

Isaiah 62: 1-5

About Zion I will not be silent.
About Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.
The nations will then see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and you land 'The Wedded'
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land shall have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

Psalm response:

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord
among all the peoples.

- 1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. *R/.*
- 2. Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the people. *R/.*
- 3. Give the Lord you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name. *R/.*
- 4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. *R/.*

1 Cor. 12: 4-11

There is a variety of gifts, but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of

preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing given by this same Spirit; one the power of miracles; another prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit Lord,
and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!*

John 2: 1-11

There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now,' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first and keep the cheaper sort until the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.' This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen and his disciples believed in him.



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Sunday 20th. January 2019
Second Sunday of the Year
Eucharistic Prayer 2
Psalter Week 2 - Weekday Series 1

SAT. 19th.	6.00 pm. St. Mary's C of E Parish Church Horncastle	Mass	Private Intention
SUN. 20th.	10.00 am.	Mass	People of the Parish
MON. 21st.	St. Agnes 10.00 am.	Mass	Grace Cottrell RIP
TUES. 22nd.	Feria 10.00 am.	Mass	Ken Thackray RIP
THURS. 24th.	St. Francis de Sales 7.00 pm.	Mass	Deceased Relatives/Friends
FRI. 25th.	Conversion of St. Paul 10.00am. <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass	Fr. Frank Higgins Ints.
SAT. 26th.	Ss. Timothy & Titus 10.00 am.	Mass	Special Intention

Sunday 27th. January
Third Sunday of the Year

SAT. 26th.	6.00pm. St. Mary's C of E Parish Church, H/castle	Mass	Private Intention
SUN. 27th.	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 Mary O'Leary, Dorothy Fuller and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

Finance:

Envelopes: £141.21 Loose: £232.02 Standing orders: £78.92

Total: £454.15 Thank you.

There will be a retiring collection for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund this weekend.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity commences on Friday 18th January through to Friday 25th January. An Ecumenical Service will be held in the Methodist chapel, Woodhall Spa, at 3.00pm **this** Sunday, 20th. Please do try to attend.

Annual "Valentine" Marriage Mass

The Annual Diocesan Marriage Mass, where married couples are able to renew their vows before the Bishop and receive his blessing on their marriages, will take place on **Sunday 10th February, 3pm at St Barnabas Cathedral**. This Mass is open to all couples who have received the sacrament of marriage and their families, but is especially appropriate to those recently married, or celebrating a significant anniversary or those who simply wish to renew their vows. Please just turn up on the day, but if you want more information do not hesitate to contact Fr David Palmer, Chair of the Marriage and family Life Commission at: catholicdavid@mac.com or 0115 9786236

Before Christmas, the Catholic Bishops of England & Wales put out the following statement which alerts EU citizens to the action they need to take should they wish to remain in this country after Brexit:-

The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all EU citizens who have made their home here. As the majority are themselves Catholic this is a special pastoral concern for us. The Church has experienced first-hand the extensive contribution that people from across Europe have made to our society. They are an integral and valued part of our parishes, schools and communities. We also recognise the evidence that immigration from Europe has not undermined opportunities for UK citizens, but rather brought considerable economic and social benefits. It is clear that since the 2016 referendum many people living here have faced profound uncertainty and insecurity about their future. Although the reassurances offered by senior politicians are important, people have been given far too little information or binding commitments about their right to stay. For some this has been worsened by the appalling rise in hate crime, which has left them feeling unwelcome or even threatened in the country that has become their home. **The Settlement Scheme** The government will soon launch a Settlement Scheme, offering EU citizens living here a legal route to remain. While this is an important step, we understand that, especially for people who have contributed to our society over many years, it may feel unjust and divisive that they are now required to apply for permission to stay. We also expect that some people, particularly those who are already vulnerable, may face difficulties in practically accessing the scheme, leaving their immigration status at risk. We strongly oppose the decision to charge people for securing the rights they already have. This is not only unprincipled but will also create a barrier for larger families or people facing financial difficulties. The Bishops' Conference has made representations on these issues to ministers and through the Home Office working groups set up to discuss the Settlement Scheme. We will continue to do so as it is implemented.

Applying for the scheme Notwithstanding our concerns about these principles and

practicalities, it remains a fact that EU citizens must apply if they are to protect their existing rights and their place in our society. We therefore ask Catholic parishes, schools and organisations to bring the Settlement Scheme to the attention of all who need to avail of it and to be aware of vulnerable people who may face barriers to applying or not realise that they need to apply.

In particular we encourage you to signpost people towards the official information on the Settlement Scheme: gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families And to make use of the various information resources available: 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 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:

- A feature highlighted the work of women Religious in various fields throughout the world. 'If they were united in a single Non-Governmental Organisation, they would be by far the world's largest. Yet they remain the best-kept secret of the anti-slavery movement. The reason? In short, Sisters don't boast, as anyone who has worked on the front line of the Church's poverty relief, education of HIV prevention will confirm.' *The Catholic Herald* (14/12)
- The Catholic Church in England and Wales has condemned the Government's settlement scheme for EU citizens saying that charging them to secure a right to stay in Britain after Brexit is 'unprincipled.' For people who have contributed to our society over a number of years now having to apply for permission to stay in Britain may feel 'unjust and divisive,' said Bishop Paul McAleenan, the episcopal lead for migration and asylum issues. The Government has announced that EU citizens aged 16+ will be charged £65, while those under 16 will pay £32.50. *The Catholic Times* (21/12)
- World leaders have been accused of failing to listen to the cries of the poor and those on the frontline of the climate crisis following the 24th UN Climate change Conference in Katowice, Poland. A statement from CAFOD said, 'the leaders achieved the minimum of what is needed, but is nowhere near what is required. We need immediate and transformational action to keep global warming below 1.5C. *All the papers* (21/12)