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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. **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: Rev. Dom. Adrian Convery, Joyce Matthews, Margarita Rainey, Helen Mooney, Molloy Devoy, Charles Kirkham, Joseph Cusworth, George Elliott, John George Emerson, Adrian Dionysius D'Arcy, Gilbert Edward Fell, William John Kerrigan, Paul Stewart, Helen Painter, Timothy Mullins, Anne Richardson, George Glenn, Patrick Corrigan, John Francis Barrett, Thomas Phillips, Frances Sophia Drakes, Ann Musson, Francis Ochnik, William Whittle, Hilda Mary Larder, Catherine Grady, Helen Brooks, Eileen Adams.

WEEK V OF ORDINARY TIME

8th - 14th February 2026, Year A/Year 2, Psalter Week I

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun 8th Feb **FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

(vigil) *18.15	<i>Mollie & Philip Devoy (++)</i>	S. Mary's
* 9.00	<i>Victims of trafficking</i>	S. Mary's
* 11.30	<i>Authorities & Social Services</i>	S. Joseph's

Mon, 9th Feb **Feria**

NO MASS

Tues, 10th Feb **S. Scholastica**

NO MASS

Wed, 11th Feb **Our Lady of Lourdes**

10.00	<i>M.V. (intentions)</i>	S. Mary's
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Thurs, 12th Feb **Feria**

9.00 – 9.50	Confessions & the Holy Rosary	S. Joseph's
10.00	<i>Vocations to the priesthood & religious life</i>	S. Joseph's

Fri, 13th Feb **Feria**

Sat, 14th Feb **Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Patrons of Europe**

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

Sun, 15th Feb **SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

* 9.00	<i>Alfie N. (intentions)</i>	S. Mary's
* 11.30	<i>The People</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.
 - **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:** This weekend, 7th/8th Feb: **Mary's Meals** (we are 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>.
- ◆ Each year, **8th February** is the memorial of Saint Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of victims of human trafficking and modern slavery. There are 50 million victims of human trafficking across the world and as many as 130,000 in the UK, hidden in plain sight in your neighbourhood. We are all called to combat this evil trade. To find out more and what you can do, go to <santamartagroup.org/resources>.
- ◆ For all diocesan events, go to: <dioceseofnottingham.uk/events>

S. Mary's, Louth

- ◆ This month's **CAFOD COLLECTION** raised £275.68. Many thanks to all.
- ◆ **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



Let's use the gospel story this weekend to bring together the other readings that we have. Christ says to us in His sermon on the mount, at the beginning of the gospel of S. Matthew, that we are the salt of the earth, but if that salt should lose its savour it should be tossed aside. We know some salts that have no savour; they sit at the bottom of our kettles. And we know the salt which has preserved our food for centuries. Should not our lives of Christian virtue - cultivated with charity, humility, integrity, etc. - should these not be constantly charged, bringing joy to the world around us? The Lord says that this light that burns within us should be on a hill-top, or (practically speaking) on the streets outside, not seeking its own glory, but the glory of the God Who is its source. We may know very much, like S. Paul, but if we cannot bring it to use for the bettering somehow of the lives of the people around us, what good is it? We could perhaps end with that psalm that is sandwiched so well between the readings. It is simply another version of the first reading from Isaiah: the righteous and honourable person fearlessly works for the poor, a light in the darkness, with God as his/her foundation.

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