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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: Sophia Zakhary, Betty Hayler Pike, Clementine Marvin, Jacob Corrigan, Edward Patrick Griffin, Peter Corrigan, Catherine Booker, Paene Birch, Catherine Cusworth, Anne Marie Willoughby, Mary Mongan, Patrick Kelly, John Booker, Dorothy Maud Proctor, Anthony Maurice Fordham, John Laking, Maria Keefe, John Walsh, Roland Stubbs, Edward Gavin, Nicholas Corrigan, William Rice.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Seventh Week of Ordinary Time

23rd February - 1st March 2025, Year C, Psalter Week III

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 23 rd February	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	
*18.15 (Vigil)	S. Mary's	<i>Married couples</i>
*9.00	S. Mary's	<i>Raymond Jackson (+)</i>
*11.30	S. Joseph's	<i>Can. Kevin Smyth</i>
Monday, 24 th February	Feria	
	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 25 th February	Feria	
10.00	S. Joseph's	<i>Wellbeing of the Holy Father</i>
Wednesday, 26 th February	Feria	
10.00	S. Mary's	<i>Eileen Adams (+)</i>
Thursday, 27 th February	Ss. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, Margaret Ward	
10.00	S. Joseph's	<i>Donna (+)</i>
Friday, 28 th February	Feria	
15.00	S. Mary's	Divine Mercy devotion & the Holy Rosary
Saturday, 1 st March	S. DAVID, PATRON OF WALES	
10.00	S. Mary's	<i>The people of Wales</i>
10.45 -11.45	S. Mary's	Adoration w/ the Holy Rosary & Confessions
*18.15(Vigil)	S. Mary's	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday, 2 nd March	EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	
* 9.00	S. Mary's	<i>Jerromes family (intentions)</i>
* 11.30	S. Joseph's	<i>Pye family (intentions)</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

- ◆ **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).
- ◆ **Walk with Me Lenten booklets**: £1 each. Now available in the narthex.
- ◆ **Churches Without Walls** led by Rev. James Hunter meets on Thursday, 27th February, 7.00 PM to 9.00 PM, in St. Mary's RC Church Centre, Louth.
- ◆ **Churches Together Prayer Week**: 24th Feb 10.30 AM Eastgate Union | 26th Feb 10 AM Mass at S. Mary's, Louth, 1 PM Prayer Walk starting at the Methodist church | 28th Feb 6.30 PM Prayer and Praise at S. James, Louth.

Saint Mary's, Louth

- ◆ **Hope For Tomorrow Cuppa For Cancer Coffee Morning**: A grand total of £560 was raised last weekend. Heartfelt gratitude to all who attended and supported the event and donated to this very important cause.
- ◆ We have just had the **stained glass windows** on the north-east wall of the sanctuary refurbished. They are now leak-proof and they look absolutely stunning. Please do feel free to take a closer look.
- ◆ **Women's World Day of Prayer 2025**: All are welcome to celebrate a Mass on **Friday 7th March at 2 PM** at St Mary's, Louth. 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.
- ◆ Any donations to the **Building Fund** would be welcomed most gratefully: **Acct name** St Marys Louth RCP; **Acct no.** 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.

Saint Joseph's, Mablethorpe

- ◆ **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 three new Lectionaries and Book of the Gospels for the parish. Well done all concerned and a really big thank you!
- ◆ **Thursday Tea & Coffee Club**: All are welcome to 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!

A WORD FROM FATHER KEVIN

What makes the Sacrifice of our Lord upon the Cross so perfect? In a single word, his humility, which perfectly reverses the pride of mankind and negates the punishment due to that pride. Without pride, the command of the gospel story this



weekend is not just possible but becomes probable. It is a message of perfect love, even for enemies, and of endless generosity. The corresponding illustration from the old testament, given by our first reading, is the story of King David, not yet a king, and fleeing from persecution by the legitimate king who had grown to hate David and envy David's relationship with God. David's companion Abishai suggests to him that he dispatch the king his enemy, who has fallen so marvellously into his hands. But David would not sink as low as that, and centuries later his Successor, hanging on the cross with all the power of God Himself, would only bow his head and ask His Father to forgive His enemies, for they did not know what they were doing. Give, He says to us in the gospel reading, until you can give no more, and do not hope for a return. Give your very life for even your enemy, and you will show the world the heart of God, because you are compassionate as your Father in heaven is compassionate. In humility, neither will you judge, for humility does not take upon itself the mantle of a judge. If we didn't have two thousand years of church history, we would think this impossible for the human heart. Most people today will still have an eye for every eye taken from them, a tooth for every tooth knocked out of their mouths. Vengeance lives wonderfully in the human heart. But through long centuries, saintly Christian men and women have given beyond human ability, have knelt before cruel torturers in superhuman endurance and, hanging from their own crosses, have spoken a message of undying love.

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