. Please do come and have a browse.
- **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: The pre-ordered Sunday Missals have arrived** and are available to purchase. The £10 paper-back edition is also available for anyone who is interested. We also 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 II OF ADVENT

God dresses His People with glory | Sin damages their integrity | Christ renews the People in His Church

## Seeking repentance

“Because this was the cause of their evils, in order that they might be convinced of their sins and seek a Redeemer, John came exhorting them to repentance, that being thereby made better and sorrowful for their sins, they might be ready to receive pardon.”

- *S. John Chrysostom*

## Making the ways straight

“But the crooked places are become straight, when the hearts of the wicked, perverted by a course of injustice, are directed to the rule of justice. But the rough ways are changed to smooth, when fierce and savage dispositions by the influence of Divine grace return to gentleness and meekness.”

- *Holy Father S. Gregory*

## Nobility of heart, not race

“For what profits the nobleness we inherit through the flesh, unless it be supported by kindred feelings in us? It is folly then to boast of our worthy ancestors, and fall away from their virtues.”

- *S. Cyril*



## Humanity renewed

We are invited by our readings this weekend to understand the first messianic expectation, and how Jerusalem was to be glorified at last in Christ. The prophet Baruch, like other prophets, saw Jerusalem as dressed by God in glorious vestment, prepared as a bride for her Husband, Who is God. The vestment of glory clothed an integrity and a purity, especially from idolatry. When the people fell into sin and idolatry, they lost their purity. When they pretended to serve God in holiness while they were fallen deep into vice and the degradation of sin, they lost their integrity. The prophet is here calling the people to repentance and atonement with God. Arise, he says, stand upon the heights, take up your mantle of purity once more and the splendour that God once gave you and which is yours. Here is a theme of Advent: repent, return to purity before God, and He will bless us. But Jerusalem would not be glorified in the days of Baruch or any of the other prophets; rather, they were seeing far into the future. The eighth day of December is the day Catholics remember the Immaculate Conception, when the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in the womb of her mother S. Anna. When God decided that He would be a man, and that He would be born of a Virgin, He proposed to take his humanity materially from this beautiful woman, the purest of all created things, conceived without sin. In the BVM at the moment of her conception, mercy and integrity returned fully to the human race, and we are left to marvel as God began to renew humanity, preparing all things for the glorification of Jerusalem that was to follow, in the life, death and resurrection of Christ. In the gospel story, Luke's clear historical background for the ministry of John the Baptist (and so of Christ) demonstrates that God works within history to call His people into being in Moses, build the Temple in Solomon, and fulfil the promises He once made to finally remake/sanctify humanity in Christ.

“O come, Divine Messiah, the world in silence waits the day when hope shall sing its triumph, and sadness flee away.”