

# 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:** Lottie Magdalene Higginson, Bernard Thomas Charlton, John Shaw, Libby Kerr, Tony Wahlberg, Nelly Dennis, Patricia Amelia Turner, Edward Corcoran, Hilda Martin, Caroline Winifred Pawson, Eleanor Denniss, Gustherus Devine, Mary Philomena Moore, Catherine Couroy, Ronald Smith, Aubrey Harold Hanes, Agnes Jane Parker, William Molloy, Kenneth Peter Laking, Charles O'Connell, Martin Mongan.

## WEEK II OF CHRISTMASTIDE

4<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026, Year A/Year 2, Psalter Week II

### MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

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

(vigil) *18.15	<i>The Shillingtons (intentions)</i>	S. Mary's
* 9.00	<i>Priest's intention</i>	S. Mary's
* 11.30	<i>Elizabeth Hildreth (+)</i>	S. Joseph's

Mon, 5<sup>th</sup> Jan **Christmas Feria**

NO MASS

Tues, 6<sup>th</sup> Jan **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

NO MASS

Wed, 7<sup>th</sup> Jan **S. Raymond of Peñafort**

NO MASS

Thurs, 8<sup>th</sup> Jan **Thursday after Epiphany**

10.00 Service of the Word and Holy Communion      S. Joseph's  
(followed by teas and coffees)

Fri, 9<sup>th</sup> Jan **Friday after Epiphany**

NO MASS

Sat, 10<sup>th</sup> Jan **Saturday after Epiphany**

10.00 *Intentions of the Bishop*      S. Mary's  
10.45 – 11.45 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament w/ the  
Holy Rosary & Confessions      S. Mary's  
\*18.15 *Intentions of the Holy Father*      S. Mary's

Sun, 11<sup>th</sup> Jan **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

\* 9.00 *M. S. (intentions)*      S. Mary's  
\* 11.30 *M. N. (intentions)*      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 interested in joining the Catholic Church). There will be no session on 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 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.
- ◆ There will be **NO MASSES in the parish from Monday, 5th January to Friday 9th 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, 10th January.
- ◆ The **SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** is a Holy Day of Obligation. Here are the timings of available Masses in the area:
  - Monday 5th Jan – Vigil Mass of the Epiphany**  
6.30 PM,       Corpus Christi Church, Cleethorpes, DN35 7LH  
7 PM,           Our Lady & the English Martyrs, Spilsby, PE23 5EF
  - Tuesday 6th Jan – Mass of the Epiphany**  
10 AM,          Holy Rood, 48 King St, Market Rasen LN8 3BB  
11.30 AM,       Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Immingham, DN40 2HP  
12 PM,          Our Lady & the English Martyrs, Spilsby, PE23 5EF  
10 AM & 7 PM,   S. Hugh's, Broadgate, Lincoln LN2 5AQ  
10 AM & 7 PM,   Sacred Heart, Skegness, PE25 2DB.
- ◆ The Dec/Jan issue of **the CATHOLIC HERALD** is available for sale. £5.
- ◆ **EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING:** Father Kevin shall be blessing chalk for the Feast of the Epiphany. To learn how to bless your home with the blessed chalk, please pick up a handout with a detailed explanation from the narthex.
- ◆ **S. MARY'S AGM** will take place on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January at 6 PM in the parish centre. All parishioners are invited to attend.
- ◆ **A HEARTY THANK YOU to Mrs. Wendy Riggall** who now retires after nearly four decades of dedicated service at S. Mary's, keeping our buildings clean for all of us to gather & worship. We are very grateful for her hard work.
- ◆ 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
- ◆ **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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Our first reading on this Sunday before Epiphany is a discourse from the book of Sirach about divine Wisdom, and we must note that this divine Wisdom is not simply a set of directions and guidance for moral life in this world, or

the Ten Commandments of God, etc. The concept of Wisdom in the Hebrew understanding is linked closely to union with God. We become truly wise not because we obey every commandment of God, but if we love Him so much as to live our lives according to Him - so that, as S. Paul would say, those commandments are 'written upon our hearts.' So Wisdom in our reading is a person, whom we are to embrace. Even Christ Himself, Who could rightly say that it was He Who is Wisdom incarnate - divine Wisdom in the flesh. So, Christianity is not a legalistic religion of letters and words in some book, but a religion of union with God through Christ. It's nice to have a Bible, but if we were illiterate and unable to read, our priests and doctors could still lead us properly to God. As they have our ancestors for generations! So Paul talks in the second reading about our faith in Christ - union with Him - as the very object of his (Paul's) labours for the Church. And John in the Gospel struggles to express in words this Object of our holy religion - the Light shining in the darkness.

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