

**Acts 14: 21-27**

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships', they said, 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them and how he has opened the door of faith to the pagans.

**Psalm response:**

I will bless your name for ever, O God my king.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abiding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R/.**

2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing..

They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R/.**

3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **R/.**

**Apoc. 21: 1-5**

I, John, saw new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people and shall be their God; his name is God-with-them. he will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone. Then the One sitting on the throne spoke, 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you.'*  
*Alleluia!*

**John13: 31-35**

When Judas has gone Jesus said: 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By his love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'



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Sunday 19th. May 2019  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Eucharistic Prayer 3  
Psalter Week 1 - Weekday Series 1

<b>SAT.</b> 18th.	5.40 Rosary <b>6.00 pm.</b>	Mass	Private Intention
<b>SUN.</b> 19th.	9.40 Rosary <b>10.00 am.</b>	Mass	People of the Parish
<b>MON.</b> 20th.	Easter Feria 9.40 Rosary <b>10.00 am.</b>	Mass	
<b>TUES.</b> 21st	Easter Feria 9.40 Rosary <b>10.00 am.</b>	Mass	Special Intention (SAF)
<b>THURS.</b> 23rd.	Easter Feria 6.40 Rosary <b>7.00 pm.</b>	Mass	Special Intention (GSB)
<b>FRI.</b> 24th.	Easter Feria <b>10.00am.</b>	Mass	
		<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Rosary</i>	
<b>SAT.</b> 25th.	St. Bede 9.40 Rosary <b>10.00 am.</b>	Mass	Norah & Vincent Conroy RIP
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		Sunday 26th. May Sixth Sunday of Easter	
<b>SAT.</b> 25th.	<b>6.00pm.</b>	Mass	People of the Parish
		St. Mary's C of E Parish Church, H/castle	
<b>SUN.</b> 26th.	<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 Dan Cashman, Anthony Howes, Darren Whelpton, Joseph Blacoe and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

Finance:

Envelopes: £90.00      Loose: £213.67      Standing orders: £78.92

Total: £382.59 Thank you.

Clergy Formation Fund: £150.13 Many thanks

**Sunday 2nd. June** - retiring collection for World communications Sunday

£1026.72 was the amount donated last year by the holders of Red Boxes. The donations sustain our brothers and sisters serving vulnerable and marginalised people throughout the world. Jacqueline Stevens is our parish representative should you wish to take a Red Box home.

*Rosary procession this Sunday afternoon at 3.00pm. followed by light refreshments in the hall.*

Rosmini Centre House of Prayer

Healing Mass Friday 17th. May : Programme begins at 7pm.

Tuesday 21 May 7 - 8.30 pm. Fr. A. Belsito "Introduction to the Book of Ecclesiastes".

Saturday 25 May 3pm Divine Mercy chaplet and lectio on Sunday Gospel.

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

We meet from 7.00pm till 9.00pm, on **Tues. 7th. & 28th. May** 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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**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 2020:** If you are going on the deanery pilgrimage in November 2020 your deposit must be paid by the end of June 2019. The deposit is £275 per person, cheques to be made payable to Northern Star Travel Ltd. Please send them to Fr. Matthew at St Hugh's Church, and please include your address to enable him to send you a booking form. Thank you.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Blessed Sacrament Procession**

Bishop Patrick will lead the procession on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June starting at 2 pm. from St Mary's Church, Hyson Green and ending at approximately 4 pm. at St Barnabas Cathedral with prayers at the tomb of Venerable Mary Potter. Join Catholics from across the diocese as we witness to the joy of our faith through the streets of Nottingham.

### **Fatima Message Talk**

There will be a 30-minute Fatima-Marian talk at St Paul's Church on Sunday 26th May at 7pm, immediately after the Ordinarate Mass at 6 pm. The talk will be by Donal Foley, from the World Apostolate of Fatima, England and Wales, the official Fatima organisation

approved by the Church. It will look at the Fatima message in the light of Marian devotion generally, and the very important place that the Church has traditionally given to Our Lady. There will be free Fatima literature available, and some Fatima books and booklets for sale.

### ***Catholic paper snippets:***

- In a letter to priests and deacons in his Diocese, Bishop John Toal of Motherwell has said: The funeral Mass is an important moment of prayer and faith after the death of a loved one – but it is not the appropriate item for eulogies, which are better suited for the funeral reception afterwards. At the heart of the funeral liturgy, and therefore its strength, is the proclamation of the forgiveness of sin through the life, death and resurrection of Christ thereby offering hope and consolation to those who mourn. *All the papers (12/4)*
- Peruvian authorities are investigating the death of a 71 year-old De La Salle brother, Paul McAuley, whose burned body was found in a home he founded for indigenous students attending college. Responsible, also, for founding a school for low-income children in a shanty town, Br. Paul was an environmental activist. *All the papers (12/4)*
- Pax Christi called for the ceremony at Westminster Abbey marking 50 years of British nuclear weapons on patrol at sea to be either cancelled or changed to a service of repentance. The General Synod of the Church of England had already called on the Government to back the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. The Director of Pax Christi, Theresa Alessandro, said, 'We echo the words of Pope Francis regarding nuclear weapons: The threat of their use as well as their very possession is to be firmly condemned. *The Catholic Times (12/4)*
- Pope Francis commenting on conflicts in Syria, Yemen and Afghanistan said, 'A country that produces and sells weapons has on its conscience the death of every child and the destruction of each family,' referring to Europe and the United States. *The Catholic Times (12/4)*
- Jeremy Hunt has said the Government will use its Aid budget to ensure countries 'make progress on religious freedom' as a new report highlights the persecution of Christians around the world. 80% of people suffering for their religious beliefs are Christian according to the report. *The Catholic Times (12/4)*
- In March, President Obrador of Mexico, newly appointed, asked for an apology from Spain and the Vatican for the abuses committed during the 16<sup>th</sup> century conquest of his country. In response, Fr. Hugo Valdemar, an official in the Archdiocese of Mexico City, said that Spanish missionaries had 'brought the greatest thing we Mexicans have; faith in Jesus Christ, and therefore access to eternal salvation.' The Spanish had suppressed 'the diabolical barbarism of human sacrifices and the darkness of idolatry' whilst preserving the best of indigenous culture. *The Catholic Herald (12/4)*

*Thought for the week:*

Union (*with God*) is not a place we go to later, if we are good. Union is the place from which we come, the place from which we're called to live now.

*Richard Rohr OFM*