

1 Kings. 17: 10-16

Elijah the prophet went off to Sidon and when he reached the city gate there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please,' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am just going to gather a stick or two to go to prepare this for myself and my son to eat and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said, but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth." 'The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Psalm response:

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free. **R/.**

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. **R/.**

3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan

but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God from age to age. **R/.**

Heb. 9: 24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once and after that comes judgement, so Christ too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time it will not be to deal with sin, but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.

Alleluia!

Mark 12: 38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentences they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched people putting money into the treasury and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have put in the money they had left over, but she, from the little she had, has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'



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Sunday 11th. November 2018
Thirty-second Sunday of the Year
Eucharistic Prayer 2
Psalter Week 4 - Weekday Series 2

SAT. 10th.	6.00 pm. St. Mary's C of E Parish Church Horncastle	Mass	People of the Parish
SUN. 11th.	10.00 am.	Mass	Private Intention
MON. 12th.	Feria 10.00 am.	Mass	Deceased Relatives/Friends
TUES. 13th.	Feria 10.00 am.	Mass	Deceased Relatives/Friends
THURS. 15th.	Feria 7.00 pm.	Mass	Deceased Relatives/Friends
FRI. 16th.	Feria 10.00am. <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass	Isabella Darker RIP
SAT. 17th.	St. Hugh of Lincoln 10.00 am.	Mass	Deceased Relatives/Friends

Sunday 18th. November
Thirty-third Sunday of the Year

SAT. 17th.	6.00pm. St. Mary's C of E Parish Church, H/castle	Mass	Private Intention
SUN. 18th.	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 Freda Enderby, Margaret Branney and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

Finance:

Envelopes: £190.00 Loose: £187.60 Standing orders: £78.92

Total: £456.52 Thank you.

Cake Sunday raised £45 84 Thank you

Clergy deanery meeting this Thursday at 11.00am. at St. Hugh's, Lincoln

The Banovallum Singers pre-Christmas concert is here on Friday, 30th November @ 7.30pm – tickets £6, which includes light refreshments, available after Mass, at the door of Gerard or Sylvia 01526 353186

Donations of cakes and biscuits for this event would be very much appreciated.

God, Love & Sex: Sat 1st December, 10.30-4pm at the University of Nottingham.

A one-day conference to explore how Pope St. John Paul II's landmark Theology of the Body can transform our lives. Organised by the Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Commission in association with the University of Nottingham Catholic Chaplaincy. Keynote speaker: Edmund Adamus + workshops on marriage, the Gospel of Life and same sex attraction. Cost is £10 (£5 unwaged/students). For more details and to book visit: <http://www.totbday.org.uk/>

“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 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 created this evolving universe because God is Love and each of us is God's gift to the world. Our life purpose is to make a difference in transforming that world. . . .

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ (1881–1955)

Catholic paper snippets:

- In honouring Fr. Pino Puglisi, who had led Church attempts to curb Mafia activities in Italy and was gunned down for so doing, Pope Francis declared, ‘You cannot believe in God and exploit your brother or sister . . . you cannot believe in

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

God and be a mafioso.’ *The Universe (21/9)*

- Pope Francis has lifted the excommunications, or irregular status, of seven Chinese bishops who had been ordained with Government approval but without the Vatican's consent. Representatives of the Vatican and the Chinese Government have signed what they described as a ‘provisional agreement’ on the appointment of bishops. This is a move that may allow the wounds of the past to be overcome leading to full Communion of all Chinese Catholics enabling a more effective proclamation of the Good News, says Pope Francis. However, the move is not without its critics given the crackdown on religious activities in the country as well as it being regarded as a betrayal of ‘underground’ Catholics, who have remained loyal to the Pope in resisting Government interference. Full diplomatic relations have not been established by this provisional agreement. *All the papers (28/9)*
- A China-backed statelet in Burma is cracking down on Christians. The Wa region on the border of China and Burma, is governed by the United Wa State Army, a former communist rebel group. In recent weeks, priests, nuns and Catholic teachers have been expelled from the region; churches have been destroyed and dozens more closed. Nearly 100 Christians were detained and only released after promising to pray only in private. *The Catholic Herald (26/10)*
- Robert George, a professor of jurisprudence at Princeton University, has called on the United Nations to expand its celebrated Universal Declaration on Human Rights to include the rights of the unborn. He also asked for the rights pertaining to religious freedom to be tightened. The professor also pointed out that the Declaration makes no mention as to where rights originate other than affirming that ‘human beings, simply in virtue of their humanity, have a profound inherent dignity and certain basic fundamental natural, or, to use the language of the declaration, human rights.’ Mr. George went on to say that faith traditions recognise that God is the source of all human rights. *The Universe (28/9)*