

Deut. 26: 4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation great, mighty and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil, our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. he brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you Lord have given me." You must then lay them down before the Lord your God and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

Psalm response:

Be with me Lord, in my distress.

Rom. 10: 8-13

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord to be saved.

*Praise to you O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone
but on very word that comes from the
mouth of God.
Praise to you O Christ, king of eternal glory!*

Luke 4: 1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him, 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again, They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.



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Sunday 10th. March 2019
First Sunday of Lent
Eucharistic Prayer 2
Psalter Week 4 - Weekday Series 1

SAT. 9th.	6.00 pm. St. Mary's C of E Parish Church Horncastle	Mass	Private Intention
SUN. 10th.	10.00 am.	Mass	People of the Parish
MON. 11th.	Lenten Feria 10.00 am.	Mass	
TUES. 12th.	Lenten Feria 10.00 am.	Mass	
THURS. 14th.	Lenten Feria 7.00 pm.	Mass	
FRI. 15th.	Lenten Feria 10.00am. <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	Mass	
SAT. 16th.	Lenten Feria 10.00 am.	Mass	

Sunday 17th. March
Second Sunday of Lent

SAT. 16th.	6.00pm. St. Mary's C of E Parish Church, H/castle	Mass	People of the Parish
SUN. 17th.	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 souls of Denise Martin, Norman Voyse and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

Finance:

Envelopes: £189.30 Loose: £174.20 Standing orders: £78.92

Total: £442.42 Thank you.

Cake Sunday raised £26.37 Thank you.

CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day: Next Friday, 15th March. As you arrive for Mass next weekend, please place your CAFOD envelope in the basket at the back of church so it can be brought forward at the Offertory procession.

Ecumenical Prayer breakfast next Saturday 9.00-10.00am at the 'Old Stables',
Horncastle. All welcome.

Extraordinary clergy deanery meeting: Tuesday, 12th March 6.30pm – 9.00pm

PLEASE NOTE: During the season of Lent, we will say the Apostles Creed instead of the Nicene Creed.

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales wish to alert EU citizens to the action they need to take should they wish to remain in this country after Brexit. Official information on the Settlement Scheme can be found at:-
gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families
Various information resources are available at:
gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-communityleaders-toolkit

Churches Without Walls"

Centering Prayer & Contemplative Meditation: Open to All

We will meet from 7.00pm till 9.00pm on **Tuesday 5th. & 26th. March** 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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What is Lent?

If you would like to offer your thoughts or listen to other's thoughts or maybe do both come to the presbytery on Monday at 2.00pm. and join in the talk - no longer than an hour.

Unusually for a parish event there will be NO tea or coffee

Catholic paper snippets:

- Lord Alton praised the courage of Pakistan's Supreme Court after it upheld the acquittal of Asia Bibi, the Catholic woman who had been on death row on charges of blasphemy, dismissing a petition filed by Islamists calling for her execution. The peer also stated that there are, by some estimates, more than 70 people currently on death row for alleged blasphemy crimes. Fr. James Channon, director of the Peace Centre in Lahore which promotes inter-faith relations, said research by the Catholic Church has revealed 187 live cases of Christians charged with blasphemy. The penalty is either life imprisonment or execution. *The Catholic Times* (1/2)
- A letter printed in *The Catholic Times* and *The Catholic Herald* drew attention to a movie called 'Unplanned' set to be released in the Spring. It is the story of Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood abortion clinic director. It was only when she assisted at an abortion herself that the light dawned on her; pregnant at the time, she watched the ultrasound guiding the abortionist and saw the reaction of the child in the womb. Abby quit her role, subsequently becoming a Catholic running a charity helping abortion workers exit the industry. (1/2)
- Pope Francis' historic visit to the United Arab Emirates was reported on. During the visit, the Pope called on Christian and Muslim leaders to work together to promote peace and reject war. Mass was celebrated in Zayed Sports City Stadium with an estimated 135,000 present representing 100 countries. The prayers during Mass were read out in a variety of languages with the homily delivered in Italian translated into Arabic with English subtitles on giant screens. In a country known for its opulence and excess, Pope Francis told the congregation: 'Jesus did not ask us to build great works or draw attention to ourselves with extraordinary gestures. He asked us to produce just one work of art, possible for everyone: our own life.' *The Universe* (8/2)

Not much news - so a long thought for the week from St. John Chrysostom - he is always worth listening to!

There is nothing more worthwhile than to pray to God and to converse with him, for prayer unites us with God as his companions. As our bodily eyes are illuminated by seeing the light, so in contemplating God our soul is illuminated by him. Of course the prayer I have in mind is no matter of routine, it is deliberate and earnest.

If we are generous in giving time to prayer we will experience its benefits throughout life. Prayer is a link mediating between God and people. By prayer the soul is borne up to heaven and in a marvellous way embraces the Lord.

You should not think of prayer as being a matter of words, it is a desire for God. As St. Paul says: we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.