

Micah 5: 1-4

The Lord says this:
You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.
The Lord is therefore going to abandon
them
til the time when she who is give birth gives
birth.
Then the remnant of his brothers will come
back
to the sons of Israel.
He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.
They will live secure, for from then on he will
extend his power
to the ends of the land.
He himself will be peace.

Psalms response:

God of hosts bring us back,
let your light shine on us and we shall be
saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord rouse up your might,
O Lord come to our help. **R/.**

2. God of hosts, turn again we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R/.**

3. May your hand be on the man you have
chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your
name. **R/.**

Heb. 10: 5-10

This is what Christ said on coming into the
world:
You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.
You took no pleasure in holocausts or
sacrifices for sin:

then I said,
just as I was commanded in the scroll of the
book,
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your
will.'
Notice that he says first: You did not want
what the Law lays down as the things to be
offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations,
the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin and
you took no pleasure in them; and then he
says: 'Here I am! I am coming to obey your
will. he is abolishing the first sort to replace it
with the second. And this will was for us to
be made holy by the offering of his body
made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

*Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me.
Alleluia!*

Luke 1: 39-44

Mary set out and went as quickly as she
could to a town in the hill country of Judah.
She went into Zechariah's house and
greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as
Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting the child
leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled
with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and
said, 'Of all women you are the most
blessed and blessed is the fruit of your
womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit
from the mother of my Lord? For the
moment your greeting reached my ears, the
child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed
is she who believed that the promise made
her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'



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Sunday 23rd. December 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Eucharistic Prayer 2
Psalter Week 4 - Weekday Series 2

SAT. 22nd.	6.00pm. St. Mary's C of E Parish Church Horncastle	Mass	Private Intention
SUN. 23rd.	10.00am.	Mass	People of the Parish
MON. 24th.	Advent Feria 10.00am. 6.00pm. 6.30pm.	Mass Carols Mass	Norah & Vincent Conroy RIP Private Intention
	8.30 pm. 9.00pm.	Carols Mass	Margaret & Louis Branney RIP
	St. Mary's C of E Parish Church Horncastle		
TUES. 25th.	Nativity of the Lord 10.00 am.	Mass	People of the Parish
THURS. 27th.	St. Stephen	No Mass	
FRI. 28th.	Holy Innocents 10.00 am.	Mass	Deceased Relatives/ Friends
SAT. 29th.	St. Thomas Becket 10.00 am.	Mass	Sue & John Taylor's Ints.

Sunday 30th. December 2018
The Holy Family

SAT. 29th.	6.00pm. St. Mary's C of E Parish Church, H/castle	Mass	People of the Parish
SUN. 30th	10.00 am.	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.
The sick : Please tell the priest if a member of your family is seriously ill.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frieda da Gloria and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

Finance:

Envelopes: £176.00 Loose: £202.50 Standing orders: £78.92

Total: £457.42 Thank you.

Collection for the Poor & Needy Parishes raised £215.22 Thank you

A £10 donation has been made to raise the Parish Fayre account to £1000.29.

On Sunday 30th. January there will be a **Super Cake Sunday**.

An opportunity to come together and get 2018 off to the best start with cakes of all sorts before the New Year resolutions kick in and to thank you for your generosity and support of our parish during the last year.

A completely **FREE** parish event with no raffle!!

It would be good to see you all.

"Churches Without Walls"

Centering Prayer & Contemplative Meditation: Open to All

We meet from 7.00pm till 9.00pm. on **Tues. 22nd. Jan. 2019** and 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".

For more details, and any questions or enquiries, etc, please contact Rev Sue Allison email: susan.333allison@btinternet.com) and/or Rev Deacon James Hunter email: james.hunter200@btinternet.com

Thought for the week:

Let the spirit of Mary be in each one to exult in the Lord.

St. Ambrose

Catholic paper snippets:

- A study by the Arise Foundation has revealed that 172 members of religious institutes – 144 women and 28 men – are providing frontline services to people who have fallen prey to traffickers. Prime Minister Theresa May has praised the 'extraordinary global contribution' of nuns to the anti-slavery movement. In addition, 16 religious congregations have provided 29 properties which are being used as safehouses where victims can find refuge and start to rebuild their lives. The Arise Foundation was co-founded by Catholic philanthropist John Studzinski CBE. The religious are active in the worst-affected parts of the world as well as in countries of destination. *All the papers (16/11)*
- The Government risks 'ghettoising' faith perspectives by not including them in plans for relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education, the Church of England has warned. According to the CoE, the lack of encouragement for non-faith schools to teach religious perspectives on relationships could create prejudice. It raised the concerns as it published its response to the Government's consultation on draft guidance for RSE. *The Catholic Times (16/11)*
- The brutality of the First World War is a lesson that the world has yet to learn, said Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square on Remembrance Sunday. World War I is a chapter in history that serves as a dire warning and a call for world leaders 'to reject the culture of war and to seek every legitimate means to put an end to the conflicts that still stain many regions of the world with blood. . . It seems we do not learn. . Let us invest in peace.' *All the papers (16/11)*
- Israel passed a law in July which establishes that 'the right to exercise national determination in Israel is unique to the Jewish people,' that Jewish settlement is a 'national value,' mandating the state to 'encourage and promote its establishment and development.' The law also establishes Hebrew as Israel's only official language, down grading Arabic to 'special status.' Catholic bishops of the Holy Land have called for the law's repeal because non-Jews are also citizens of Israel and should be treated on an equal basis. Non-Jews include Muslims, Christians, Druze and Baha'i. *The Catholic Times (16/11)*
- Since the Holy See signed an agreement with China in September, much grim news has emerged. Reliable sources report the authorities in Hebei province have detained at least four underground priests for refusing to join the State controlled Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association (CPCA). Those defending the agreement point out the police have arrested underground bishops and clergy for the purpose of indoctrination for decades and that it is unrealistic to expect the oppression to end overnight. Cardinal Zen, retired Bishop of Hong Kong, a critic of the agreement, has written to Pope Francis stating the agreement has plunged the underground Church into crisis. Some Chinese officials were contacting Catholics, who had remained loyal to Rome despite persecution, telling them that, according to the agreement, they were required to join CPCA. As the pact's details have not been published, the underground faithful were unsure whether obedience to the Pope required them to comply. However, there are those who believe it is local leaders who are seeking to sabotage the Beijing-Vatican agreement. *Watch this space, as they say. All the papers (16/11)*