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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: Herbert Hugo Denny, Mary Finnerty, Henry Harold Kustner, George Musson, Norma Christine Wright, Jacob Webb, Jim Mahaffy, Clement Caley, Alice Maud Roberts, Margaret Rice, Charlotte Edmonds, Olive Keenan, Arthur Fitz-osborne Brady, Sophia Zakhary, Betty Hayler Pike.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

16th - 22nd February 2025, Year C, Psalter Week II

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 16 th February		SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
*18.15 (Vigil) *9.00 *11.30	S. Mary's S. Mary's S. Joseph's	Veronica Elizabet Adlard (+) Those who cannot find work The People
Monday, 17th February		Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
10.00	S. Joseph's	Mgr. Peter Wilson of Northampton (+)
Tuesday, 18th February		Feria
		NO MASS
Wednesday, 19th February		Feria
10.00	S. Mary's	Padma Rita Fernando (+)
Thursday, 20th February		Feria
10.00 10.00	S. Joseph's Alford	Rev. Francis McDermott Funeral of Eileen Adams (+) at the crematorium
Friday, 21st February		S. Peter Damian
15.00	S. Mary's	Divine Mercy devotion & the Holy Rosary
Saturday, 22 nd February		THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER
10.00 10.45 -11.45 *18.15(Vigil)	S. Mary's S. Mary's S. Mary's	The Holy Father Adoration w/ the Holy Rosary & Confessions Married couples
Sunday, 23 rd February		SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
* 9.00 * 11.30	S. Mary's S. Joseph's	Raymond Jackson (+) Can. Kevin Smyth

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

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

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

NOTICES

- ◆ If you would like to buy a Missal, 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.
- ◆ Palm Crosses: Please return your palm Crosses from Palm Sunday last year for transformation into ashes for use on Ash Wednesday (5th March 2025).

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- ◆ Women's World Day of Prayer: All are welcome to share and celebrate a Mass on Friday 7th March at 2 PM at St Mary's, Louth. Christian women across the world join together in prayer on this day and this year the spotlight falls on the women of the Cook Islands in the Pacific who ask us to cherish that 'We are wonderfully made by God'. After Mass, there will be an opportunity for guided reflection followed by tea & coffee in the Hall.
- ◆ Following a recent assessment of the parish buildings, it has been ascertained that we will need to spend approximately £40,000 on essential repairs. Any donations to this end would be welcomed most gratefully:

Account name St Marys Louth RCP;
Account number 00108605; Sort code 30-95-22

◆ S. Mary's repository: Easter cards from Aid to the Church in Need and little booklets to aid in prayer during the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are now available. Please visit us in the conservatory of the presbytery.

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- ◆ The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will take place after 10am Mass on Monday 17th February 2025.
- ◆ We are extremely grateful to the Thursday Tea & Coffee Club and to Val Corkell & her Fantastic Christmas Raffle who between them have raised close to £800 to completely fund the 3 new English Translation Lectionaries and Book of the Gospels for the parish. Well done all concerned and a really big thank you!
- ◆ Thursday Tea & Coffee Club: Please come and join us on Thursdays after the 10 AM Mass for tea, coffee and a friendly chat.
- ◆ S. Joseph's repository: In addition to our usual stock of excellent value cards for all occasions we now have cards to mark: a. Saint Patrick's day on 17th march; b. Mother's day on 30th March; c. Easter Cards for 20th April. Drop in and take a look!
- ◆ 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

In effect, what we do as Christians in walking into the heart of the Mass is to put our hearts and minds in trust into the hands of God. We trust then in Him alone, and we in the presence the great Saints of the Church, the several men and women who did the same thing - they gave their lives, especially the martyr Saints,



for Him and for His Church. In the witness of their lives, today's first reading comes alive, for we are called as Christians to set aside any reliance on the fickle people of this world, and indeed the more untrustworthy who have themselves turned away from God. With no knowledge of Him, they would be the blind leading the blind, having no eyes for what is good, if we were to be foolish enough to put ourselves in their hands. Rather, as the prophet suggests, and as our Lord Himself once said when He was talking about building upon solid rock rather than on sand, if we were to rely on the Holy One, God our Lord, being sure of His protection, we would have fewer worries, even were suffering and distress to come upon us. And so therefore, we have had the first psalm of the Book of Psalms this weekend: Blessed is he (or indeed, she) who places trust in God. For our gospel reading, we for the first time in a while have an accurate translation of what we call the Beatitudes. Some of us may remember that for a few decades, we have heard that they are happy who are poor, who mourn, who weep, etc. Rather, now blessed are they who are poor of spirit, who are hungry for God and His justice, who weep at primarily the state of mankind in this 'vale of tears,' as we sometimes call the constant strife that seems to accompany our short lives in this world of sin and death. For we shall one day find riches in God, rejoice in His reign and witness His renewal of the world. And significantly, while still suffering the indignities of this world, if we should like the Saints of God suffer for Christ and suffer joyfully at that, our reward (He says) will be great in heaven.

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