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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. 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: Jacob Patrick Hynes, Thomas Rice, Margareta Spielvogel, John Corrigan, Norah Mary Rutherford, Bernard Malcolm Fell, Jacob Paynes, Mary Theresa Randall, Edward Ellith, Fr. Gerry Collins, Rose Harrison, Edith Anne Cummings, Fr Augustine Joseph Rowley, William Hynes, Catherine Kelly, Anne Weir, Alice Skipworth, Catherine Earl, George Henry Waumsley, John Hayden, Henry Tate, John Johansson, David Peter Stubbs.

# WEEK IV OF ADVENT

21st - 24th December 2025, Year A/Year 2, Psalter Week IV

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MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS		
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
	Holy Souls David Panter (+) Expectant mothers	S. Mary's S. Mary's S. Joseph's
Mon, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Advent Feria	
Tues, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	S. John of Kanty	
10.00	Mgr. George Hay (+)	S. Joseph's
Wed, 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Advent Feria	
10.00	Priest's intention	S. Mary's
CHRISTMASTIDE		
	Service of Readings Service of Carols	S. Joseph's S. Mary's S. Mary's S. Mary's S. Mary's S. Joseph's
Fri, 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	S. Stephen	
15.00	Divine Mercy devotion & Holy Rosary	S. Mary's
Sat, 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	S. John, Apostle & Evangelist	
10.45 - 11.45	M. & I. S.(intentions) Adoration, Holy Rosary & Confessions Bernard Brady (+)	S. Mary's S. Mary's S. Mary's
Sun, 28th Dec	THE HOLY FAMILY	
	The health of families Families in difficult situations	S. Mary's S. Joseph's

<sup>\*</sup> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: for a half hour before the Sunday Masses

### **NOTICES**

- ◆ 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\* on account of Christmas Day! :)
- ◆ 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.
  - **YaYah Club for the Young & the Young at Heart:** Wednesdays 6.30-7.30 PM, S. Joseph's Church, Mablethorpe. We next meet in the New Year 2027!
- ◆ The Dec/Jan issue of the **CATHOLIC HERALD** is now available for sale. Only one copy left!
- ◆ TEA & COFFEES after the 10 AM Mass on Wednesdays (S. Mary's) & Thursdays (S. Joseph's), and after the 9 AM Mass on Sundays (S. Mary's)
- ◆ 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. The closing date is Monday 29th December.

## Saint Mary's, Louth

- ◆ The monthly **CAFOD COLLECTION** raised £284.35. Many thanks to all.
- ◆ 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).
- ◆ 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.



he Church has always asked us to remember. Memory the Jewish/Hebrew sense is not about looking at photographs in old albums, rather it is a very real climbing into those old photographs. The Hebrew festivals of old were designed for the people of century and age to walk with Moses out of Egypt and into the desert, and to navigate that desert with God, and so take possession of the Land He had designated to them. Memory in the Christian

sense is scarcely different, for it was a Jew Who gave us our festivals and rituals, and it was His Apostles and bishops who carried them to the ends of the earth. We are to remember Christ at every Mass, to remember His passion, death and resurrection. We can find all that in our Eucharistic prayers. The Mass draws us into the chamber of the Last Supper, when we may sit at table with the Apostles, and it draws us to the foot of the Cross, where we may stand in horror with the Lady and the Apostle S. John, as they witness the reason why the Child was conceived and born, why the Holy One took flesh and walked as a Man among them. Christmas had to be, so that Good Friday could be. Emmanuel. God-among-man. And this in order that, through His sacrifice, men could walk again in the company of God.

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