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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 Ogden,

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Evelyn Cecilia Kimmins, Agnes Andrews, Harriett Anna Corrigan, George Darker, Christopher John Frain, Bridget Sylvia Duffy, Waldemar Marian Sharp, Mary Kate Wimsey, Joan Gerety, Mary Joanna Crow, Maureen Roe, Ivy Biggs, Bridget Hargreaves, Pat Flannagan, Michael Halligan, Mary Moody, John Edward Dows, Ernest Charles Mackey, Winifred Walmesley, Mary Alice Kelly, Bridget Walsh.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – LAETARE SUNDAY

Fourth Week of Lent

30th March - 5th April 2025, Year C, Psalter Week IV

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

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| Sunday, 30 th March | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - LAETARE | |
| *18.15 (Vigil) | S. Mary's | <i>The People</i> |
| *9.00 | S. Mary's | <i>All Mothers and Grandmothers</i> |
| *11.30 | S. Joseph's | <i>Pamela Ogden (+)</i> |
| Monday, 31 st March | Lenten Feria | |
| Tuesday, 1 st April | Lenten Feria | |
| 10.00 | S. Joseph's | <i>Christians of the Holy Land</i> |
| Wednesday, 2 nd April | S. Francis of Paola | |
| 10.00 | S. Mary's | <i>Christina McCabe (+)</i> |
| Thursday, 3 rd April | Lenten Feria | |
| 10.00 | S. Joseph's | <i>Vocations to the priesthood & religious life</i> |
| Friday, 4 th April | S. Isidore | |
| | NO MASS | |
| 15.00 | S. Mary's | Divine Mercy devotion & Stations of the Cross |
| 15.00 | S. Joseph's | Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday, 5 th April | S. Vincent Ferrer | |
| 10.00 | S. Mary's | <i>Medical professionals</i> |
| 10.45 -11.45 | S. Mary's | Adoration w/ the Holy Rosary & Confessions |
| *18.15(Vigil) | S. Mary's | <i>Destruction of the End of Life bill</i> |
| Sunday, 6 th April | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT | |
| * 9.00 | S. Mary's | <i>The People</i> |
| * 11.30 | S. Joseph's | <i>Retired priests</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**:
 - ◆ Next weekend 5th/6th April: CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal
 - ◆ Coming soon, 12th/13th April: White Flower Appeal, Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)
- ◆ **Upcoming events**:
 - ◆ **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>
 - ◆ **Pilgrimage to York 5th June** – The coach will leave Sacred Heart Parish, Skegness at 7.00 AM and Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Spilsby at 7.25am, with Mass at the Bar Convent in York at 11.00am, followed by a short talk (it is the oldest living convent in England), a meal at the Premier Inn restaurant opposite at about 12.30pm, the coach then taking us to a point where we shall have a five-minute walk to St. Wilfrid's church, a Jubilee church, arriving about 2.15pm, leaving York at about 3.45pm and arriving back in Spilsby at 6.45pm and in Skegness at 7.15pm. Cost of the pilgrimage, excluding meal, is £22-00 per head; a non-refundable deposit of £10-00 to secure a place. **Limited places left.**

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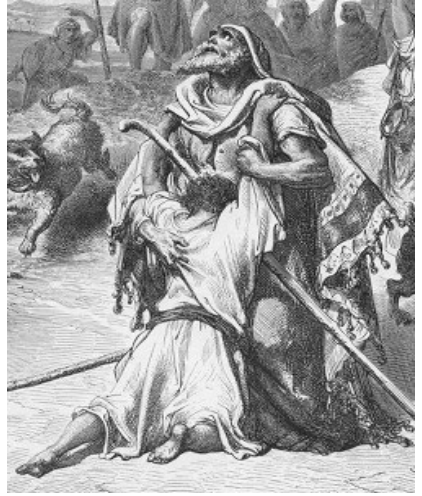
- ◆ **Divine Mercy Sunday**: Join us on **Sunday, 27th April** to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday at Saint Mary's beginning at 2 PM with the veneration of the image of the Divine Mercy and the recitation of the Holy Rosary. An hour of Confessions will be available from 2 PM- 3 PM, followed by the recitation 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

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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

Our readings this weekend are about Passover, Holy Communion, and participating in Christ's new Creation. Taste and see that the Lord is good. In our second reading, S. Paul says that this new Creation is in the hearts of men and women. Remember that Christ said to His adversaries that the Kingdom of God was already among the crowds of people listening to Him. He, the King of Hearts, was already receiving the allegiance of thousands before the Crucifixion - we know, because He was feeding them miraculously in the desert. In so far as we go away after Mass in peace, glorifying the Lord by our lives, we should endeavour constantly to spread the knowledge of Christ, and of the commandments of Christ, to others, bringing them to Him and so enlarging His Kingdom. What is the 'shame of Egypt' that is mentioned at the top of the first reading this weekend? It is idolatry and the worship of false gods, that is, evil spirits. We know how contagious idolatry is. The moment the Hebrews thought they had lost Moses, because he was too long up the mountain, they tried to establish an Egyptian fertility religion with the golden calf. And we know that the moment the people we know and love forsake Christ, they find some other object of devotion to replace Him. Those of us who are still attached to Christ are like the older brother in the gospel story, for we have not left the Father's house. But we know others who have. We have to bring them back. The Holy Father John Paul II called this the 'new evangelisation' - bringing back former Christians to the practice of religion. They may have squandered the graces they had in Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion, and we could understand perhaps the indignation of the older brother in the story. But we still marvel at the generosity to the repentant of the Heart of God - the Sacred Heart - which says in reply, Rejoice with me, for they were dead, and are now alive.



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