

1 Sam. 26:2.7-9.12-13.22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one strike! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of a mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for their uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Psalm response:

The Lord is compassion and love.

1 Cor. 15: 45-49

The first man Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart O Lord
to accept the swords of your Son.
Alleluia!*

Luke 6: 27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead love your enemies and do good, lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon and you will be pardoned. Give and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.



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Sunday 24th. February 2019
Seventh Sunday of the Year
Eucharistic Prayer 3
Psalter Week 3 - Weekday Series 1

SAT. 23rd.	6.00 pm. St. Mary's C of E Parish Church Horncastle	Mass	Frank Doran RIP
SUN. 24th.	10.00 am.	Mass	People of the Parish
MON. 25th.	Feria 10.00 am.	Mass	Deceased Relatives/Friends List
TUES. 26th.	Feria 10.00 am.	Mass	The people of Yemen
THURS. 28th.	Feria 7.00 pm.	Mass	The people of Venezuela
FRI. 1st. Mar.	St. David 10.00am. <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass	Special intention
SAT. 2nd.	Feria 10.00 am.	Mass	Mary Martin RIP

Sunday 3rd. March Seventh Sunday of the Year			
SAT. 2nd.	6.00pm. St. Mary's C of E Parish Church, H/castle	Mass	People of the Parish
SUN. 3rd.	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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bertha Taylor, Elsie Kipling and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

Finance:

Envelopes: £140.03 Loose: £225.05 Standing orders: £78.92

Total: £443.00 Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE: During the season of Lent, we will say the Apostles Creed instead of the Nicene Creed.

First Sunday Coffee — Next Sunday there will be cake for sale, 50p. per slice/cake with the usual tea & coffee.

World Day of Prayer (a change of name from Women's World Day of Prayer) is to be held at 2.00pm on Friday, 1st March in the Methodist chapel, Woodhall Spa. All welcome.

World Day of Prayer in Horncastle will be held at 2pm. on **Friday 8th. March** in Horncastle Methodist Chapel, Queen St. All welcome.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) - Lincoln Branch Meeting. All welcome to come and join us in our pro-life campaigns and activities. **7pm Tuesday 26th February** at the **Parish Centre, Our Lady of Lincoln Church**, Laughton Way, Lincoln, LN2 2HE. For further information contact Julie Rogers on 07465 440171.

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

LINCOLN DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

4th - 11th November 2020

Fr Matthew Jakes is planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land for **2020** and he hopes that some of you will be able to make the pilgrimage with him. The cost per person is £1,000.00 and includes: return flights Luton - Tel Aviv; five nights half board at the 4* Hotel Bethlehem - two nights half board at the Hotel Tiberius. (Single room supplement of £250.00). On the pilgrimage we will visit the birthplaces of Jesus Christ, and St John the Baptist, the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, Golgotha and the tomb of our Lord, go on a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee etc. If you are interested in going please let Fr Matthew know either by email: office@sthughslincoln.org.uk or telephone: 01522528961.

If you would like a copy of the itinerary please let him know. Thank you.

Did you know - It takes 2,700 litres of water to make one cotton Tee shirt.
Do you really **need** that new Tee shirt?

Churches Without Walls

Centering Prayer & Contemplative Meditation: Open to All

We will meet from 7.00pm till 9.00pm on **Tuesday 5th. & 26th. Feb.** 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:

- 27 Catholic bishops and 27 Anglican bishops met in Leicester from 16-17th January to explore a range of subjects in addition to Ecumenical ties. Cardinal Nichols, Archbishops Welby and Sentamu were among those in attendance. One of the discussion topics was how they might work together to address issues of national importance, including the UK's relationship with the EU, recognising the unique role the Church plays as an instrument of reconciliation. It was a time of prayer, laughter and mutual support remarked one of those present. *The Universe (25/1)*
- Pakistani churches that fail to make their own security arrangements risk being closed down. The Government of Punjab province has asked churches to make such arrangements as per Government standards by the end of March. Several churches have been attacked in the past resulting in hundreds of people losing their lives. However, the Government has failed to bring the perpetrators to justice and is shifting security responsibility to the churches. *The Catholic Times (25/1)*
- Despite a second global abortion provider being embroiled in scandal, it has continued to receive funding from the UK's Department for International Development (Dfid). The International Planned Parenthood Foundation received £132 million. The 'Times' newspaper has revealed the organisation is being investigated for allegations of sexual misconduct and corruption. Lord David Alton observed, 'it would seem the Government is not running proper due diligence on UK aid programmes funding abortions' calling on the Government to end its relationship with the abortion industry and divert the millions it is giving to provide real, practical and emotional support to women facing an unplanned pregnancy. In Kenya, their Medical Board issued a cease and desist letter to Dfid funded Marie Stopes International last November. *The Universe (25/1)*
- The Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli has revealed that during his youth he was an agnostic but in reading a work by Russian writer Leo Tolstoy, 'A Confession,' as well as his other works, he was able to reconnect with his faith (*There are, of course, other ways to reconnect.*) He said, 'To believe that life is determined by chance is not only unsuitable but illogical and not very sensible.' *The Universe (25/1)*

Thought for the week:

The Lord has coloured his words with many hues so that each person who studies it can see in it what he loves.

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