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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those who are ill: Dorothy Howard, Pat Tiger, Sylvia Saxby, John Dean, Patricia Kerr, Peter Endean, Shirley Kirkham, Paddy Shillington, Margaret & Robert Gwynne, Kevin Keeley, Mary Norburn, Judith Brook, Sally Shillington, Catherine Keeley, Pam Stephens, Diane Benton, Patricia & Spencer Harvey. 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:** Irene Mander, Lea Small, 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, **S. Joseph's:** Sandra Watkinson, Brenda Smith, Joyce Kerswell, Pamela Ogden, Larry Walsh.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Cyril Charlton, Phoebe Esther Swaby, Margarita Maria Corrigan, Margaret Ryan, Cridget Prendergash, James Prendergash, Bernard John Gibbons, Margarita Wilson, Hilda Paradine, James Tracey, Thomas Kelly, Gladys Mary O'Dea, Rita Mary Vanson, Agnes Fowler Kayes, Charlotte May Cooke, Ernest Edward Bentley, Arthur A J McNabb, Anna Bellamy, Nicolaus Corrigan, Carol Naylor.

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Third Week of Ordinary Time

26th January - 1st February 2025, Year C, Psalter Week III

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 26 th Jan		THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
*18.15 (Vigil)	S. Mary's	<i>Conversion of England</i>
*9.00	S. Mary's	<i>I. O. (birthday intentions)</i>
*11.30	S. Joseph's	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Monday, 27 th Jan		S. Angela Merici
		NO MASS
Tuesday, 28 th Jan		S. Thomas Aquinas
		NO MASS
Wednesday, 29 th Jan		Feria
10.00	S. Mary's	<i>Padma Rita Fernando (+)</i>
Thursday, 30 th Jan		Feria
10.00	S. Joseph's	<i>Florance and Rose Murphy</i>
Friday, 31 st Jan		S. John Bosco
10.00	S. Mary's	<i>Lea Small (+)</i>
15.00	S. Mary's	Divine Mercy devotion & the Holy Rosary
Saturday, 1 st Feb		Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00	S. Mary's	<i>Rev. Fr. Raymund Mendel (+)</i>
10.45 -11.30	S. Mary's	The Holy Rosary & Confessions
*18.15(Vigil)	S. Mary's	<i>Jane Avery (+)</i>
Sunday, 2 nd Feb		THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
* 9.00	S. Mary's	<i>Rev. John Gerard Murphy (+)</i>
* 11.30	S. Joseph's	<i>Pamela Gerety (+)</i>

Please Note. **Confessions** may be heard after all Masses upon request.

*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Half hour before all Sunday Masses.

Teas & Coffees: Wednesdays, Thursdays & Sundays after Mass.

NOTICES

- ◆ **We are now taking orders for Daily, Weekday and Sunday Missals.** Please place your order at the repository.
Weekday Missal: £55 Hardback. Contains prayers and readings for the weekday Masses from Monday to Saturday.
Daily Missal: £70 Hardback. Contains the complete Weekday, Sunday and sanctoral cycles in one volume.
Sunday Missal: £30 Leather-bound, £20 Hardback, £10 Paperback. Contains the prayers and readings for Sunday only.
- ◆ **Introduction to Catholicism w/ Fr Kevin,** Mondays at 6 PM on Microsoft Teams. Please email if you would like to attend.
- ◆ **All applicants for Sacraments,** viz. Baptism, FHC, Confirmation, to apply to Father Kevin in person, OR by e-mail or telephone.
- ◆ **Bishop Patrick warmly invites all married couples** to Holy Mass at 3 PM at St. Barnabas Cathedral (NG1 5AE) on Sunday 16th February for a Renewal of Vows and a special Jubilee Blessing, followed by a Reception in Cathedral Hall.

Saint Mary's, Louth

- ◆ 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

Saint Joseph's, Mablethorpe

- ◆ **Palm Crosses:** Please return your palm Crosses from Palm Sunday last year to Deacon Roger so that he can transform them into ashes for use on Ash Wednesday (5th March 2025).
- ◆ **Crib Offerings:** The bishop has asked that monies collected as “Crib Offerings” this season be given to ‘Friends of the Holy Land’ for the use by **children who are suffering because of the current situation in the Holy Land.** We shall be continuing with the Crib until Candlemas on 2nd February, as is tradition.
- ◆ **S. Joseph's repository:** Quality greeting cards and devotional items available at very attractive prices. Please feel free to take a look after Mass and support our parish shop.
- ◆ We have **an assortment of CTS books** laid out in the narthex. Please feel free to have a browse and **help yourself** to any that may interest you.

A WORD FROM FATHER KEVIN

With respect to the Catholic Mass which we have been talking about, there is a narrative in our first reading this weekend of a religious service that was conducted after the second Jewish Temple was built, several decades after King Solomon's Temple was destroyed by the Babylonian empire (586 BC). Nehemiah was the Jewish governor of his time and it had been his task to restore the security of Jerusalem by rebuilding its encircling wall. But in our story let's find a liturgical structure that we might find familiar. The priest Ezra brings together a congregation of men, women and children - so do we. He reads to them from the book, from morn til noon - we thankfully don't have readings that long at Mass. When he reads from his wooden dais, probably from a lectern, everybody stands up - we still do that for the gospel. Ezra blesses the Holy One and everybody answers Amen, Amen - we do this at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer. And Ezra translates the Hebrew of the book and explains it - that sounds suspiciously like a homily to me, except much longer. And it all ends with a bit of a feast. Historically, in the time of Ezra, the Jewish people had been scattered throughout the known world. Wherever they went, they already began to establish what we would recognise as synagogues to serve their national culture and identity, even as they do today. It was at one of these synagogues in the Greek area of Galilee in the north of the Holy Land that our Lord stood up, according to the gospel story, to tell His Jewish brothers and sisters that their long wait for a Messiah and the Successor of King David was over. That what Moses, the prophets, what Ezra and Nehemiah had established was being fulfilled. That Love had finally arrived, and was standing before them.



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