

Jer. 1:4-5. 17-19

In the days of Josiah the word of the Lord was addressed to me saying:
 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you - it is the Lord who speaks.'

Psalm response:

My lips will tell of your help.

1 Cor. 12: 31 - 13:13

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.
 If I have all the eloquence of men or angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.
 Love is always patient and kind: it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence and is not resentful. love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes.
 Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge - for this too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge

is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child I used to talk like a child and think like a child and argue like a child, but now I am a man all childish things are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror, but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge I have now is imperfect, but then I shall know as fully as I am known.
 In short there are three things that last: faith hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

*Alleluia, alleluia!
 I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
 no one can come to the Father except through me.
 Alleluia!*

Luke 4: 21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me "We have heard all that is happening in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside." ' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly no prophet is accepted in his own country. There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.' When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.



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Parish Priest Fr. John O'Donnell
 Sunday 3rd. February 2019
 Fourth Sunday of the Year
 Eucharistic Prayer 2
 Psalter Week 4 - Weekday Series 1

SAT. 2nd.	6.00 pm. St. Mary's C of E Parish Church Horncastle	Mass	Private Intention
SUN. 3rd.	10.00 am.	Mass	People of the Parish
MON. 4th.	Feria 10.00 am.	Mass	Deceased Relatives/Friends List
TUES. 5th.	St. Agatha 10.00 am.	Mass	Maud Richardson RIP
THURS. 7th.	Feria 7.00 pm.	Mass	Nissan Family Intentions
FRI. 8th.	Feria 10.00am.	Mass	Fr. Bill Simpson's Ints.
	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>		
SAT. 9th.	Feria 10.00 am.	Mass	Special Intention

Sunday 10th. February Fourth Sunday of the Year			
SAT. 9th.	6.00pm. St. Mary's C of E Parish Church, H/castle	Mass	People of the Parish
SUN. 10th.	10.00 am.	Mass	Private Intention

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 soul of Ray Baxter and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

Finance:

Envelopes: £191.92 Loose: £230.80 Standing orders: £78.92
Total: £501.64 Thank you.

First Sunday Coffee — This Sunday there will be cake for sale, 50p. per slice/cake with the usual tea & coffee.

First Tuesdays - We meet this Tuesday 6th. June at 2.30pm. in the hall to chat about life in general or any specific topic you care to raise. tea/coffee & cake/biscuits.

Churches Together in Woodhall Spa meeting in the hall at 7.30pm on Thursday.
All are welcome.

Clergy deanery meeting at Ss Peter & Paul at 11.00am on Thursday.
All are not welcome.

Annual “Valentine” Marriage Mass

The Annual Diocesan Marriage Mass, where married couples are able to renew their vows before the Bishop and receive his blessing on their marriages, will take place on **Sunday 10th February, 3pm** at **St Barnabas Cathedral**. This Mass is open to all couples who have received the sacrament of marriage and their families, but is especially appropriate to those recently married, or celebrating a significant anniversary or those who simply wish to renew their vows. Please just turn up on the day, but if you want more information do not hesitate to contact Fr David Palmer, Chair of the Marriage and family Life Commission at: catholicdavid@mac.com or 0115 9786236

Churches Without Walls”

Centering Prayer & Contemplative Meditation: Open to All

We will meet from 7.00pm till 9.00pm on **Tuesday 5th. & 26th. Feb.** 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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Catholic paper snippets:

- The Irish Government may be in line for an embarrassing snub over its plan to introduce abortion in the country after it was revealed that only 8% of its family doctors have signed up to provide terminations. Dr. Ruth Cullen of the Pro-Life campaign said the new law ‘represents the abandonment of authentic human rights for a slogan called ‘choice’ that is nothing more than a code for the taking of innocent human life.’ *The Universe* (4/1)
- At Christmas midnight Mass, Cardinal Nichols said that society is full of generosity and compassion reflected by the countless Christmas lights on display over the festive season. ‘Constantly people respond to need with quiet dedication and goodness. The source of this goodness is the innate goodness of God flowing through us. In entering our broken world, God gives priority to places of despair and poverty. Only by having this same priority will the mighty of our world find the wisdom we need at this time.’ *The Universe* (4/1)
- Several Middle-East-based Christians working on the Syria crisis have joined a growing chorus about US President Donald Trump’s decision to pull some 2000 American troops from Syria. They say it puts Christians at risk and could force them to flee again; they want the decision reversed. A priest of the Assyrian Church pointed to the controversial military threats made by Turkey to attack Northern Syria with people still having fresh in their collective memory the genocide that took place against them by the Ottoman Turks in 1915. Turkey invaded Afrin (NW Syria) in 2018 and wiped out Christian churches there. *The Catholic Times* (4/1)
- During a Christmas visit to Baghdad, Cardinal Parolin, Vatican Secretary of State, recognising that Muslims believe in the virgin birth of Jesus and acknowledge him as a prophet, confirming Christmas is a celebration for all, said Christians and Muslims in Iraq are called by the same God to rebuild a nation where peace, harmony and justice reign. *The Universe* (4/1)
- Asylum seekers are human beings and should be treated with dignity as a result, the Bishop for Migration and Asylum has insisted. Bishop Paul McAleenan made his comments after concerns were raised by the Church that the media was subjecting asylum seekers crossing the Channel in recent weeks to a barrage of dehumanising rhetoric when reporting the story. ‘We should keep in mind that our priority must always be saving lives and playing our part in offering sanctuary to those scaping war or persecution.’ *All the papers* (11/1)
- Bishop John Arnold has joined environmentalists in urging society to ‘act now to fix the damage we are doing to the planet,’ amid warnings that biblical wonders, such as the Dead Sea, are drying up. Scientists claim that the Dead Sea is shrinking to such an alarming rate it could become ‘just a tiny pool by the middle of this century.’ Its main tributary, the River Jordan, is now just a trickle and the Sea of Galilee is also very low. ‘The damage of a warming world is now changing people’s lives with the loss of farmland and livelihoods,’ said the Bishop. *The Universe* (11/1)

Calendar note:

If opportunity doesn’t, build a door.