

**Deut. 6: 2-6**

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

Listen Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

**Psalm response:**

I love you, Lord my strength.

1. I love you, Lord my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **R/.**

2. Long life to the Lord my rock! Praised be to the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. **R/.**

**Heb. 7: 23-28**

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifice every day, as the

other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, for he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints men who are subject to weakness, but the promise on oath which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your words are spirit Lord,  
and they are life:  
you have the message of eternal life.  
Alleluia!*

**Mark 12: 28-34**

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen Israel, the Lord your God is the one Lord and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken Master, what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared question him any more



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Sunday 4th. November 2018  
Thirty-first Sunday of the Year  
Eucharistic Prayer 3  
Psalter Week 3 - Weekday Series 2

<b>SAT.</b> 3rd.	<b>6.00 pm.</b> St. Mary's C of E Parish Church Horncastle	Mass	Private Intention
<b>SUN.</b> 4th.	<b>10.00 am.</b>	Mass	People of the Parish
<b>MON.</b> 5th.	Feria <b>10.00 am.</b>	Mass	Deceased Relatives/Friends
<b>TUES.</b>	Feria <b>10.00 am.</b>	Mass	Deceased Relatives/Friends
<b>THURS.</b> 8th.	<b>7.00 pm.</b>	Mass	Deceased Relatives/Friends
<b>FRI.</b> 9th.	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica <b>10.00am.</b>	Mass	Deceased Relatives/Friends
	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>		
<b>SAT.</b> 10th.	<b>10.00 am.</b>	Mass	Tim Brennan RIP

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Sunday 11th. November  
Thirty-second Sunday of the Year

<b>SAT.</b> 10th.	<b>6.00pm.</b> St. Mary's C of E Parish Church, H/castle	Mass	People of the Parish
<b>SUN.</b> 11th.	<b>10.00 am.</b>	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 souls of Johanna Baker, Terence Murphy and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

. Finance:

Envelopes: £108.50      Loose: £211.62      Standing orders: £78.92

Total: £399.04 Thank you.

RED BOXES – thank you for bringing in your boxes promptly.

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. November at 2.30pm. in the hall to chat about life in general or any specific topic you care to raise. tea/coffee & cake/biscuits.

‘LADIES DAY - with the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal.

Saturday 10th November beginning with Mass at 10am.

Our Lady of Lincoln Church, Laughton Way Lincoln LN2 2HE.

Please phone the parish office 01522 522971 to let us know you are wishing to attend (for catering purposes).

The Banovallum Singers are appearing here once more on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November – tickets will be available shortly, but can always be bought on the door.

### “Churches Without Walls”

#### Centering Prayer & Contemplative Meditation: Open to All

We will meet from 7.00pm till 9.00pm on **Tuesday 6th.** and **27th. Nov.** then every 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> (not 5<sup>th</sup>) 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 phrase ‘In God We Trust’, which appears on US currency, does not violate the First Amendment clause of the US Constitution, a circuit court of appeals has ruled in response to an action brought by a group of 29 atheists and supporters. The decision upheld a lower court ruling from 2016. *The Catholic Times* (7/9)
- An interim report by the UN Human Rights Council has lifted the veil on Myanmar’s catalogue of gross human rights violations. Not only are the generals accused of genocide against the Muslim Rohingyas, further abuses against the predominantly Christian Kachin and the Buddhist Shan ethnic groups have also occurred. The crimes include murder, enslavement, torture, sexual violence and imprisonment. *The Catholic Herald* (7/9)
- China is rolling out new rules on religious activity on the internet amid an ongoing crackdown on churches, mosques and other institutions by the official Communist Party. Anyone wishing to provide religious instruction or similar services online must apply by name and be judged ‘morally fit and politically reliable.’ Tight limits are imposed on what can be said or posted. Authorities in recent months have ratcheted up pressure on religious groups, destroying crosses, burning Bibles, shutting churches and ordering followers to renounce their faith. *The Universe* (14/9)
- Home Secretary, Sajid David, has announced that a national policy of buffer zones around abortion clinics would ‘not be a proportionate response’ to claims that some pregnant women were being harassed by people praying outside them. Mr. David said existing laws provided protection against harassment noting that the evidence is that anti-abortion activity is passive in nature. However, Clare Murphy of the British Pregnancy Advisory Service said that her organisation would seek to work with councils to establish buffer zones one at a time. *The Catholic Times* (21/9)
- The US budgetary cuts to humanitarian aid institutions helping Palestinians could lead to long-term disastrous consequences and will further damage prospects for peace, said Catholic aid workers in the region. The amount withdrawn amounts to more than one quarter of the aid budget. *The Catholic Times* (21/9)
- A priest once hailed as a champion of human rights in Chile was expelled from the priesthood by Pope Francis after being found guilty of sexual abuse of minors and adults. *The Universe* (21/9)
- Catholic bishops in Africa have voiced concern about a growing number of priests who fail to return home after training or ministering in Europe. Such is a violation of Church norms. Fr. Emmanuel Wohi Nin, general secretary of the Bishops’ Conference in Ivory Coast, said, ‘Some Western bishops, lacking priests of their own, are allowing this to happen and saying nothing when our clergy stay on. We need solutions on both sides.’ Fr. Nadu, general secretary of the Nigerian Bishops’ Conference said, ‘Some priests are in Europe without their bishop’s permission. Nigeria’s bishops are willing to help European dioceses that are short of priests, but this readiness to co-operate depends on a clear understanding between Church leaders.’ *The Catholic Times* (21/9)

*Thought for the week:*

Just giving people commandments on tablets of stone doesn’t change the heart. It may steel the will, but it doesn’t soften the heart like a personal encounter can.

*Richard Rohr OFM*