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Week IV of Advent

Year C, Year 1, Psalter Week IV

(22nd - 28th December 2024)

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun the 22nd **SUNDAY IV OF ADVENT**

18.15 *In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9.00 *Raymond Jackson (+)*

11.30 *Paul Carter (+)*

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Mon the 23rd **S. John of Kanty**

Tues the 24th **Advent FERIA**

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

18.15 *The People*

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23.00 Carol Service

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Wed the 25th **THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

0.00 *Priest's intention*

9.00 *Anne Weir (+)*

11.30 *For Dorothy*

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Thu the 26th **S. STEPHEN**

10.00 *For our deacons*

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Fri the 27th **S. JOHN THE APOSTLE**

10.00 *Christian unity*

15.00 Divine Mercy chaplet

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Sat the 28th **THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

10.00 *Unborn children and their parents*

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followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
w/ the Holy Rosary & Confessions

18.15 *In thanksgiving*

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Sun the 29th **THE HOLY FAMILY**

9.00 *In honour of the Holy Family*

11.30 *David Jackson (+)*

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NOTICES

- "I wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year. I pray that you will deepen your prayer, and join your hearts to His Sacred Heart, making His home in you, and establishing peace with you forever." **Father Kevin**

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 (++)

Jacob Patrick Hynes, Thomas Rice, Margareta Spielvogel, John Corrigan, Norah Mary Rutherford, Bernard Malcolm Fell, Jacob Paynes, Mary Theresa Randall, Edward Ellith, Fr. Gerry Collins, Rose Harrison, Edith Anne Cummings, Fr. Augustine Joseph Rowley, William Hynes, Catherine Kelly, Anne Weir, Alice Skipworth, Catherine Earl, George Henry Waumsley, John Hayden, Henry Tate, John Johansson, Henriette Dows.

- **Introduction to Catholicism w/ Fr Kevin, Mondays at 6 PM.** We are now making a transition from Zoom to Microsoft Teams. Please email if you would like to attend.
- From early in the New Year, following encouragement from the Bishop, **the Sunday morning Mass will be preceded by a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.**
- **All applicants for Sacraments**, viz. Baptism, FHC, Confirmation, to apply to Father Kevin in person, preferably after one of the parish Masses, but otherwise by e-mail or telephone.

S. Mary's, Louth

- **Win a basketful of goodies this Christmas** by trying your luck in our Christmas raffle. **Tickets (£1)** available before/after Sunday Mass. The draw will take place on Christmas Day All proceeds 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 2nd January.
- 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: NEW STOCK!** An assortment of candles, magnets, prayer cards are now available. Christmas cards are also available. Find us in the conservatory of the presbytery.
- **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 IV OF ADVENT

Beth-lechem is literally 'house-of-bread'| Christ said, I AM the Bread of Life| And Mary placed Him in a feeding-trough

When I heard your voice...

“Mark the distinction and propriety of each word. Elisabeth first heard the word, but John first experienced the grace. She heard by the order of nature, he leaped by reason of the mystery. She perceived the coming of Mary, he the coming of the Lord.” - S. Ambrose

The divine joy of baby John

“But this joy was strange and unwonted, for it was in the womb; and at the coming of her who was to bring forth the Savior of the world. This joy, therefore, and as it were reciprocal salutation to the mother of the Lord, was caused (as miracles are) by Divine influences in the child, not in any human way by him.” - S. Augustine

Blessed is Mary

“It is for her faith that all generations have called Mary blessed. Throughout her life and until her last ordeal, when Jesus her Son died on the cross, Mary's faith never wavered. She never ceased to believe in the fulfilment of God's word. And so the Church venerates in Mary the purest realization of faith.” - Catechism, §148-149



And you, o Bethlehem-Ephratha

It's obvious that we are near Christmas now, because we have unusually the prophecy of Micah, who is very significant to the Christmas story. When those wise men of the East arrived in Jerusalem, expecting to find the newborn King of the Jews in Herod's palace, a very confused Herod asked his scribes where the Child was to be born. They, just as confused, reached for this prophecy of Micah. Ephratha was the old name of Bethlehem - the ancestral home of King David. Micah is talking about God's promise of a new David, Who would be born at the original David's home town - a new David who has a more ancient origin, a very ancient origin. This new David is the moment when God enters history powerfully after a long period of abandonment - centuries of a prophet-less Israel - and He arrives as a shepherd to reunite the separated clans of the nation. It is no wonder Herod panicked and killed every young boy his soldiers could get their hands on - a worldly king with a limited rule under Rome like him could not tolerate being removed and replaced by a high-king of all Israel and even of all mankind, born only a few miles down the road in Bethlehem. The psalm this weekend is an ancient song of Israel, for the nation was the vine planted by the God the Shepherd, Who would eventually stand among the nation in the person of Christ and say, I AM the vine and My heavenly Father is the vinedresser, so stay attached to Me as branches. The gospel reading is a marvellous story of the sound of Mary's voice, which causes the pre-born S. John the Baptist to do a jig, as we Catholics would do if we heard the music of her voice today. And we shall journey with her now, very pregnant indeed, and rejoice with her on Wednesday to celebrate the glorious morning when she first held the Salvation of the World in her arms.

“O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer our Spirits by Thine Advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.”