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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, Mary Norburn, Judith Brook, 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:** Kevin Keeley, Sally Shillington, 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:** Elizabeth Hildreth, 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: Kathleen May Bannister, Maria Ryan, Jim Proctor, Bridie Ballard, Thomas Halligan, Caroline Margaret Periam, Maureen O'Leary, Amanda Joan Connaughton, Henry Wilford, Patrick Foy, Joanna Wilson, Gertrude Monica Randle, Connor Lea Archer, Anthony Charles Bentley, Michael Flemming, Austin Prendiville.

WEEK II OF ORDINARY TIME

18th - 24th January 2026, Year A/Year 2, Psalter Week II

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun 18th Jan **SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

(vigil) *18.15	<i>The People</i>	S. Mary's
* 9.00	<i>The People</i>	S. Mary's
* 11.30	<i>The People</i>	S. Joseph's

Mon, 19th Jan **S. Wulstan**

NO MASS

Tues, 20th Jan **S. Sebastian**

10.00	<i>Christian Unity</i>	S. Joseph's
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Wed, 21st Jan **S. Agnes**

10.00	<i>Christian Unity</i>	S. Mary's
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Thurs, 22nd Jan **S. Vincent**

9.00 – 9.50	Confessions & the Holy Rosary	S. Joseph's
10.00	<i>Christian Unity</i>	S. Joseph's

Fri, 23rd Jan **Feria**

Sat, 24th Jan **S. Francis de Sales**

10.00	<i>Canon Michael Cooley (+)</i>	S. Mary's
10.45 – 11.45	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament w/ the Holy Rosary & Confessions	S. Mary's
*18.15	<i>Jane Avey (+)</i>	S. Mary's

Sun, 25th Jan **THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

* 9.00	<i>Our retired priests</i>	S. Mary's
* 11.30	<i>Our deceased priests (++)</i>	S. Joseph's

* **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** for a half hour before the Sunday Masses

Please Note: Confessions may be made available before all Masses upon request.

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)

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend, 24th/25th Jan: Society for the
Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC): White Flower Appeal

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 interested in joining the Catholic Church).
 - **All About Catholicism w/ Fr Kevin**, Mondays at 6 PM.
 - **Bible Study w/ Fr Kevin**, Thursdays at 6 PM.
- ◆ **PARISH GROUPS:** All are invited to grow in friendship in Christ.
 - **Women's Fellowship group:** Meets every fortnight.
Next meeting: Tues, 27th 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.
- ◆ **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY.** The programme for the week, based in Louth town centre, is as follows:

Sun 18 th Jan	Methodist Church	2.15-2.30 PM : Prayer walk around town. 3 PM : refreshments. 6 PM : United service for worship, prayer and reflection.
Tues, 20 th Jan	S. James'	11 AM : Book of Common Prayer service
Wed, 21 st Jan	S. Mary's	10 AM: Holy Mass
Thurs, 22 nd Jan	Salvation Army	1.30 PM: Prayer meeting
Fri, 23 rd Jan	Eastgate Union	9.15 – 10.15 AM: Prayer

- ◆ For all diocesan events, go to: <dioceseofnottingham.uk/events>

S. Mary's, Louth

- ◆ The **FUNERAL MASS FOR SALLY SHILLINGTON (+)** will take place on Wednesday, 4th February at 11 AM, followed by a wake in her honour in the parish centre. She will be brought to rest at S. Mary's at 4 PM on Tuesday, 3rd February until her requiem the next day. Please pray for the peaceful repose of her soul, and for her family and friends, who miss her terribly.
- ◆ **S. MARY'S AGM** will take place this Tuesday, 20th January at 6 PM in the parish centre. All parishioners are invited to attend and find out more about the regular maintenance of the parish and meet the Parish Pastoral Council.
- ◆ 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, Mablethorpe

- ◆ Ash Wednesday is only a month away. Please bring in your **PALM CROSSES** from last year for Deacon Roger to transform into ashes for that day.
- ◆ **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



It is a great temptation for us, when things get difficult, to run away, to try and get away from the difficulties and challenges that life throws at us. Our greatest institutions have seemingly impossible ideals. The best example is marriage. You all know the promises that are made there somehow, and many of you know how difficult they are. Faithfulness for better or for worse, in sickness and in health. We smile when we attend the few marriages that are still conducted, we wish couples the best, we don't want to think of the 'for worse' and the 'in sickness,' etc. We struggle when those arrive, and we can often then feel the nails in the hands and feet of the Crucified, and the multiple thorns in His scalp. How many are abandoned by their spouses in need, how many are betrayed otherwise by carers, who may even be family members. We all want to be loved for better or for worse, not all of us are so blessed, but there is One Who is present, although veiled, Who bids us suffer with Him, Who promises to be there always. He glorified His Father on that Cross, and in our sufferings He says to us (per Isaiah), You are My servant, in whom I shall be glorified; persevere now, be faithful to the end. If John saw a dove rest upon Christ at the Baptism, John being a prophet also saw the great doom of the Lamb of God upon the Cross. Perhaps he even saw the Triumph that followed.

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