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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, 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: Peter Endean,** Eileen Adams, Irene Mander, Lea Small, David Peter Stubbs, Edwin Wrigley, Elizabeth Melling, Christopher John Adlard, Ann Lavarack, Edward Noble, Kerry Ashby, Jim Ellison.  
**S. Joseph's:** Sandra Watkinson, Brenda Smith, Joyce Kerswell, Pamela Ogden, Larry Walsh.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Edward Gavin, Nicholas Corrigan, William Rice, Robert Edward Lingard, Concertina Foster, Mary Agnes O'Gora, Bernard Poole, Henry Cusworth, Eileen Fiona Melangh, Robert George Osborne, Henry Joseph Baron, Anthony Bryant, Maria Holmes, Thomas Gallagher, Bridgett Egan, Wladyslaw Wozniak, Thomas Tighe, Thomas Brannick, James Connolly, Gus Robertson, David Woodliffe, George Larder.

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# EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

## Eighth Week of Ordinary Time | Lent

2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> March | 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025, Year C, Psalter Week IV

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### MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> March		<b>EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>
*18.15 (Vigil)	S. Mary's	<i>Holy Souls</i>
*9.00	S. Mary's	<i>Jerromes family (intentions)</i>
*11.30	S. Joseph's	<i>Pye family (intentions)</i>
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> March		<b>Feria</b>
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> March		<b>S. Casimir</b>
Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> March		<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
10.00	S. Mary's	<i>John Millican (+)</i>
18.00	S. Joseph's	<i>Father Henry Young of Westminster (+)</i>
Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March		<b>Lenten Feria</b>
10.00	S. Joseph's	<i>Corol Johnson (+)</i>
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March		<b>Ss. Perpetua &amp; Felicity</b>
13.00	S. Mary's	<i>The people of the Cook Islands</i>
14.00	S. Mary's	World Day of Prayer 2025 Service of Readings
15.00	S. Mary's	Divine Mercy devotion & Stations of the Cross
15.00	S. Joseph's	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March		<b>S. John of God</b>
10.00	S. Mary's	<i>Father William Newton of Brentwood (+)</i>
10.45 -11.45	S. Mary's	Adoration w/ the Holy Rosary & <b>Confessions</b>
*18.15(Vigil)	S. Mary's	<i>The People</i>
Sunday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March		<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
* 9.00	S. Mary's	<i>Peter Endean (+)</i>
* 11.30	S. Joseph's	<i>Corol Johnson (+)</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

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- ◆ **Introduction to Catholicism w/ Fr Kevin**, Mondays at 6 PM on Microsoft Teams. Please email if you would like to attend.
- ◆ **Walk with Me Lenten booklets**: £1 each. Now available in the narthex.
- ◆ **Stations of the Cross**: Fridays in Lent at 3 PM at both parishes.
- ◆ **Unbound Training UK** is holding an online Unbound Basic Training Course between Tuesday 25th March and Tuesday 1st July, 6.30 to 8.30 PM.
- ◆ The **Nottingham Pro-Life Prayer Vigil** starts on Ash Wednesday, 5th March and continues through Lent. More info: <[www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)>
- ◆ The **Abortion Recovery Care Helpline (ARCH)** wishes to establish a group for women struggling after abortion in Nottingham. They require a **qualified counsellor** to facilitate the group, alongside a co-facilitator. The group would meet, in person, once a month, for five or ten months of the year. Text Clare on 07984 040947 or email [clare@archtrust.org.uk](mailto:clare@archtrust.org.uk).
- ◆ **Retreat for Parents w/ Mike and Alicia Hernon** of the successful podcast: 'The Messy Family Project'. 10.00 AM - 3.30 PM, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March at Our Lady of Lincoln Parish. Visit <<https://bit.ly/parentsretreat25>> to book.

### Saint Mary's, Louth

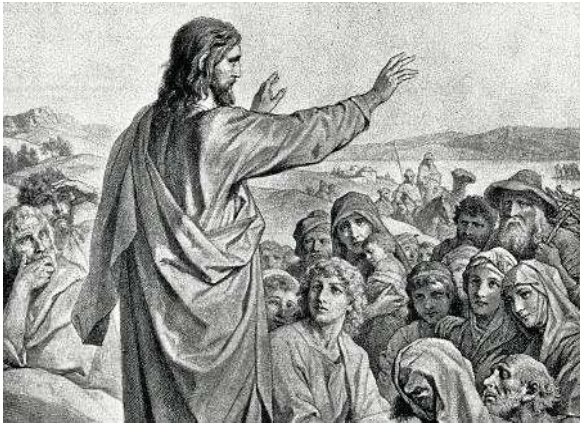
- ◆ **The next CAFOD collection** will NOT take place on 1st/2nd March, but instead on the weekend following the CAFOD Lent Fast Day on 14th March.
- ◆ **World Day of Prayer 2025: Friday 7th March at 2 PM at St Mary's, Louth.** This year the spotlight falls on the women of the Cook Islands in the Pacific who ask us to cherish that 'We are wonderfully made by God'. A Holy Mass will be offered at 1 PM for the people of the Cook Islands. The ecumenical WDP service of readings begins at 2 PM in the church. We are welcoming participation from all, so if you are able to join in with the readings or to assist us with refreshments afterwards, please let us know.
- ◆ Donations to **S Mary's Maintenance Fund** are welcomed most gratefully: **Acct name** St Marys Louth RCP; **Acct no.** 00108605; **Sort code** 30-95-22

### 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!
- ◆ **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

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**O**ur readings at Mass this weekend have to do with moral instruction, and the first reading can sound quite humorous, because it's so blunt. We know that some people can and will change their ways under the influence of grace, but we also know that other people are more ingrained in their bad habits and careless

manner. And some of us can be quite obtuse and annoying to be around. The Wisdom books of the Old Testament, such as this Sirach of the first reading, say wonderful things, such as: A fool reveals himself when he talks. And today's reading is like that: we demonstrate our personal faults when we speak, we demonstrate our mind by what we say and do. And according to that last line of the reading, even if famous people, politicians and celebrities do not agree, we should be very careful about writing autobiographies and giving interviews. Similarly, we could say that the cleverest (or most pious) of men and women have concealed themselves in monasteries and hermitages. And that this is the reason why several churches still have the good sense to appoint their bishops not from the chattering classes of clergy but from the monasteries. For wisdom is gained in silence and listening rather than in speech and, as the Lord says in our gospel reading today, a foolish man will lead everybody who follows him into the pit he is digging for himself. Once more, blindness here refers to spiritual blindness, so that the ungodly and impious man will make all who look up to him godly and impious, for the student becomes his teacher. And that's how we shall be able to tell who a good teacher is - from his students, and from his students' students. For rot spreads easily, and produces rotten fruit. For centuries, the Church has identified saintly men and women who have produced good fruit in abundance, often with miracles added on, just as often in the silence of the monasteries and convents, whose wisdom has come down to us in their writing or in the stories written about them by their confreres.

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