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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those who are ill: Stewart Cooke, Margaret Cooke, Roberta Medler, Trudy Leavis, 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:** Joe Conroy, Noah Marshall, Donal Weir, Kevin Keeley, Sally Shillington, Jeanette Brothwell, Kevin Briggs, Liam Gerety, Paul Hale, Sheila Rodden, Daniel Darcy. **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: Christina McCabe, **David Cummings**, Audrey Shaw, Sylvia Mary Lasys, Jacob Rose, Bridget Foy, Charles Smith, John Doyle, Kathleen Cummings, Josefina Meaby, John Lorimer Ward, Agnes Smith, Tony Keeler, Win Kirkham.

WEEK IV OF EASTERTIDE

26th April to 2nd May 2026, Year A/Year 2, Psalter Week IV

MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun 26th Apr **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

***18.15** *The People* S. Mary's
***9.00** *The People* S. Mary's
***11.30** *Rita Bryant, Denise Smith* (++) S. Joseph's

Mon, 27th Apr **Easter Feria**

Tues, 28th Apr **S. Louis Marie de Montfort**

10.00 *Propagation of the Holy Rosary devotion* S. Joseph's

Wed, 29th Apr **S. CATHERINE OF SIENA, PATRON OF EUROPE**

10.00 *David Cummings* (+) S. Mary's

Thurs, 30th Apr **S. Pius V**

10.00 *Christian Unity* S. Joseph's

Fri, 1st May **S. Joseph the Worker**

Sat, 2nd May **S. Athanasius**

14.00 The Nuptial Mass of Pia Josephine Rose
Gillick & Thomas Denis Grimes S. Mary's
***18.15** *Intentions of the Bishop* S. Mary's

Sun, 3rd May **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

***9.00** *M. V. (intentions)* S. Mary's
***11.30** *Tony Hitchen* (+) S. Joseph's

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

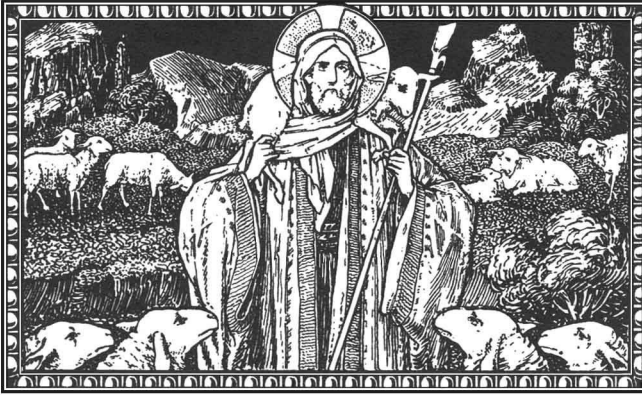
Half-hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament + Benediction before all the Sunday Masses

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

- ◆ **ALL ABOUT CATHOLICISM w/ Fr Kevin**, Mondays at 6 PM.
There will be NO MEETING THIS WEEK
- ◆ **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP**. Meets every fortnight.
Next meeting: Tues, 28th April at 6.15 PM, S. Mary's Parish Centre, Louth.
- ◆ **SECOND COLLECTION**: 25th/26th April, Diocesan Clergy Formation Fund
- ◆ **ANNUAL S. AUGUSTINE WEBSTER DIOCESAN MELWOOD PILGRIMAGE** to the site of Melwood Abbey will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick on Sat 2nd May, 12 PM, at Low Melwood Farm, Owston Ferry, DN9 1AD. After the Rosary and Procession, Mass will be held in one of the farm's barns. Please bring a chair, picnic (optional), and appropriate footwear.
- ◆ **LIVING THEOLOGY SUMMER SCHOOL**, Fri 10th to Mon 13th July, the Loreto Spirituality Centre, Llandudno. <www.loretocentre.org.uk>.
- ◆ **RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES**, the Carmelite Priory, Oxford, Fri 19th-Sun 21st June. Learn about S. John Paul II's Rule for Married Couples & experience the deep spiritual union available in sacramental marriage! To book, visit: <www.wojtylaci.com/marriage-retreats-events/marriage-retreat-at-boars-hill-carmelite-priory-outside-oxford>.
- ◆ **PENTECOST ONLINE RETREAT**: 16th to 23rd May by the Jesuit Institute. For more info & to book, visit: <www.jesuitinstitute.org/events/>.
- ◆ **YOUNG ADULTS OVERNIGHT PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM**. Saturday 20th to Sunday 21st June, taking place alongside the annual diocesan pilgrimage, with dedicated time, space and community for young adults. Staying at Elmham House (half board) pilgrims will share in the wider celebrations while also enjoying moments specifically for the young adult community and encounter. Contact Charles Archer, Young Adult Ministry Lead <charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk>. Bookings at <www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/walsingham-2026>.
- ◆ **NUPTIAL MASS**. We are pleased to be hosting the Nuptial Mass of Pia Josephine Rose Gillick & Thomas Denis Grimes at S. Mary's Church, Louth on Saturday, 2nd May at 2 PM. I'm sure we shall all join together in prayer for the couple, and for their extended families, and wish them the very best for their future life together. *Jesus, Mary & Joseph, watch over them.* The usual Saturday morning services will not take place that day.
- ◆ **S. MARY'S CHURCH CLEANING**. Please come and join us at 11.30AM on Wednesdays & 10.30AM on Thursdays if you are able to help. Thank you to those have already volunteered their time and efforts.
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Upon request, we now have card readers at both our churches for those who find it easier to make a Sunday offering via card payment.

A WORD FROM FATHER KEVIN



The Church is not as inclusive as many people want it to be, I suppose. We often hear from churchmen who say it is. It is a rather hopeful idea, that all people are of good will, and want the best for everybody. Nobody can accuse us Catholics of not being hopeful. But we have to

be realistic, and if past popes and bishops have spoken about ‘enemies of the Church,’ that did not cease to be a reality after the glory days of the 1960s. If S. Peter warned Jerusalem about a perverse generation of worldly men in our first reading, the theme is reiterated throughout the NT, and the Good Shepherd of the gospel reading tells us that there are spiritual thieves and brigands seeking to enter the gated limits of the sheepfold. We are to be wily as serpents but gentle as doves, He elsewhere said - we should discern the spirits, as S. Ignatius of Loyola used to say. We should be able to recognise the voice of the Master and distinguish it from the whisper of the serpent. If these thieves and brigands are in the sheepfold, there are bad priests/bishops too! Be vigilant, pray hard... but don't worry, for the Good Shepherd remains with us.

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Saint Louis de Montfort, a great apostle of Mary and the Rosary, taught that the Rosary is a most mighty prayer, chaining us to Jesus through Mary and obtaining for us graces and victories—both in the battles of our souls and in the world.



*“The Rosary is a powerful weapon.
Use it with confidence
and you will be amazed at the results.”*

— St. Louis de Montfort