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# CATHOLIC LOUTH AND MABLETHORPE

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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:** Eileen Adams, 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:** Pamela Gerety, Francis Hegarty, Frederick Robinson, Patrick Joseph Powell, Janet Wilbourne, Francis Jones, John Hugh Cusworth, Joan Duggan, Elizabeth Robinson, Pat Hagan, Dennis Carroll, Edward Cummins, Catherine Graon, John White, Thomas Mullaby, Anna Elizabeth Bentley, Harold Henry Simpson, John Cusmith, Peter Wilson, Margarita Rainey, Joyce Matthews, Helen Mooney, Molloy Devoy.

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# THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

## Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025, Year C, Psalter Week IV

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### MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> February		THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD
*18.15 (Vigil)	S. Mary's	Jane Avery (+)
*9.00	S. Mary's	Pamela Gerety (+)
*11.30	S. Joseph's	Rev. John Gerard Murphy (+)
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Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> February		S. Blaise
		NO MASS
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Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> February		S. Gilbert of Sempringham
		NO MASS
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Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> February		S. Agatha
10.00	S. Mary's	Padma Rita Fernando (+)
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Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> February		Ss. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs of Japan
10.00	S. Joseph's	Deceased members of the Murphy family (++)
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Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> February		Feria
10.00	S. Mary's	Lea Small (+)
15.00	S. Mary's	Divine Mercy devotion & the Holy Rosary
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Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> February		S. Josephine Bakhita
10.00	S. Mary's	Victims of trafficking
10.45 -11.30	S. Mary's	The Holy Rosary & Confessions
*18.15(Vigil)	S. Mary's	The People
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Sunday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February		THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
* 9.00	S. Mary's	The People
* 11.30	S. Joseph's	Deceased members of the Cleary family (++)

*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

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- ◆ **We are now taking orders for Daily, Weekday and Sunday Missals.** Please place your order at the repository.  
**Weekday Missal:** £55 Hardback. **Daily Missal:** £70 Hardback.  
**Sunday Missal:** £30 Leather-bound, £20 Hardback, £10 Paperback.
- ◆ **Introduction to Catholicism w/ Fr Kevin**, Mondays at 6 PM on Microsoft Teams. Please email if you would like to attend.
- ◆ **A Retreat for married couples** on 'The Four Disciplines of a Family' will take place on Saturday 15th March, 11.00 AM to 3.00 PM. Mike and Alicia Hernon, founders of the famous Messy Family Podcast are coming all the way from Ohio, USA to lead this Retreat. Please contact us for more info.

### Saint Mary's, Louth

- ◆ The **monthly CAFOD collection** takes place this weekend 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> February.
- ◆ **Cuppa for Cancer Care:** A Coffee and Cake morning will be hosted in the parish centre on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> February from 10 AM to 1 PM. For more info contact Amanda at 07966 515172 or visit [hopefortomorrow.org.uk/cuppa](http://hopefortomorrow.org.uk/cuppa).
- ◆ We express our **grateful thanks** to all those who Read and Serve at Mass and support the liturgical life of the parish in countless other ways. We are now **welcoming more volunteers** to Read at Mass and Serve at the altar. If you are interested please speak to Father Kevin.
- ◆ 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:** We have an assortment of cards for all occasions, and a selection of Lenten booklets available for purchase in the narthex. For more devotional items, please visit us in the conservatory of the presbytery.

### 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).
- ◆ **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

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**T**he Presentation of the Lord in the Temple comes precisely forty days after Christmas and is connected with the Hebrew tradition of the purification of the mother after the birth of her son. This is very much a festival of both Our Lord and of His holy Mother. The prophet Malachi in our first reading looks forwards centuries before the event to the entry of the Holy One into His Temple in Jerusalem. Some of us know that King Solomon's great Temple was destroyed in 587BC and a second Temple was built, which still stood in the time of Our Lord. Malachi lived in the time of the second Temple, which was notably without the supernatural effects of Solomon's Temple, which had had mysterious clouds and smoke, flashings of light, etc. The prophet looked into the future and saw when these supernatural effects would return, when the God of Israel would enter once more into His sanctuary in Jerusalem. The second reading tells us how the God of Israel took His descent as a human being from those children of Father Abraham, whom Malachi was prophesying to. And the gospel story tells us of the circumstances of this extraordinary figure of the God-man being carried into the second Temple by His Mother Mary, closely followed by their guardian S. Joseph, who made the requisite sacrifice of four birds for the 'churching' of his wife. The old priest Simeon was waiting for them. He was a prophet, not unlike Malachi, and he knew that he before he died would see the Holy One enter His Temple. With a joy that has echoed down to us in his famous words, Now, Master, you can let your servant depart in peace, S. Simeon returns the child to Our Lady, saying to her that she would have to suffer much on the Child's behalf, but through it all would Judgement come upon mankind, and Salvation to all who believe.

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