

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, 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. **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: Irene Mander, Lea Small, Jesse Bannister, Charles Bratley, James Alexander Fleming, Bridget Gibbons, Catherine Stinson, Bridget Matchlett, John Malone, Cyril Charlton, Phoebe Esther Swaby, Margarita Maria Corrigan, Margaret Ryan, Bridget Prendergash, James Prendergash, Bernard John Gibbons, Margarita Wilson, Hilda Paradine, James Tracey, Thomas Kelley, Gladys Mary O'Dea, Rita Mary Vanson, Agnes Fowler Kayes.

WEEK III OF ORDINARY TIME

25th - 31st January 2026, Year A/Year 2, Psalter Week III

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

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

(vigil) *18.15 *Jane Avey (+)* S. Mary's
* 9.00 *I. O. (birthday intentions)* S. Mary's
* 11.30 *Kevin Briggs (+)* S. Joseph's

Mon, 26th Jan **Ss. Timothy & Titus**

Tues, 27th Jan **S. Angela Merici**

10.00 *Father Emile Nkumu of Brentwood (+)* S. Joseph's

Wed, 28th Jan **S. Thomas Aquinas**

10.00 *Sally Shillington (+)* S. Mary's

Thurs, 29th Jan **Feria**

9.00 – 9.50 Confessions & the Holy Rosary S. Joseph's
10.00 *W. C. & R. M.* S. Joseph's

Fri, 30th Jan **Feria**

Sat, 31st Jan **S. John Bosco**

10.00 *M. V. (intentions)* S. Mary's
10.45 – 11.45 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament w/ the S. Mary's
Holy Rosary & Confessions
*18.15 *Maud Augusta Richardson (+)* S. Mary's

Sun, 1st Feb **FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

* 9.00 *Intentions of the Holy Father* S. Mary's
* 11.30 *Intentions of the Bishop* 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: This 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.
- ◆ **World Leprosy Day, Sunday 25 January 2026.** Please consider supporting the vital work of the John Bradburne Memorial Society (JBMS) through prayer, awareness, or donation, in honour of the memory of John Bradburne, who devoted his life to caring for those afflicted with leprosy, at the Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre in Zimbabwe. Visit <www.johnbradburne.com>.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ The **FUNERAL MASS FOR KEVIN KEELEY** (+) will take place on Tuesday, 17th February at 10.30 AM at S. Mary's, Louth. Please pray for the peaceful repose of his soul, and for his family and friends, who grieve for him.
- ◆ **ALFIE'S SEND-OFF PARTY:** On Sunday, 15th February at 9 AM, we shall offer Mass for the intentions of Alfie Norton. He will soon be leaving us, after 13 years of serving as an altar boy at S. Mary's, to join the RAF. Siobhan has invited us all to gather in the parish centre afterwards for a few nibbles to celebrate Alfie and wish him well.
- ◆ **MONTHLY CAFOD COLLECTION:** Next weekend: 31st Jan/1st Feb.
- ◆ 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



S. Paul's emphasis in all that he endured for the sake of Christ and the Church was always on love, on charity. Our second reading this weekend is from his letter to the Corinthians, and he urges reconciliation and forgiveness among the faction-ridden Corinthian Christians. The spirit of charity would unite them in a common belief and practice, and it would also give them a common purpose, even the mission work that the bishops are urging upon us in our own times. We too can often be discouraged by politics within the Church, and this has been rife for sixty years and more. But we cannot be for this priest or for that, for this bishop or for that, for this pope or for that. We are simply for Christ, Who should be our primary focus, our great Light. As it says in our first reading this weekend and in our gospel reading, the great Light rises out of the darkness of pagan unbelief in the former Hebrew territories of Zebulun and Naftali. This land had become known even in the time of Isaiah as 'Galilee of the Gentiles,' Galilee of the unbelievers. But Nazareth lies in the middle of Galilee. And our churches and communities, our families and we ourselves - we temples of the Holy Ghost - we lie in the middle of the Galilee of our times. Let us then be a light for the souls Christ loves.

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