

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: Charlotte May Cooke, Ernest Edward Bentley, Arthur A. J. McNabb, Anna Bellamy, Nicolaus Corrigan, Carol Naylor, Pamela Gerety, Francis Hegarty, Frederick Robinson, Patrick Joseph Powell, Janet Wilbourne, Francis Jones, John Hugh Cusworth, Joan Duggan, Elizabeth Robinson, Pat Hagan, Dennis Carroll, Edward Cummins, Catherine Graon, John White, Thomas Mullaby, Anna Elizabeth Bentley, Harold Henry Simpson, John Cusmith, Peter Wilson.

WEEK IV OF ORDINARY TIME

1st - 7th February 2026, Year A/Year 2, Psalter Week IV

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun 1st Feb FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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| (vigil) *18.15 | <i>Maud Augusta Richardson (+)</i> | S. Mary's |
| * 9.00 | <i>C. M. (intentions)</i> | S. Mary's |
| * 11.30 | <i>Intentions of the Bishop</i> | S. Joseph's |

Mon, 2nd Feb The Presentation of the Lord - CANDLEMAS

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| 10.00 | <i>Priest's intention</i> | S. Mary's |
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Tues, 3rd Feb S. Blaise

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| 10.00 | <i>J. W. (intentions)</i> | S. Joseph's |
| 16.00 | <i>Reception of Sally Shillington (+)</i> | S. Mary's |

Wed, 4th Feb S. Gilbert of Sempringham

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| 11.00 | <i>Requiem Mass for Sally Shillington (+)</i> | S. Mary's |
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Thurs, 5th Feb S. Agatha

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| 9.00 – 9.50 | <i>Confessions & the Holy Rosary</i> | S. Joseph's |
| 10.00 | <i>Persecuted Christians</i> | S. Joseph's |

Fri, 6th Feb Ss. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs of Japan

Sat, 7th Feb Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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| 10.00 | <i>M. V. (intentions)</i> | S. Mary's |
| 10.45 – 11.45 | <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament w/ the</i>
<i>Holy Rosary & Confessions</i> | S. Mary's |
| *18.15 | <i>Mollie & Philip Devoy (++)</i> | S. Mary's |

Sun, 8th Feb FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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| * 9.00 | <i>Victims of trafficking</i> | S. Mary's |
| * 11.30 | <i>Authorities & Social Services</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)

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. CANCELLED THIS WEEK
 - **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, 3rd Feb 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.
- ◆ **SECOND COLLECTION:** Next weekend, 7th/8th Feb: **Mary's Meals** (we shall be pleased to welcome Jane Wright, Engagement Officer from Mary's Meals, to tell us more about the good work done by the charity)
- ◆ **The Nottingham 40 Days for Life**, runs between Wed 18th Feb and Sun 29th March. To take part, visit: <www.40daysforlife.com/nottingham>.
- ◆ For all diocesan events, go to: <dioceseofnottingham.uk/events>

S. Mary's, Louth

- ◆ **MONTHLY CAFOD COLLECTION:** Next weekend: 31st Jan/1st Feb.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ **ALFIE'S SEND-OFF PARTY:** On Sun, 15th Feb 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 the parish centre later to celebrate Alfie and wish him well.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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



The prophet Zefanyah takes us into the Old Testament; let's list the virtues he desires of his fellow countrymen: humility before God and before His Law, integrity, attachment to the Holy Name, honesty, peace. We see honesty, gentleness and peace in the Beatitudes of the gospel reading, integrity and honesty are desired by Christ, Who repeatedly condemns their opposite: hypocrisy. That we live these virtues out because of an attachment for God - for theological reasons - means that (in the words of the prophet) we seek refuge in the name of the Lord. All of this implies that, in our spiritual lives, we become like little children, humble before our common Father, desirous to do His will, to become like Him. This is S. Paul's theme in our second reading this weekend. It is rather interesting that the proud ones of this world, especially the graduates of the universities, often look down on faithful Christians and on the inheritance of the Church... and then S. Paul here says, those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones God has chosen. It is not that we are necessarily common and contemptible, but that we make ourselves so in humility, making our treasures in heaven rather than here below. And God our Lord then picks us up, glorifies us, becomes our everything.

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