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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: Bernie Smallbone, 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: Ruby Gladys McCormack, Chris Gerety, Henry Willerton, William Henry Cartwright, William Patrick Kelly, Aimee Edith Sewe, Maurice Cannon, Mary Griffin, John Neelse, Doris Cadogan, John Kimmins, Ida Ramella, Michael Paddy Scanlon, Margarita Pickson, John Brennan.

HOLY WEEK

13th – 19th April 2025, Year C, Psalter Week II

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 13 th April		PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
*18.15 (Vigil)	S. Mary's	<i>Holy Souls</i>
*9.00	S. Mary's	<i>Holy Father and Bishop Patrick</i>
*11.30	S. Joseph's	<i>For D. H. (+)</i>
Monday, 14 th April		MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK
10.00	S. Mary's	<i>In honour of Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
Tuesday, 15 th April		TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
10.00	S. Joseph's	<i>Recent Earthquake Survivors</i>
Wednesday, 16 th April		WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
8.00	S. Mary's	<i>Intention of the Bishop</i>
Thursday, 17 th April		MAUNDY THURSDAY
18.00	S. Joseph's	<i>Persecuted Christians</i>
20.00	S. Mary's	<i>In honour of the Sacred Heart</i>
Friday, 18 th April		GOOD FRIDAY
14.00	S. Mary's	Stations of the Cross
15.00	S. Mary's	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
15.00	S. Joseph's	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
Saturday, 19 th April		HOLY SATURDAY
10.00-12.00	S. Mary's	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
		THE EASTER VIGIL
20.00	S. Joseph's	<i>The People</i>
23.00	S. Mary's	<i>The People</i>
Sunday, 20 th April		EASTER SUNDAY
* 9.00	S. Mary's	<i>For Christian Unity</i>
* 11.30	S. Joseph's	<i>For Jewish communities</i>

Note. **Confessions** will be available for a half hour before all Masses this week.

NOTICES

- ◆ **Introduction to Catholicism w/ Fr Kevin**, Mondays at 6 PM on Microsoft Teams. Please email if you would like to attend.
- ◆ **Second Collections:**
 - ◆ This weekend 12th/13th April: White Flower Appeal, Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)
 - ◆ Good Friday, 18th April: Holy Places of Palestine
- ◆ **Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN)** has recently launched a lived experience survey to better understand **the impact of the two-child benefit cap** on Catholic families in England and Wales and to explore how parishes are supporting families in need. The responses will contribute to a short report, and insights will inform advocacy work to support families affected by the cap, as well as other financial hardship. To complete the survey, please follow this link: www.csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey/.

Saint Mary's, Louth

- ◆ **JOIN US on Sunday 4th May**, 12 PM. Lunch at Millers Daughter, £14.50. Contact Siobhan 07719995161. Names, payment and order ASAP please.
- ◆ Last week's **CAFOD Myanmar Appeal** raised £468.81. Many thanks to all.
- ◆ **Divine Mercy Sunday, 27th April at S. Mary's**. Begins at 2 PM with the Holy Rosary. Confessions will be available from 2 PM - 3 PM, followed by 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

Saint Joseph's, Mablethorpe

- ◆ **PLEASE NOTE:** The Stations of the Cross prayer service at 2 PM on Good Friday at S. Joseph's is now **cancelled**..We will begin directly with the Good Friday service at 3 PM.
- ◆ **Ecumenical Event: Good Friday Walk of Witness, 18th April at 11 AM** starting from S. Peter's Methodist Church, Victoria Road and progressing through High Street and ending at the Main Pullover.
- ◆ **Feast of S. Joseph the Worker: 1st May, Mass at 6 PM.** Please join us afterwards as we celebrate our Patron with a shared-table. If you are able to bring food and drink to share, please do sign up on the list in the narthex.
- ◆ **S. Joseph's repository:** In addition to our usual stock of excellent value cards for all occasions we now have Easter Cards. Drop in and take a look!

A WORD FROM FATHER KEVIN



In today's events, we see the Christ entering into His own City as the Son of David, the descendant of that king, long expected by the Jews. S. Matthew's version of this event is the most detailed, for it talks not of one colt, but of two animals, an ass together with her colt. If you can picture that as a mobile throne, where the larger animal is the seat and the smaller a footrest, you will perhaps understand the prophecy made by Zechariah hundreds of years

before. If the King is entering His city, the Queen Mother is not far behind. We may picture her with her sisters and her nephews in the train, rejoicing with the people as they cried out what we do in our Sanctus during the Mass, Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. And she must have known, as vividly as He did, how quickly this welcome would end and how soon the mob that pressed around them would either desert Him, or howl for His crucifixion and death. Remember the beautiful tunic He wore as he carried that cross through the same streets a few days later, in agony. The beautiful tunic woven without seam that was so precious that, instead of ripping it from Him before His crucifixion, the Roman soldiery gambled to possess. Would this not have been the garment of the King, which he wore now on Palm Sunday - the day of His welcome into Jerusalem? Would He not have sat nobly upon his momentary throne, dressed as the Successor of David, as the people waved branches and strewed the streets leading to the Temple with garments? Hosanna, they cried, and that word has the same root as the Hebrew name of our Lord. It refers to salvation, and they don't know what they are asking for. Save us, they cry, perhaps from the Romans. Save them He will, within a week, from every sin and from eternal death, when from the height of the Cross, He will declare, It is accomplished, and all things are made new again.

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