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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: David Cummings,** 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: Anne Powell**, Sandra Watkinson, Brenda Smith, Joyce Kerswell.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Pamela Ogden, Mona Elizabeth Charlton, John Halligan, Cyril Clements, Mary Josephine Younger, Conceptio Alemany, Patrick Eric Foley, Catherine Cummings, Ivy Ann McManus, John Furey, Peter Coyne, Ellena Jackson.

SIXTH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE

25th - 31st May 2025, Year C, Psalter Week II

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 25 th May		SIXTH SUNDAYOF EASTER
* 18.15 * 9.00 * 11.30	S. Mary's S. Mary's S. Joseph's	Pope Leo XIV (intentions) In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary Pamela & Maxwell Ogden (++)
Monday, 26th May		S. Philip Neri
		NO MASS
Tuesday, 27 th May		S. Augustine of Canterbury
10.00	S. Joseph's	Deceased members of the Pye family (+)
Wednesday, 28th May		Easter Feria
10.00	S. Mary's	Father Michael James Daley of Westminster (+)
Thursday, 29th May		THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
10.00 18.15	S. Joseph's S. Mary's	Canon Kevin Smythe (+) Holy Souls
Friday, 30 th May		Easter Feria
		NO MASS
Saturday, 31st May		The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00 10.45 – 11.45	•	Father John McCullough of Brentwood (+) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament w/ the Holy Rosary and Confessions
*18.15	S. Mary's	David Cummings (+)
Sunday, 1 st June		SEVENTH SUNDAYOF EASTER
* 9.00 * 11.30	S. Mary's S. Joseph's	Pope Leo XIV (intentions) Intentions of the Pye family

Please Note. Confessions may be made available before all Masses upon request

Teas & coffees after the 10 AM Masses on Wednesdays (S. Mary's) and Thursdays (S. Joseph's), and after the 9 AM Mass on Sundays (S. Mary's)

^{*} Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – for a half hour before the Sunday Masses

NOTICES

- ◆ PLEASE NOTE. On Thursday, 22nd May, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 10 AM at S. Joseph's, 6.15 PM at S. Mary's.
- ◆ Second Collection: 31st May/1st June: National Catholic Communications
- ◆ THANK YOU to all who have volunteered to lend their time and talents to the parish. Our parish community relies on each and every one of you who build and support it and keep the cogs turning. Every little helps!
- ◆ Introduction to Catholicism w/ Fr Kevin, on Mondays at 6 PM on Microsoft Teams. Please email if you would like to attend.
- ◆ Today is **Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday.** This year's focus is on the theme of "The Empty Chair". Our thoughts are on those who are not at church because they have suffered abuse in a church setting and cannot face being here. They may be the families or friends of survivors or former members of a community affected by allegations or convictions for abuse. They may be people who are simply so disgusted or ashamed by what they have heard about abuse within the Church that they no longer want to be part of it. All these groups and others are represented by "The Empty Chair".
- ◆ THANK YOU to Mr. Paul Rudd and Mrs. Julie Rocks for filling the important role of Safeguarding Officer for our parishes.

Saint Mary's, Louth

- ◆ The funeral Mass of Mr. David Cummings will take place on Wednesday, 4th June at 10.00 AM at S. Mary's. Please pray for the peaceful repose of his soul and for his family and friends who mourn his loss.
- ◆ The monthly CAFOD collection will take place on 7th / 8th June.
- ◆ SAVE THE DATE! S. Mary's Summer Fayr, Saturday, 14th June from 2 PM to 6 PM and Sunday 15th June after the 9 AM Mass, in the parish centre. Free admission. Book stall, raffle, cake stall, and more! Donations gratefully accepted. All are welcome! Proceeds go to the Building Maintenance Fund.
- ◆ We are grateful for any donations to **S Mary's Maintenance Fund**: **Acct name** St Marys Louth RCP; **Acct no.** 00108605; **Sort code** 30-95-22

Saint Joseph's, Mablethorpe

- ◆ The funeral Mass of Mrs. Anne Powell will take place on Tuesday, 3rd June at 10.30 AM at S. Joseph's. Please pray for the peaceful repose of her soul and for her family and friends who mourn her loss.
- ◆ WANTED! We are looking for a new Safeguarding Officer for our parish here are Saint Joseph's. All training will be provided, although the ability to access email is desired. We are very grateful to Mrs. Julie Rocks who has been assisting us in this role for many years and is now stepping down.
- ◆ S. Joseph's Repository: Do come and have a look!

A WORD FROM FATHER KEVIN

ur readings at Mass this weekend give us a picture of the Apostolic ministry of the early Church, which has come down to us through the work of the bishops of the Church. The second reading from the book of Apocalypse demonstrates the holy city of Jerusalem, which I shall call a temple of



living stones - the Church, descending from heaven. It has no temple, this City, as S. John says - it is the temple, where God dwells. There are twelve gates to access the city and those are the twelve tribes of Israel. When we are baptised, we are joined to the twelve tribes of the Hebrews. There are twelve foundations stones upon which the Church here described stands, and those are the twelve Apostles, minus Judas, plus S. Matthias. It is a marvellous picture, and we can see in the first reading something of the ministry of the Apostles, for when some renegades went around without their authority, suggesting that all of us should become Jews before we can be baptised Christians, the Apostles and the other leaders of the Church in Jerusalem had a bit of a council and decided that, No, Christians need not be inducted into Judaism before they are baptised. Notice how they boldly declare that this decision of the Council was of the Holy Spirit and theirs too. This is the authority of Christ the Head of the Church, being exercised by the men He appointed to do it. And as we get closer to Pentecost, we shall consider more and more the work of the Holy Spirit within the Church, exercising the divine power through the appointed men, our bishops and priests. The gospel story tells of the promise of Christ, that the Holy Spirit would continue to teach the Apostles (and by extension their successors the bishops), remind them of the gospel message which they are to bring to the rest of us, and pour out peace and unity within the body of the Church. I am going, Christ seems to say, but I'm not really going, for you have my Holy Spirit.

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