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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those who are ill: Roberta Medler, Trudy Leavis, Joe Conroy, 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: Donal Weir,** Kevin Keeley, Sally Shillington, Jeanette Brothwell, Kevin Briggs, Liam Gerety, Paul Hale, Sheila Rodden, Daniel Darcy, David Cummings, Bernie Smallbone. **S. Joseph's: Angela Hall,** 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: Veronica Adlard, Thomas O'Connor, Eliza Chappell, June Moss, James Flynn, Alf Appleby, Guiseppi Cumento, James Ellison, Monica Frances Kay, John Tucker, Abraham Griffin, Henrietta Burton, James Rainey, Joseph Armand Roussil, Charles Thomas Cummings, William Kirk, Anna Broadbent, Michael Kenny, John Henry Corrrigan, Charles Basil Clarke, Ann Green, John Wilson Dixon, Thomas Finnerty, Bergetha Connelly.

WEEK IV OF LENT

15th - 21st March 2026, Year A/Year 2, Psalter Week IV

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun 15th Mar **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – LAETARE SUNDAY**

(vigil) ***18.15** *For disarmament and peace* S. Mary's
* **9.00** *Ireland & Irish Catholics* S. Mary's
* **11.30** *Angela Hall (+)* S. Joseph's

Mon, 16th Mar **Lenten Feria**

Tues, 17th Mar **S. Patrick, Patron of Ireland**

NO MASS

Wed, 18th Mar **S. Cyril of Jerusalem**

NO MASS

Thurs, 19th Mar **S. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN**

9.00 – 9.50 Confessions & the Holy Rosary S. Joseph's
10.00 *The People* S. Joseph's

Fri, 20th Mar **S. Alcmund**

15.00 Stations of the Cross S. Mary's & S. Joseph's

Sat, 21st Mar **Lenten Feria**

10.00 *Priest's intention* 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, 22nd Mar **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

* **9.00** *The People* S. Mary's
* **11.30** *The People* 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
CANCELLED THIS WEEK. **Next meeting: 22nd March**
 - **All About Catholicism w/ Fr Kevin,** Mondays at 6 PM.
CANCELLED THIS WEEK. **Next meeting: 23rd March**
 - **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, 17th March 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. POSTPONED until after Easter.
- ◆ **MISSIO RED BOX APPEAL:** We are pleased to welcome Father Emmanuel Mbeh, this weekend: 14th/15th March, to give a Red Box appeal. Thank you to parishioners who already give to Missio, the Pope's charity for World Mission. Your generous donations either through the Red Box or Direct Debit support the Church around the World where it is young or in need. There will not be a second collection as the appeal is for membership to the Red Box scheme. Please keep the work of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries in your prayers. To find out more: <www.missio.org.uk>.
- ◆ 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
- ◆ **FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH:** Thursday, 19th March. We are celebrating the patronal feast of our parish at Mablethorpe with 10 AM High Mass followed by a luncheon in the narthex. Please do come and join us on this glorious day!

SPRING FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Saturday, 11th April at S. Mary's Parish Centre

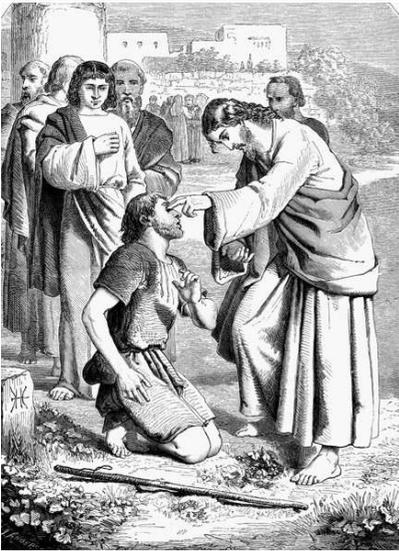
An opportunity for our two parishes to come together in the fellowship of Christ.

Arrivals from 11.45 AM, lunch served at 12.30 PM. £7.50/person for a two course lunch: Soup or Ploughman's followed by Crumble & Custard, Tiramisu or Cheesecake and tea, coffee and cakes. A child's lunch also available at lower cost.

Also featuring:
- Second-hand book stall
- Plant stall
- Spring raffle

Bring your family and friends! All are invited!
Father Kevin will lead us in prayer for our parishes as we start Bishop Patrick's mission plan together.
Sign-up sheet at the back of church!
Please see Cheryl (07307202927) at S. Mary's, or Kate (07455976769) at S. Joseph's for **payment by 4th April.**
All profits go to the Church Maintenance Fund. :)

A WORD FROM FATHER KEVIN



The gospel story seems to speak of spiritual blindness. Consider the blindness of the man in terms of unbelief, and his receiving sight for the first time as a conversion to Christ. When he is healed the change in him is so magnificent that his physical aspect changes and the people who knew him before cannot recognise him. No, he only looks like him, they say. So also a new Christian, or a new Catholic, whose own family may or may not like the change come over him. Then there is the religious authority - the Pharisees - who are surprised and outraged because our Lord has broken the Sabbath rule to perform the healing. In

our cultural status quo, the conversion to Christianity or even Catholicism if not already an offence is often seen as a result of imbecility. Society has progressed away from that medievalism, and this person is going back? Converts can become outcasts in their own families, strangers at family gatherings, and they can also become social outcasts. How boldly the man in the story protests for his Saviour, his Rescuer, and he suffers for it and is expelled from the synagogues. But where he lost a home through conversion, as at the end of the story he finds a new one in Christ and His Church.

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THE SPRING RAFFLE

Is luck on your side?

Be in for a chance to win a selection of delicious treats:

- *A box of 40 Lincolnshire Tea bags*
 - *Belvoir Farm Raspberry Lemonade*
 - *A bottle of Pin Gin*
 - *Quince Jelly*
 - *Luxury chocolates from The Cheese Shop*
 - *& the Award Winning Lincolnshire Plum bread!*
- All contained in a beautiful green woven bamboo basket!*

Tickets on sale now! £1 for 5 tickets.

*The Winner will be drawn on 11th April at the Spring Lunch
All profits go to the Church Building Fund :)*

