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# CATHOLIC LOUTH AND MABLETHORPE

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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:** Kerry Ashby, Larry Walsh, Win Kirkham, Barbara Knott-Robertson, Alfred Henry Ryley, Maria Smelt, Winifed Fleming, Elsie May Ling, Patrick John Scott, Ann Mary Scott, Patrick Donnelly, James Rooney, Mary Kenny, Martin Walsh, Thomas Lyons.

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## WEEK V OF EASTERTIDE

3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026, Year A/Year 2, Psalter Week I

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### MASS TIMINGS AND INTENTIONS

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> May **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

<b>*18.15</b>	<i>Intentions of the Bishop</i>	S. Mary's
<b>*9.00</b>	<i>M. V. (intentions)</i>	S. Mary's
<b>*11.30</b>	<i>Tony Hitchen (+)</i>	S. Joseph's

Mon, 4<sup>th</sup> May **THE ENGLISH MARTYRS**

NO MASS

Tues, 5<sup>th</sup> May **Easter Feria**

10.00 *Survivors of Sexual Abuse* S. Joseph's

Wed, 6<sup>th</sup> May **Easter Feria**

10.00 *Tony Keeler, Sylvia Martin (++)* S. Mary's

Thurs, 7<sup>th</sup> May **Easter Feria**

10.00 *Priest's intention* S. Joseph's

Fri, 8<sup>th</sup> May **Easter Feria**

NO MASS

Sat, 9<sup>th</sup> May **Easter Feria**

<b>10.00</b>	<i>M. V. (intentions)</i>	S. Mary's
<b>*18.15</b>	<i>David Cummings (+)</i>	S. Mary's

Sun, 10<sup>th</sup> May **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

<b>*9.00</b>	<i>Alfie N. (intentions)</i>	S. Mary's
<b>*11.30</b>	<i>The People</i>	S. Joseph's

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

\* Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for a half hour before all Sunday Masses, concluded with Benediction

**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

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- ◆ **WEEKLY PARISH SESSIONS:** All are invited to grow in faith in Christ.
  - **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults),** Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 6PM
- ◆ **PARISH GROUPS:** All are invited to grow in friendship in Christ.
  - **Women's Fellowship group:** Meets every fortnight.  
Next meeting: Tues, 12<sup>th</sup> May 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.
- ◆ **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE - Tuesday, 5th May.** The theme this year is Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10) which looks at the scourge of domestic abuse which causes pain and fear that prevent its victims from living the life Jesus came to bring. Immediately before the much-loved part of this verse from the Gospel of John, we hear Jesus's words: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy." This is how abuse feels to those who experience it – their dignity and value as a unique child of God is stripped away and destroyed. The physical danger domestic abuse presents to life is clear. A woman is murdered by a partner or ex-partner every five days in the UK. Between three and 10 women die by suicide each week due to domestic abuse. Abusers can also perpetrate spiritual and coercive abuse, disrupting their victims' relationships with God and the Church. At its best, the Church can – and should – be a safe haven where support is available for victims and survivors so that they can live life without fear and begin to experience the life in abundance Jesus came to bring. This hope is what we pray for this year.
- ◆ **DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE.** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, led by Bishop Patrick. Arrivals from 11.30 AM. 3.45 PM Mass at the Catholic Shrine
- ◆ **WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027.** All Young Adults are warmly invited to join the Diocese of Nottingham and Pope Leo in Seoul, South Korea. Please contact <charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk> by 31st July 2026.
- ◆ **S. MARY'S CAFOD COLLECTION.** This weekend Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> / Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> May.
- ◆ **S. MARY'S CHURCH & PARISH CENTRE CLEANING.** Please come & 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.
- ◆ **MYRA AND SIMON'S GOING-AWAY BASH.** Please join us in the parish centre on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May after the 9 AM Mass to bid farewell to the Boons who are leaving us very soon, after several years of loyal service to the parish.
- ◆ **S. JOSEPH'S REPOSITORY.** Big sale on greeting cards, on now.
- ◆ 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
- ◆ As people are switching from cash to card payments & would like a quicker, easier way to donate, we have now acquired card readers for our churches.

## A WORD FROM FATHER KEVIN

The first reading this weekend gives us the story of the foundation of the diaconate, and these days the first thing we think of when we hear of the diaconate or the deacons is the permanent diaconate that was established soon after the Council in the '60s. We are in our parishes indeed blessed with the ministry of Roger, our deacon in Mablethorpe. But we must not forget that every bishop and



priest was first ordained a deacon, and that some bishops still wear the deacon's dalmatic when they officiate at (pontifical high) Mass. The deacon in ancient days was a servant, and the appointment of the deacons in our reading today should remind us at once of the episode at the Last Supper, when Christ washed the feet of His Apostles, and mandated that His ministerial priesthood be a government of service to the Church. That the priests of the early church could be free to preach, teach and proclaim the Gospel, they shared out their responsibility of service to these seven good men. They did not give it up, for they could not. It is tied up to their being, as fathers of the greater family of the Church, demonstrating a self-sacrificial love. The love that hung on the Cross.

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The month of  
*May* is dedicated to  
*Our Blessed Lady,*

whose 'fiat' or 'yes' to God marked the beginning of the realisation of God's plan of salvation for mankind, through His Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

In May, as the birds sing, the flowers blossom and the butterflies begin their dance, we are reminded of the new life gifted to us through Mary's humility and obedience to God.

We ask for her maternal guidance as we also attempt to say *yes* to God's will in our own lives.

