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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those who are ill: Dorothy Howard, Pat Tiger, 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. **S. Joseph's:** Sandra Watkinson, Brenda Smith, Joyce Kerswell, Pamela Ogen,

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Elsie Helen Chard, Loraine Gordon Timewell, Carl Peter Westerhoff, Maria Brumpton, Gabrielle Simpson, Monica Violet Foley, Cyril Dawson, Lucy Sarah Curtis, Thomas Sykes, Kenneth Sutcliffe, Hugh Malachy McKenna, Charles Henry Brackenbury Williamson, William Edwards, Frederick Leake, Terry Birmingham, Evelyn Cecilia Kimmins, Agnes Andrews, Harriett Anna Corrigan, George Darker, Christopher John Frain.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Third Sunday of Lent

23rd - 29th March 2025, Year C, Psalter Week III

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

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| Sunday, 23 rd March | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT | |
| *18.15 (Vigil) | S. Mary's | <i>Barbara Oke (+)</i> |
| *9.00 | S. Mary's | <i>Persecuted Christians in Syria</i> |
| *11.30 | S. Joseph's | <i>The People</i> |
| Monday, 24 th March | Lenten Feria | |
| Tuesday, 25 th March | THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD | |
| 10.00 | S. Joseph's | <i>Holy Souls</i> |
| Wednesday, 26 th March | Lenten Feria | |
| 10.00 | S. Mary's | <i>In Thanksgiving (A.G.), Raymond Jackson (+)</i> |
| Thursday, 27 th March | Lenten Feria | |
| 10.00 | S. Joseph's | <i>Father Neville McClement of Northampton (+)</i> |
| Friday, 28 th March | Lenten Feria | |
| | | NO MASS |
| 15.00 | S. Mary's | Divine Mercy devotion & Stations of the Cross |
| 15.00 | S. Joseph's | Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday, 29 th March | Lenten Feria | |
| 10.00 | S. Mary's | <i>Survivors of sexual abuse</i> |
| 10.45 -11.45 | S. Mary's | Adoration w/ the Holy Rosary & Confessions |
| *18.15(Vigil) | S. Mary's | <i>The People</i> |
| Sunday, 30 th March | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - LAETARE | |
| * 9.00 | S. Mary's | <i>All Mothers and Grandmothers</i> |
| * 11.30 | S. Joseph's | <i>Pamela Ogden (+)</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.
- ◆ **Stations of the Cross**: Fridays in Lent at 3 PM at both parishes.
- ◆ **Second Collections**:
 - ◆ This weekend 23rd/24th March: National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham
 - ◆ Coming soon, 5th/6th April: White Flower Appeal, Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)
- ◆ **Upcoming events**:
 - ◆ **Churches Without Walls** led by Rev. James Hunter meets on Thursday, 27th March, 7.00 PM to 9.00 PM, in St. Mary's RC Church Centre, Louth
 - ◆ **Turning the Church inside out**. Thursday 3rd April, 7.00-8.30pm online workshop with the diocesan Justice and Peace Commission to discuss the outcomes and implications of the Synod on Synodality.
 - ◆ **Diocesan Women's Lent Retreat**, Sat 5th April at Good Shepherd Church, Nottingham (NG5 4HT). To book: <dioceseofnottingham.uk/events>.
 - ◆ **Diocesan Men's Lent Retreat**, Sat 12th April at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey. To book, visit: <dioceseofnottingham.uk/events>.

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- ◆ The **CAFOD Lenten Fast Day collection** raised £437. Many thanks to all.
- ◆ **Divine Mercy Sunday**: Join us on **Sunday, 27th April** to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday at Saint Mary's beginning at 2 PM with the veneration of the image of the Divine Mercy and the recitation of the Holy Rosary. An hour of Confessions will be available from 2 PM- 3 PM, followed by the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 PM and Holy Mass at 3.15 PM. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the parish centre. All are very welcome!
- ◆ We are currently having important maintenance work done on the roofs and chimneys of the church and presbytery amounting to £40,000. Any donations to **S Mary's Building Maintenance Fund** are welcomed most gratefully: **Acct name** St Marys Louth RCP; **Acct no.** 00108605; **Sort code** 30-95-22
- ◆ **S. Mary's repository**: Easter Cards are now available for sale. We have traditional cards from Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) featuring the risen Christ, as well as more ecumenical options. Find us in the parish centre after the Sunday morning Mass. Thank you for supporting our shop!

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- ◆ **S. Joseph's repository**: In addition to our usual stock of excellent value cards for all occasions we now have cards to mark: a. Mother's day on 30th March; b. Easter Cards for 20th April. Drop in and take a look!

A WORD FROM FATHER KEVIN

It's difficult to hear the story of Moses and the Burning Bush and not think of our experience at Mass. For if we accept the Church's teaching of Mass as a divine encounter and communion with God then we are obviously standing before a quite different type of burning bush, but a Burning Bush nevertheless, and it would be surprising if we were not given a



mission, as Moses was. In the second reading, S. Paul talks about the sequel to the burning-bush episode - about the baptism of the people into Moses when they were guided by God through the sea and the desert, eating the spiritual food and drinking the spiritual drink during that great pilgrimage towards the Holy Land. Paul wants us to be extremely careful during the pilgrimage from this world towards Heaven, he wants us to learn from the mistakes of those Hebrews, and not fall into sin as so many of them did. When he talks about the baptism of the people into Moses, he surely means their baptism into the way of God as given to them by Moses, just as we are baptised into the way of God as given us by OLJC. In each case commandments are issued and a spiritual government established, by which we should be able to live lives acceptable to God. The same warning is given in our gospel reading as well this weekend - the warning of care in our dealing with temptation and sin, and care in our observance of the commandments. So, our Lord speaks of God planting us as fig trees in his vineyard (the Church) and then perhaps being dismayed when we do not produce the fruit He is expecting; God may then wish to cut down the fruitless trees, for their being useless. The merciful heart of Christ here steps forth as the keeper of the trees and speaks for us, saying, Leave it another year and let's see if things improve. Then, let us make this new year He gives us count...

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