

**Wis. 2: 12. 17-20**

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and oppresses our way of life, and reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. let us test him with cruelty and torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

**Psalm response:**

The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth. **R/.**

2. For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. **R/.**

3. But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. **R/.**

**Jas. 3: 16-4:3**

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition you find disharmony and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers when they work for peace sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between

yourself first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and you don't get it, it is because you don't pray properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord,  
any one who follows me  
will have the light of life.  
Alleluia!*

**Mark 9: 30-37**

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be the first he must make himself the last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him and said to them 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me, welcomes not me, but the one who sent me.'



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Sunday 23rd. September 2018  
Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year  
Eucharistic Prayer 3  
Psalter Week 1 - Weekday Series 2

<b>SAT.</b> 22nd.	<b>6.00 pm.</b>	Mass	Private Intention
<b>SUN.</b> 23rd.	<b>10.00 am.</b>	St. Mary's C of E Parish Church Horncastle	Mass
<b>MON.</b> 24th.	<b>10.00 am.</b>	Our Lady of Walsingham	Special Intention
<b>TUES.</b> 25th.	<b>10.00 am.</b>	Feria	Eric Weatherall RIP
<b>THURS.</b> 27th.	<b>7.00pm.</b>	St. Vincent de Paul	Tony Monaghan RIP
<b>FRI.</b> 28th.	<b>10.00am.</b>	Feria	Louis McQuade RIP
<b>SAT.</b> 29th.	<b>10.00 am.</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Jock Watret RIP
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Sunday 30th. September Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year			
<b>SAT.</b> 29th.	<b>6.00pm.</b>	Mass	People of the Parish
<b>SUN.</b> 30th.	<b>10.00 am.</b>	St. Mary's C of E Parish Church, H/castle	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 Florence Kelly, Louis McQuade and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

Finance:

Envelopes: £182.00      Loose: £178.80      Standing orders: £78.92

Total: £ 439.72 Thank you.

*Home Mission Sunday collection raised £ 151.64 Thank you*

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Friday, October 5th

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society has written to thank you for the £150 raised in support of their emergency appeal on behalf of the people of Kerala, India.

**“Churches Without Walls”**

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

We will meet from 7.00pm till 9.00pm, on Tuesday 4th. & 25th. September 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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Diocesan Day of Renewal on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018**, from 10.00 – 17.30 at St. Mary's Primary Academy, Wellington Street, Grimsby, DN32 7JX.

We are delighted to welcome Monsignor John Armitage, the Rector of the National Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham and Father Paul Keene, Vice-Rector of Oscott College as our speakers. The day will include workshops & seminars, Holy Mass, praise and time for prayer.

**Faith Hub – for Lincolnshire Catholics**

We are looking for young adults (including parents) aged 18 – 35 who are interested in building a community of like-minded Catholics in our county. Meetings are held every two weeks, the next being Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7pm at Our Lady of Lincoln RC Church, Laughton Way, Lincoln LN2 2HE. Please contact [info.faithhub@gmail.com](mailto:info.faithhub@gmail.com) for more information. Please come and join us!

You have to laugh at the things that hurt you just to keep yourself in balance, just to keep the world from running you plumb crazy. -Ken Kesey, novelist (17 Sep 1935-2001)

**FRIDAY 12th. OCTOBER - 6.30pm. in the hall**

Come and enjoy a sing-along & hat-along — yes, a hat-along!

Sing whilst wearing a super/favourite hat  
(not compulsory, but recommended)

eat sumptuous food - enjoy the best company!

MUSIC - FOOD - GLASS OF WINE

RAFFLE - PRIZE FOR THE BEST HAT

ALL FOR £6.50 - BARGAIN!

Tickets available after Mass



**Catholic paper snippets:**

At the National Eucharistic Congress held in Liverpool's Echo Arena 7-9<sup>th</sup> September, during a reflection before the Blessed Sacrament, Cardinal Nichols prayed for the forgiveness of bishops who had brought 'the face of evil' into the Catholic Church by allowing or carrying out acts of abuse; such leaders, he said, had sowed 'hurt, damage and mistrust.' Speaking as a bishop, the Cardinal also said, 'As bishops, we are bound to each other. I come as a beggar, seeking forgiveness, laying the load of hurt, damage and mistrust we have caused at the foot of the cross.' *The Catholic Times* (14/9)

In 2014, Belgium's Parliament voted to remove age restrictions on euthanasia. A new report has revealed three children aged 7,9 and 17, have been euthanised. In general, the number of cases euthanasia has increased year-on-year. Earlier this year, a doctor resigned from Belgium's Federal commission for Euthanasia Control and Evaluation in protest at the unchecked killings of those suffering with dementia, also citing the case of a patient suffering with Parkinson's disease, whilst not having requested euthanasia himself nevertheless had his life ended at the request of his family; the Committee took no action. *The Universe* (3/8) *The Catholic Herald* also carried a report about the situation in Belgium which began: 'One striking thing about modern Western societies is how quickly bioethical practices that would once have been shocking quickly become unremarkable. It happened with abortion, it happened with embryo selection, and now it is happening with euthanasia. . . . Pro-lifers who warn against weakening the legal protection offered to all human life are often accused of believing in the supposed 'slippery slope fallacy.' But the Belgian experience over the 16 years since euthanasia was introduced suggests that logical slippery slopes do exist.' A large number of people with depression and personality disorders who are not terminally ill have undergone euthanasia. The article concludes; 'It is little wonder that British assisted suicide campaigners are so reluctant to talk about Belgium.' (3/8)