

Jer. 33:14-14

See the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

Psalm response:

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R/.**

2. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R/.**

3. His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. **R/.**

Thess. 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of God our Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus, to

make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants as you learnt from us and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.
Alleluia!*

Luke 21: 25-28. 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon and the stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with great power and glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on the face of every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'



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Sunday 2nd. December 2018
First Sunday of Advent
Eucharistic Prayer 3
Psalter Week 1 - Weekday Series 1

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| SAT. | 6.00 pm. | Mass | People of the Parish |
| 1st. Dec. St. Mary's C of E Parish Church Horncastle | | | |
| SUN. | | | |
| 2nd. | 10.00 am. | Mass | Private Intention |
| MON. | St. Francis Xavier | | |
| 3rd. | 10.00 am. | Mass | Special Intention (EB) |
| TUES. | Advent Feria | | |
| 4th. | 10.00 am. | Mass | Deceased Relatives/Friends |
| THURS. | Advent Feria | | |
| 6th. | 7.00 pm. | Mass | Deceased Relatives/Friends |
| FRI. | St. Ambrose | | |
| 7th. | 10.00am. | Mass | Deceased Relatives/Friends |
| <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> | | | |
| SAT. | Immaculate Conception | | |
| 8th. | 10.00 am. | Mass | Deceased Relatives/Friends |

Sunday 9th. December
Second Sunday of Advent

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| SAT. | 6.00pm. | Mass | Private Intention |
| 8th. St. Mary's C of E Parish Church, H/castle | | | |
| SUN. | | | |
| 9th. | 10.00 am. | Mass | People of the Parish |

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Woodhall Spa - Sat. 10.30 am. - 11.00 am.
Horncastle Sat. 5.30 pm. - 5.50 pm.
or on request.

Baptism : By arrangement with the priest.

Marriage: Six months notice - at least.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Josephine Harris, Moira Jones, Peggy Hyder and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

Finance:

Envelopes: £102.60 Loose: £173.10 Standing orders: £78.92

Total: £354.62 Thank you.

Collection for Poor and Needy parishes on leaving Mass on weekend of 16th December.

There will be no 'Cake Sunday' this weekend. Our bakers will be very busy during the next couple of weeks with other parish events and we don't want to overstretch them!

"Churches Without Walls"

Centering Prayer & Contemplative Meditation: Open to All

We will meet from 7.00pm till 9.00pm on **Tuesday 4th. Dec. only then Tues. 22nd. Jan.** thereafter every 1st & 4th (not 5th) Tuesday of each month, at the **Lions Den, 26A, Silver Street, Coningsby, LN4 4SG. Free parking** available in Silver Street Car Park. Coming out onto Silver Street, driveway entrance to Lions Den bungalow is across the road, between Ginger Cow Coffee Shop and Doctor's Surgery.

"Come and see!" (Jn 1:39,46;4:29)

"Churches Without Walls" : Programme.

We are exploring "Centering Prayer", "Lectio Divina", and "The Cloud of Unknowing", in relation to each other, leading into a **silent** session of "Contemplative Prayer".

"Intercessory Prayer" may be offered, **on request.**

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Thought for the week:

God wants you to be like God. Filled with life and goodness and laughter - *and joy.*

Archbishop Desmond Tutu



**CHRISTMAS FAYRE — Saturday 8th. December
11.30am. in the hall**



SOUP - TEA - COFFEE

CAKE STALL - GIFTS - TOMBOLA - CHRISTMAS CARDS

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE WITH OTHER PRIZES

Come and buy your Christmas cake, some gifts and maybe win the hamper or Tombola and have a light lunch and a bit of a natter!!

We do need donations of biscuits, sweets, toiletries etc.

At the back of the church there is a list of items needed for the hamper.

Please put your name by any intended donation.

The usual big brown box for donations is at the back of the church.

If you intend baking cakes for the sale they can be brought to the hall on the morning.

THANK YOU

Catholic paper snippets:

- A ComRes poll has revealed the scale of opposition among women to the imposition of abortion on Northern Ireland by the Westminster Parliament. 70% of 18-34 year-olds were opposed to such a move with 64% of the overall population opposed. *The Universe (26/10)*
- Ireland's premier has used the story of an IRA bombing of a customs post in 1972 to emphasise the importance of the border issue to EU leaders. Nine people died in the incident. The family of one of the lorry drivers killed has expressed fear that Brexit could spark further violence along the border in the wake of a no-deal scenario. The brother of a customs officer who was killed holds the same view stating that check points, queues and lorries having to wait to get checked out would symbolise division and disruption bringing back memories of the past. *The Universe (26/10)*
- Vietnam has freed a well-known Catholic blogger and rights activist jailed two years ago for posting anti-Government material on social media. Nguyen Ngoc Nhu Quynh, 39, has been sent into exile in the United States together with her two children and mother. She had been sentenced to 10 years imprisonment but intends to continue her fight for human rights and democracy in Vietnam from the US. Meanwhile, an appeals court in central Vietnam has confirmed a 20year sentence on another Catholic activist who was accused of trying to overthrow the nation's Communist Government. Defence attorney, Manh, said that John Baptist Le Dinh Luong was not daunted by the jail term and in court had a 'very gentle and sweet smile' that was testament to his innocence. Luong told the court: 'My deeds will be judged by history. I will be happy to be in prison if the nation grows up in freedom and democracy.' *The Catholic Times (26/10)*
- The French President, Emmanuel Macron, sparked a Twitter backlash after suggesting that no educated woman would choose to have a large family. In response, hundreds of mothers posted pictures of their large families. The trend was started by Dr. Catherine Pakaluk who has a PhD from Harvard and 'eight children by choice.' *The Catholic Herald (26/10)*