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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those who are ill: Liam Gerety, Ann Nunn, Owen Jenkinson, 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, Thecla Domici.

Those who have died recently: Mgr. David Forde, S. Mary's: Daniel Darcy, David Cummings, Bernie Smallbone, Peter Endean, Eileen Adams, Irene Mander, Lea Small, David Peter Stubbs. S. Joseph's: Christopher Beal, Claire Sheldrake, Anne Powell, Sandra Watkinson, Brenda Smith.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Alexander Urquhart, Elizabeth Pauline Fahy, Hilda Blythe, William Tate, Mary Ellen Cranton, Winifred Halligan, James Patrick Hynes, Mary Halligan, Agnes Waumsely, Christine Dean, Arnold Elliott, Edward Kenny, Lilian Ada Durrance, Margaret Mooney, Mary Love, Patrick Treanor, Catherine Vera Stubbs, Helen Dobson, Frederick Weir, Beryl McDermott, Patrick Joseph Conway, Elizabeth Dawson, Owen Rice.

TWENTY-FIRST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

24th to 30th August 2025, Year C, Psalter Week I

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS		
Sunday, 24th August		Twenty-First Sunday of the Year
* 18.15 * 9.00 * 11.30	S. Mary's S. Mary's S. Joseph's	The People M. V. (special intention) Joan Gowling (+)
Monday, 25 th August		S. Joseph Calasanz
		NO MASS
Tuesday, 26th August		Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God
10.00	S. Joseph's	Daniel Darcy (+)
Wednesday, 27th August		S. Monica
10.00	S. Mary's	Christine Dean (+)
Thursday, 28th August		S. Augustine
10.00	S. Joseph's	The Jenkinson family
Friday, 29th August		The Passion of Saint John the Baptist
		NO MASS
Saturday, 30 th August		Dedication of Our Cathedral
10.00 10.45 – 11.45	S. Mary's S. Mary's	Frederick Weir (+) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament w/ the Holy Rosary & Confessions
*18.15	S. Mary's	Father Christopher Hogan (+)
Sunday, 31st August		Twenty-first Sunday of the Year
* 9.00 * 11.30	S. Mary's S. Joseph's	The People The People

Please Note. **Confessions** may be made available before all Masses upon request * Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – for a half hour before the Sunday Masses

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)

NOTICES

◆ Our parish is currently undertaking the **Enabling Our Mission Campaign** which aims to support our mission of becoming more outward looking, while also striving to ensure that the fewer priests now available for active ministry across the Diocese are best able to serve our communities. We will be hosting some initial small gatherings to explain this initiative to members of the laity and hope you are able to make the following date:

Wednesday, 10th September at 5.30pm – St Mary, Louth Thursday, 11th September after Mass – St Joseph, Mablethorpe Please email <catholic louthandmablethorpe@dioceseofnottingham.uk> or call the parish office on 01507 603277 by the 8th September to RSVP. I appreciate you considering my invitation and I look forward to speaking with you soon. Yours in Christ, Fr. Kevin

- ◆ Weekly Parish Groups/Sessions:
 - All About Catholicism w/ Fr Kevin, Mondays at 6 PM
 - Bible Study w/ Fr Kevin, Thursdays at 6 PM

Join us at the parish centre in Louth or online on Microsoft Teams. Please email for the online link, and which session you'd like to attend.

- ◆ This Sunday, 24th August, Blessed Carlo Acutis will be remembered on BBC's Songs of Praise at 13.15. Anna Johnstone, a close family friend of Bl. Carlo Acutis will join Aled Jones as he explores the 'mystery of miracles'. Bl. Carlo Acutis, who died in 2006 at age 15, will be canonized on 7th Sept.
- ◆ Churches Without Walls led by Rev. James Hunter meets on Thursday, 28th August, 7.00 PM to 9.00 PM, in St. James's Church, Louth
- ◆ The Diocese is looking to appoint a **Deanery Administration Manager** based in Northern Lincolnshire Deanery, someone who can lead and manager daily administrative operations for collective parishes More details are available at: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers.

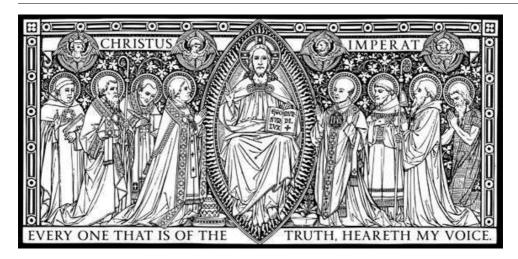
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- ◆ PLEASE NOTE that the church loft is closed temporarily due to Health and Safety concerns until some essential maintenance works are completed.
- ◆ THIS WEEK! Our Women's Fellowship group will next meet on Tuesday, 26th August at 6.15 PM in the parish centre. All are welcome.
- ◆ 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

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- ◆ YaYah Club for the Young and the Young at Heart. Wednesdays 6.30 to 7.30 PM. Pray together. Play together. Study aspects of our faith learn to love being a Catholic and enjoy belonging to Christ's Church.
- ◆ S. Joseph's Repository: Open now in the narthex. Do stop by after Mass.

A WORD FROM FATHER KEVIN



M aking an offer to somebody is always a risk. Offers can be accepted, but more often rejected. God took a great risk with Adam and Eve and their descendants, allowing them wills free to accept Him or reject Him. That He feels every rejection is obvious when He often expresses Himself in Scripture as a jilted lover in the Old Testament, or a heartbroken Father in the New. The second reading speaks of receiving instruction from God, sometimes with great pain. Not everybody wants that sort of instruction. More recently, in the Sacred Heart apparition, Christ has presented Himself as a rejected Messiah, rejected even by His Christians. All our own attempts to draw souls to Christ are also subject to either acceptance or rejection. As the gospel story this weekend asks, 'Will there be only a few saved?' Christ is clear if bleak in his answer: not everybody will be able to enter through the narrow door, even if they get safely up the narrow pathway to it. Christian hope is a virtue, and we darehope that all will be saved. But we have a realism about us, and we know that they who have hated Christ and His Church in this world might not change their minds in the next. But this is the evangelical enterprise: in spite of everything, to bring the infectious love of God to a world that needs it, and so to conquer hearts.

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