

Zeph. 3: 14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel is in your
midst;
you have no more evil to fear.
When that day comes, word will come to
Jerusalem:
Zion, have no fear,
do not let your hands fall limp.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.
He will exult with joy over you,
he will renew you by his love;
he will dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.

Psalm response:

Sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of
Israel.

1. Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength and my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. **R/.**
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to
his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the
peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. **R/.**
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of
Israel. **R/.**

Phil. 4: 4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in
the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your
happiness. let your tolerance be evident to

everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no
need to worry; but if there is anything you
need, pray for it, asking God for it with
prayer and thanksgiving and that peace of
God which is so much greater than we can
understand, will guard your hearts and you
thoughts in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring the good news to
the poor.
Alleluia!*

Luke 3: 10-18

When the people asked John, 'What must
we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two
tunics he must share with the man who has
none and the one with something to eat
must do the same.' There were tax
collectors too who came for baptism and
these said to him, 'Master, what must we
do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than
your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their
turn, 'What about us? What must we do?'
He said to them, 'No intimidation! No
extortion! Be content with your pay!'
A feeling of expectancy had grown among
the people, who were beginning to think
that John might be the Christ, so John
declared before them all, 'I baptise you with
water, but someone is coming, someone
who is more powerful I than I M and I am
not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he
will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his
threshing- floor and to gather the wheat into
his barn; but the chaff will burn in a fire that
will never go out.' As well as this there were
many other things he said to exhort the
people and to announce the Good News to
them.



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Sunday 16h. December 2018
Third Sunday of Advent
Eucharistic Prayer 3
Psalter Week 3 - Weekday Series 1

SAT. 15th.	6.00 pm. St. Mary's C of E Parish Church Horncastle	Mass	People of the Parish
SUN. 16th.	10.00 am.	Mass	Private Intention
MON. 17th.	Advent feria 10.00 am.	Mass	Deceased Relatives/Friends
TUES. 18th.	Advent Feria 10.00 am.	Mass	Deceased Relatives/Friends
THURS. 20th.	Advent feria 7.00 pm.	Mass	Frank Mannion RIP
FRI. 21st.	Advent feria 10.00am. <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass	Deceased Relatives/Friends
SAT. 22nd.	Advent Feria 10.00 am.	Mass	Fr. Michael Lambert RIP

Sunday 23rd. December
Fourth Sunday of Advent

SAT. 22nd.	6.00pm. St. Mary's C of E Parish Church, H/castle	Mass	Private Intention
SUN. 23rd.	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 Lawrence Brooks, Peggy Edgar and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

Please pray for those who are ill: Francis Roche, Maria Richardson, Andy Maher, Christopher Browne, Laurence, Janet Cashman, June Daniels, Raven Smith, Stephen Brennan, Eunice Dearie, Richard & Carol Downer, Mary Archer, David Waller, Joan Smith, Sylvia Berry, Mary Ashton, Michael Follows, and Pat Roberts.

Fr. Tom Breslin, who served for a spell as parish priest at Market Rasen, died last weekend. May he rest in peace.
Also, please pray for Cathleen Stainton (91) whose funeral is on Tuesday, 3.00pm. at Alford Crematorium.

Finance:

Envelopes: £156.30 Loose: £191.80 Standing orders: £78.92

Total: £427.02 Thank you.

Collection for Poor and Needy parishes on leaving Mass **this weekend.**

Diocesan year books on sale at the back of the church - £3.50

The Christmas Fayre raised £990.29 a magnificent sum!! Thanks to the organisers who worked so hard, including the chef, thanks to all who so generously supported in so many ways. The Christmas hamper was won by Una - enjoy!

A big thank you to Tess for organising parish events, Quiz Night, Sing-along, Christmas Fayre and others, for the last few years. Tess thinks it time to bow out, so if there is anyone out there who would like to offer their services please see Fr. John.
Thank you Tess!

Barry, the parish 'Master Chef' for many years, also thinks he is ready to hand on his spatula, so again, if there are any aspiring chefs out there please see Fr. John.
Thank you Barry, your fish pie will be long remembered!

Lincs. Churches Trust desk calendars for sale - our church is featured for the month of August. One is on display at the back of the church - cost £7.00 incl. postage, please put your name on the list by the calendar if you would like one.

ST HUGH'S CHURCH, LINCOLN - 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Bishop Patrick will celebrate the 10am Mass on **Sunday, 16th December**. There will be refreshments in the church hall after Mass, and then at 4pm you are invited to join Fr Matthew, former priests and seminarians of St Hugh's for Vespers.

Christmas Mass Times

Monday 24th. December - **Christmas Eve**
Woodhall Spa **6.00 pm**. Carols **6.30pm**. Mass
Horncastle **8.30 pm**. Carols **9.00 pm**. Mass
St. Mary's

Tuesday 25th December - **Christmas Day**
Woodhall Spa **10.00 am**. Mass

Wednesday 26th. December - **St. Stephen**
No Mass

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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Catholic paper snippets:

- Seven Christian pilgrims travelling to a remote desert monastery in Egypt were killed, and 19 wounded, by militants in the central province of Minya, Egypt. Security forces managed to trace those responsible who were killed in defending themselves. the militants were affiliated to the Islamic State. Pope Francis decried the attack inviting people in St. Peter's Square to pray with him for the deceased. Christians make up about 10% of Egypt's 100 million population. *All the papers (9/11)*
- Sharing the same roots as their Jewish brothers and sisters, Christians cannot be anti-Semitic and must work to ensure anti-Semitism is banned from society, said Pope Francis. He made his remarks during an audience with a group of rabbis attending the World Congress of Mountain Jews. Mountain Jews are believed to be descendants of Persian Jews who settled centuries ago in the Caucasus region, maintaining their own unique language and customs. *All the papers (9/11)*
- Irish voters overwhelmingly supported a daily broadcast of the 'Angelus Bells' on national broadcasting network RTE. Since 1962, Angelus bells have been broadcast daily at 6.00pm on RTE before the news on television, and on the radio at noon and 6.00pm. 68% of those asked said they would keep them with 21% saying they would stop them with 11% declining to comment. *The Catholic Times (9/11)*
- BBC's commitment to religious broadcasting has been questioned after it announced plans to decommission the popular 'Something Understood' programme. The Radio 4 show has run for 23 years exploring faith and ethical issues through discussion, music and guests from various backgrounds. As from April next year, the slot will be filled with repeats of old programmes and no new content will be produced. The BBC blamed the axe on budget cuts. *The Universe (9/11)*
- The food bank providers, the Trussell Trust, has said problems with Universal Credit are driving an increase in the number of emergency supplies handed out. Its network provided 658,048 supplies between April and September, a 13% increase on the same period a year ago. *(And that is without taking into account many independent food bank providers) The Universe (9/11)*

Thought for the week:

God is relationship: a relationship that has no end and unlimited possibilities.

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