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# CATHOLIC LOUTH AND MABLETHORPE

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### PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Those who are ill:** Jill Wright, Ann Nunn, 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, Joseph Wilson, Laura Guest, Odessa Louise-Therese, John Thompson, Shaun Hewson, Winnie Copp, Thecla Domici.

**Those who have died recently:** **S. Mary's:** Jeanette Brothwell, Kevin Briggs, Liam Gerety, Paul Hale, Sheila Rodden, Daniel Darcy, David Cummings, Bernie Smallbone, Peter Endean, Eileen Adams, Irene Mander, Lea Small, David Peter Stubbs. **S. Joseph's:** **Owen Jenkinson**, Donal Bernard Norton, Jillian Ann Dyson, Fr. James Lynch, Maria Stapleton, Christopher Beal, Claire Sheldrake, Anne Powell.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Thomas Benedict Fitzgerald, Julia Ellett, Margaret Bridget Davis, Elizabeth Bridget Weir, Peter Dunn, Anna Tanzy, Maria Gibbons, Barbara Mary Dewar, Mary Kelly, Maria Cullingford, Ian John Greatorex

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## WEEK III OF ADVENT

14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> December 2025, Year A/Year 2, Psalter Week III

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### MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Dec **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - GUADETE**

(vigil) * <b>18.15</b>	<i>Father Francis McLaughlin (+)</i>	S. Mary's
* <b>9.00</b>	<i>Fr. J. Y. (intentions)</i>	S. Mary's
* <b>11.30</b>	<i>Bishop Patrick (intentions)</i>	S. Joseph's

Mon, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec **Advent Feria**

NO MASS

Tues, 16<sup>th</sup> Dec **Advent Feria**

NO MASS

Wed, 17<sup>th</sup> Dec **Advent Feria**

10.00	<i>Christine Dean (+)</i>	S. Mary's
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Thurs, 18<sup>th</sup> Dec **Advent Feria**

9.00 – 9.50	<i>The Holy Rosary &amp; Confessions</i>	S. Joseph's
10.00	<i>Bishop Thomas McMahon of Brentwood (+)</i>	S. Joseph's

Fri, 19<sup>th</sup> Dec **Advent Feria**

15.00	<i>Divine Mercy devotion &amp; the Holy Rosary</i>	S. Mary's
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Sat, 20<sup>th</sup> Dec **Advent Feria**

10.00	<i>Father Raymund Mendel (+)</i>	S. Mary's
10.45 – 11.45	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament w/ the Holy Rosary &amp; Confessions</i>	S. Mary's
* <b>18.15</b>	<i>Holy Souls</i>	S. Mary's

Sun, 21<sup>st</sup> Dec **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

* <b>9.00</b>	<i>David Panter (+)</i>	S. Mary's
* <b>11.30</b>	<i>Expectant mothers</i>	S. Joseph's

\* **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** for a half hour before the Sunday Masses  
NB. **Confessions** can be made available after all Masses upon request/appointment.  
**TEA & COFFEES** after the 10 AM Mass on Wednesdays (S. Mary's) and Thursdays (S. Joseph's), and after the 9 AM Mass on Sundays (S. Mary's)

## NOTICES

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- ◆ **WEEKLY PARISH SESSIONS:** All are invited to grow in faith in Christ. Join us at the parish centre in Louth or email for the online link.
  - **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults),** Sundays at 6PM (for those intending to join the Catholic Church)
  - **All About Catholicism w/ Fr Kevin,** Mondays at 6 PM
  - **Bible Study w/ Fr Kevin,** Thursdays at 6 PM **\*CANCELLED THIS WEEK\*** as Father Kevin has another appointment
- ◆ **PARISH GROUPS:** All are invited to grow in friendship in Christ.
  - **Women's Fellowship group:** Meets every fortnight.  
Next meeting: Tues, 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec at 6.15 PM, S. Mary's parish centre, Louth.
  - **Men's Fellowship group:** Meets every fortnight.  
Next meeting: Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6.15 PM, S. Mary's parish centre, Louth
  - **YaYah Club for the Young & the Young at Heart:** Meets every Wednesday 6.30-7.30 PM, S. Joseph's Church, Mablethorpe.
- ◆ The Dec/Jan issue of the **CATHOLIC HERALD** is now available for sale.
- ◆ **The Parish of Saint Mary, Louth is seeking to appoint a part-time Cleaner** (Church, Hall, and Facilities) who will be reliable and conscientious in cleaning the church, parish hall, and associated facilities. The role will be for 4 hours per week (preferably worked over two days) at £12.60 per hour (real living wage). To request an application form, email [office@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:office@dioceseofnottingham.uk) The closing date is Monday 29th December.

### Saint Mary's, Louth

- ◆ **MONTHLY CAFOD COLLECTION.** This weekend, 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> December.
- ◆ **AMANDA'S WHISKEY RAFFLE.** We have raised a Grand Total of £295 for the Building Maintenance Fund! A big thank you to Pat Kissane for the kind donation of very large bottle of whiskey (1 gallon!). Thank you to all those who purchased a ticket, or made a donation. Congratulations to our winners! (names on the noticeboard and Fr. Kevin's announcement).
- ◆ **S. MARY'S REPOSITORY.** Christmas cards and small nativity sets for sale. Find us in the parish centre after Mass, or ring at the door during the week.
- ◆ 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

- ◆ **FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS.** Please give as generously as you can for us to keep S. Joseph's as beautifully decorated as we would all wish, not only for the Christmas season but for the rest of the year.
- ◆ **S. JOSEPH'S REPOSITORY.** Christmas cards, both single and boxed sets, 2026 calendars, Advent Calendars, etc. at very keen prices in our Repository. We also have a lending library of religious books for your perusal.

## A WORD FROM FATHER KEVIN

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Poor, dear S. John. I mean the Baptist, of course. He had lived a difficult life. The gospels tell us very little of his ministry, and it seems rather short, compared to the ministry of Christ (which is the actual focus of the gospels, of course). But we may consider that John's ministry was possibly longer than Christ's, and his desert existence (for however long that lasted) was a significant sacrifice and offering to God. Like so many other Jews, John would have perhaps been expecting the Christ he was preaching to appear as a conquering king, chasing away Roman and Greek, and reestablishing the Jewish commonwealth. And the patience of S. John has obviously been tested when he sends his disciples to Christ to basically say, You are rather underwhelming, shall we wait a bit longer for another, conquering Christ? We can sympathise perhaps with John, because we also herald Christ the King in our own time and we look forward to a second coming and a full restoration of the human race and the Creation that hangs on to it. And we look about us, and the world is still quite slipping into hell, and we ask God, For how long more? Until when? Christ clearly appreciates John's long patience, and I hope he will appreciate our own, and say to us as to John, Blessed are they who remain patient with Me...

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