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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. **S. Joseph's:** Sandra Watkinson, Brenda Smith, Joyce Kerswell, Pamela Ogden.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Brennan, Florence Emily Cummings, Leo Page, Anna Rerges, John Ansbro, Mary Ridgley, Annie Scott, Phillip Swaby, Gertrude Cummings, Kerry Ashby, Christopher Biggs, Nora Teresa Simpson, Irene Catherine Bridget Bruce, Thomas Welch, Martin Kavanagh, Frances Louise Sowter, Edward Carter, Audrey Shaw, Sylvia Mary Lasys, Jacob Rose, Bridget Foy, Charles Smith, John Doyle.

FIRST WEEK OF EASTERTIDE

20th – 26th April 2025, Year C, Psalter Week I

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 20 th April		EASTER DAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION
9.00	S. Mary's	<i>For Christian Unity</i>
11.30	S. Joseph's	<i>For Jewish communities</i>
Monday, 21 st April		MONDAY WITHIN EASTER OCTAVE
		NO MASS
Tuesday, 22 nd April		TUESDAY WITHIN EASTER OCTAVE
10.00	S. Joseph's	<i>Christians of the Holy Land</i>
Wednesday, 23 rd April		WEDNESDAY WITHIN EASTER OCTAVE
10.00	S. Mary's	<i>M. S. (intentions)</i>
Thursday, 24 th April		THURSDAY WITHIN EASTER OCTAVE
10.00	S. Joseph's	<i>Vocations to the priesthood & religious life</i>
Friday, 25 th April		FRIDAY WITHIN EASTER OCTAVE
		NO MASS
Saturday, 26 th April		SATURDAY WITHIN EASTER OCTAVE
10.00	S. Mary's	In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.45 – 11.45	S. Mary's	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament w/ the Holy Rosary and Confessions
*18.00	S. Mary's	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday, 27 th April		DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
* 9.00	S. Mary's	<i>Persecuted Christians</i>
* 11.30	S. Joseph's	<i>Rita Bryant & Denise Smith (++)</i>
14.00	S. Mary's	Holy Rosary, Confessions, Divine Mercy Chaplet
15.15	S. Mary's	<i>Pat Flanagan (+)</i>

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

* Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – for a half hour before the Mass

NOTICES

- ◆ **Introduction to Catholicism w/ Fr Kevin**, Mondays at 6 PM on Microsoft Teams. Please email if you would like to attend. **There will NO SESSION this week** as we take a short break for Easter. We'll resume next week.
- ◆ **SAVE THE DATE!** Bishop Patrick will be visiting us on 12th May at 7 PM at Saint Mary's, Louth to bestow the Sacrament of Confirmation on the young people of both our parishes and to receive some of our newest members into the Church. Please do come along if you can to support them on this very special day in their lives as Christians. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the parish centre.
- ◆ **The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Walsingham with Bishop Patrick**, Sat 14th June, gathering at the Anglican Shrine with procession to Catholic Shrine starting at 13.00. Holy Mass at 16.00 followed by departures.

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- ◆ **JOIN US on Sunday 4th May**, 12 PM. Lunch at Millers Daughter, £14.50. Contact Siobhan 07719995161. Names, payment and order ASAP please.
- ◆ **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!
- ◆ **S. Mary's Repository**: We now have **Easter cards**, **Confirmation cards** and a selection of **other greeting cards** available on display in the wooden wall unit in the narthex, all individually priced. Please feel free to browse. All payment to be made into the slot in the wall next to the wooden wall unit. Thank you for supporting our little shop. =)
- ◆ 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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- ◆ **CALLING ALL CHILDREN!** The Easter Bunny has left you some Easter eggs with Val at the back of church. Please collect yours after Mass as you leave to celebrate that Jesus is Risen! Hurray! Happy Easter =)
- ◆ **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. We also have a selection of books and other items so drop in and take a look!

A WORD FROM FATHER KEVIN



We Christians have become used to the idea that a man can rise from the dead, and the growing number of our opponents are equally convinced that such a thing is impossible, and its suggestion madness. We should be able to say that resurrection is extraordinary, and beyond the understanding of the natural sciences. And the ancients were not as foolish as modern people may think; they too would have treated the return of the dead with surprise and fear. Jews of the first century

when faced with the raising of the young man of Naim, and then the unbelievable return of Lazarus after four days of expected putrefaction, knew that there was something supernatural happening. Where sickness and even death fled away, where the impossible became possible, the Chosen People who had at least heard the old stories of the parting of water, the multiplication of foodstuffs and the departure of prophets in chariots of fire, could identify the finger of God. This is what frightened their worldly leadership when Christ had at last marched up to Jerusalem and the Temple. They did not believe and they feared the legions of Rome and the possible end of their political settlement more than the ancient God of Israel. When the guardians of the Tomb returned with stories of quakes, lightshows and angelic figures, they refused to believe and tried to hide the evidence. The men of this world, if Christ were to stand before them, would deny His resurrection and seek to explain Him away. Faith is always a gift and not everyone will believe; so said Christ Himself. We who do believe find a hope within us that nothing can take away. For if even death has met its match, everything is possible. Let us always pray for faith, for ourselves and for those we know and love. A very happy Easter to all of you and your families, for Christ is Risen, He is truly Risen.

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