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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. **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:*** Henriette Dows, Catherine Isobel Bentley, Patrick Magee, Mary Carney, Gerald Wilson, Michael Joseph Houlihan, Charlotte Cook, Philip Rayner, James Riley, Michael Griffin, Bernard Michael McRossan, Thomas Dusting, Lottie Magdalene Higginson, Bernard Thomas Charlton, John Shaw, Libby Kerr, Tony Wahlberg.

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# WEEK I OF CHRISTMASTIDE

28<sup>th</sup> December 2025 - 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2026, Year A/Year 2, Psalter Week I

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## MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Dec    **THE HOLY FAMILY**

(vigil) * <b>18.15</b>	<i>Bernard Brady (+)</i>	S. Mary's
* <b>9.00</b>	<i>The health of families</i>	S. Mary's
* <b>11.30</b>	<i>Augustine Abraham (+)</i>	S. Joseph's

Mon, 29<sup>th</sup> Dec    **S. Thomas of Canterbury**

NO MASS

Tues, 30<sup>th</sup> Dec    **Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas**

10.00	<i>People of the parish (in thanksgiving)</i>	S. Joseph's
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Wed, 31<sup>st</sup> Dec    **S. Sylvester I**

10.00	<i>People of the parish (in thanksgiving)</i>	S. Mary's
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Thurs, 1<sup>st</sup> Jan    **MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

9.00 – 9.50	<i>The Holy Rosary &amp; Confessions</i>	S. Joseph's
10.00	<i>In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	S. Joseph's

Fri, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan    **Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**

NO MASS

Sat, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan    **Most Holy Name of Jesus**

10.00	<i>Peace in the Holy Land</i>	S. Mary's
10.45 – 11.45	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament w/ the Holy Rosary & Confessions	S. Mary's
* <b>18.15</b>	<i>The Shillingtons (intentions)</i>	S. Mary's

Sun, 4<sup>th</sup> Jan    **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

* <b>9.00</b>	<i>Priest's intention</i>	S. Mary's
* <b>11.30</b>	<i>Elizabeth Hildreth (+)</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). There will be no session on 28<sup>th</sup> Dec and 4<sup>th</sup> Jan. We resume on 11<sup>th</sup> January.
  - **All About Catholicism w/ Fr Kevin,** Mondays at 6 PM. There will be no session on 29<sup>th</sup> Dec and 5<sup>th</sup> Jan. We resume on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan.
  - **Bible Study w/ Fr Kevin,** Thursdays at 6 PM. There will be no session on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan and 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. We resume on 15<sup>th</sup> Jan
- ◆ **PARISH GROUPS:** All are invited to grow in friendship in Christ.
  - **Women's Fellowship group:** Meets every fortnight.  
Next meeting: Tues, 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 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 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.
- ◆ One copy of the Dec/Jan issue of **the CATHOLIC HERALD** is available for sale. This is the **Christmas issue** and contains articles and meditations on the Season and delves into its meaning for us as Christians. £5. Quality writing.
- ◆ **There will be NO MASSES from Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January** as Father Kevin will be away on pilgrimage. Masses will resume as usual with the 10 AM Mass at S. Mary's on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> January.
- ◆ **EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING:** Next Sunday, Father Kevin shall be blessing chalk for the Feast of the Epiphany. Bring chalk, if you would like it blessed. To learn how to bless your home with the blessed chalk, please pick up a handout with a detailed explanation from the back the of the church.

### Saint Mary's, Louth

- ◆ **A HEARTY THANK YOU to Mrs. Wendy Riggall** who now retires after nearly four decades of dedicated service here at S. Mary's, keeping our church and parish centre clean and in a pristine state for all of us to gather together and worship. We are very grateful for her hard work and uplifting spirit.
- ◆ We are grateful for any and all 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

- ◆ **S. JOSEPH'S REPOSITORY.** 2026 calendars, gift & devotional items etc. at very keen prices. We also have a lending library of religious books to browse.

## A WORD FROM FATHER KEVIN

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Let's look at the picture of the Holy Family in our gospel reading this weekend. The tiny Infant and His mother are extremely vulnerable, and heaven is not absent to them. Angels are everywhere. Beyond all else, the salvation of the human race hangs upon the

survival of the Child, and heaven has appointed a protector in the quiet S. Joseph, a man whose tireless devotion to his wife and to the Child is evident in his efforts to protect them from Herod and then from Herod's son Archelaus. There is no doubt that this guardian figure is the head of the household, and takes up the role of father to the God-man Himself, Who we told later on submits in humility to the rule of His mother and S. Joseph. Humility was the mark of Christ, from infancy and childhood, and until the torture of the Cross. Humility was the mark of His holy Mother, all of her life. Humility was the mark of S. Joseph, who served the Lady and her Child faithfully. So, we shall learn from them faith in the Father God, persistent charity in our relationships, and the humility to submit to each other in charity. With Sirach in the first reading, we accept the hierarchical constitution of the family and patiently endure difficulties. With S. Paul in the second reading, we are thankful for this gift from God that is family life.

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