

**Gen. 15:5-12. 17-18**

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count he stars if you can. Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord,' he said to him, 'who brought you out of the land of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord,' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtle dove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on he carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the two halves. That day the Lord made a covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

**Psalm response:**

The Lord is my light and my help.

**Phil. 3: 17-4:1**

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them us you used to study us. I have told you often and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies

of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then my dear brothers and friends, do not give way, but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

*Glory and praise to you O Christ!  
From the bright cloud, the father's voice  
was heard:  
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.  
Glory and praise to you O Christ!*

**Luke 9: 28-36**

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up to the mountain to pray. As he prayed the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were leaving him Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying.

As he spoke a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, ' This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and at that time told no one what they had seen.



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Sunday 17th. March 2019  
Second Sunday of Lent  
Eucharistic Prayer 3  
Psalter Week 1 - Weekday Series 1

<b>SAT.</b> 16th.	<b>6.00 pm.</b> St. Mary's C of E Parish Church Horncastle	Mass	People of the Parish
<b>SUN.</b> 17th.	<b>10.00 am.</b>	Mass	Private Intention
<b>MON.</b> 18th.	Lenten Feria <b>10.00 am.</b>	Mass	Special Intention
<b>TUES.</b> 19th.	St. Joseph <b>10.00 am.</b>	Mass	
<b>THURS.</b> 21st.	Lenten Feria <b>7.00 pm.</b>	Mass	Maureen Hare RIP
<b>FRI.</b> 22nd.	Lenten Feria <b>10.00am.</b> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	Mass	
<b>SAT.</b> 23rd.	Lenten Feria <b>10.00 am.</b>	Mass	William Maher RIP

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Sunday 24th. March  
Third Sunday of Lent

<b>SAT.</b> 23rd.	<b>6.00pm.</b> St. Mary's C of E Parish Church, H/castle	Mass	Private Intention
<b>SUN.</b> 24th.	<b>10.00 am.</b>	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 soul Margaret Morgan of and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

Finance:

Envelopes: £152.00      Loose: £200.29      Standing orders: £78.92  
Total: £431.21 Thank you.

**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 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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**What is Lent - a call to holiness?**

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

*Thought for the week:*

16. This holiness to which the Lord calls you will grow through small gestures. Here is an example: a woman goes shopping, she meets a neighbour and they begin to speak, and the gossip starts. But she says in her heart: “No, I will not speak badly of anyone”. This is a step forward in holiness. ....Later, she goes out onto the street, encounters a poor person and stops to say a kind word to him. One more step.

*Gaudate et Exsultate*

***Catholic paper snippets:***

- As Venezuela’s economic crisis deepened, three Catholic Church groups, including the bishops, issued a communique calling on the authorities to allow access to humanitarian aid ‘as a means of mitigating the impact of the crisis on the most vulnerable of the people.’ The statement condemned ‘the growing, politically motivated repression, the violation of human rights and the elective and arbitrary detentions.’ The groups praised those involved in defending human rights despite threats to their safety. *The Catholic Times (15/2)*
- Lord David Alton has criticised the Royal College of Physicians for adopting a neutral position on assisted dying given that in 2014, when the last poll was taken, less than 25% were in favour of a change in the Law, 58% were opposed. As Dr. Dermot Kearney, President of the Catholic Medical Association, has pointed out, the move from being opposed to assisted dying to a neutral position misleadingly suggests a change has taken place among the medical profession. A poll is being again conducted with the RCP looking for a 60% majority in order to uphold the policy against. Lord Alton has called this ‘a sham poll – with a distorted and contrived formula for declaring a majority – would have anything but neutral consequences. The RCP should be approaching this poll democratically and from a medical standpoint, not by playing politics with such a grievous matter of life and death.’ *The Catholic Times (8/2)*
- The Institute of Education at St. Mary’s University, Twickenham, has retained its Outstanding rating from Ofsted for its Initial Teacher Education provision. The report found provisions are Outstanding in all categories across both Primary and Secondary levels. *The Catholic Times (8/2)*
- The charity Persecution Relief has said that persecution of Christians in India is at its highest in 70 years. There were 477 violent incidents last year, over a quarter in Uttar Pradesh, churches have been set on fire, services disrupted and Christians threatened by Hindu nationalist extremists. *The Catholic Herald (8/2)*
- Ann Furedi, CEO of the British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) has praised the new abortion law introduced in New York State acknowledging she is seeking to replicate it in this country. In her comments, Ms Furedi spoke of the new Act removing the need for a doctor to perform some abortions and takes abortion out of the criminal code making it a public health issue. Michael Robinson of SPUC described the Act as the ‘one of the most extreme abortion regimes we have ever seen. . . . Indeed, the measures passed in New York include that if a child is born alive after a failed abortion attempt, the medical providers in attendance are no longer required to provide immediate medical care to save the child.’ *The Catholic Times (15/2)*
- On a visit to Rome’s Regina Coeli prison, Pope Francis said, ‘A punishment without hope does not serve a purpose, it does not help, it arouses in one’s heart feelings of resentment, many times of revenge, and the person leaves worse than he entered.’ Meeting prison staff, the Pope praised them for their work acknowledging the psychological ‘effort’ it takes to ‘bandage the wounds of the men and women’ they meet daily encouraging them to follow the example of the Good Samaritan ‘who bent down to care for his wounded brother.’ In doing so, he added, prison can ‘truly become a place of redemption, of resurrection and change of life. This attitude of closeness, which is rooted in the love of Christ, can foster trust, the awareness and certainty of being loved.’ *The Catholic Times (15/2)*