

Ex. 3: 1-8. 13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing, but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look and God called to him from the middle of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' he answered. 'Come no nearer', he said. 'Take off your shoes for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the Lord of your father,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This,' he added, 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Psalm response:

The Lord is compassion and love.

2 Cor. 10: 1-6. 10-12

I want to remind you brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same

spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down as a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful he does not fall.

Glory to you O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Glory to you O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Luke 13: 1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose that those Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on who the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose they were more guilty than all the other people who lived in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told them this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it, but found none. He said to the man who was looking after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up this ground?" "Sir," the man replied, "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down." '



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Sunday 24th. March 2019
Third Sunday of Lent
Eucharistic Prayer 2
Psalter Week 3 - Weekday Series 1

SAT. 23rd.	6.00 pm. St. Mary's C of E Parish Church Horncastle	Mass	People of the Parish
SUN. 24th.	10.00 am.	Mass	Private Intention
MON. 25th.	The Annunciation 10.00 am.	Mass	Special Intention
TUES. 26th.	Lenten Feria 10.00 am.	Mass	Vince Smith RIP
THURS. 28th.	Lenten Feria 7.00 pm.	Mass	Special Intention (GSB)
FRI. 29th.	Lenten Feria 10.00am. <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	Mass	
SAT. 30th.	Lenten Feria 10.00 am.	Mass	Norah & Vincent Conroy RIP

Sunday 31st. March
Fourth Sunday of Lent

SAT. 30th.	6.00pm. St. Mary's C of E Parish Church, H/castle	Mass	Private Intention
SUN. 31st.	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 soul Joan Weightman, William Maher, Joseph Bradley of and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

Finance:

Envelopes: £213.85 Loose: £172.09 Standing orders: £78.92

Total: £464.86 Thank you.

CAFOD Lenten Fast Day raised £401.50 - great generosity, thank you

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

Thursday 11th. April there will be Mass at Lincoln Cathedral at 7.30pm.

*You are very good and generous, soooo..... during Lent and Eastertide there will be **no charge** for tea & coffee in the hall after Mass.*

CLOCKS MOVE FORWARD AN HOUR NEXT WEEKEND!!!

Churches Without Walls

Centering Prayer & Contemplative Meditation: Open to All

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

Deacon James' email: james.hunter200@btinternet.com

What is Lent - Is it digging?

If you would like to offer your thoughts or listen to other's thoughts or maybe do both come to the presbytery on Monday at 2.00pm. and join in the talk - no longer than an hour.

Unusually for a parish event there will be NO tea or coffee

During Lent the church will be open for personal prayer from 9.00 to 10.00 each morning.

COACH TO THE CHRISM MASS 17th April 2019

There will be a coach going to St Barnabas Cathedral for the Chrism Mass on Wednesday 17th April leaving Our Lady of Lincoln at 8:30am, Unity Square at 8:40am and Saints Peter and Paul 8:55am.

If you would like a ticket for the coach please contact

Our Lady of Lincoln parish office on 01522 522971.

Tickets are £7.50 each

Calendar note:

We don't see things as they are, we see them as we are.

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 March** at the **Parish Centre, Our Lady of Lincoln Church**, Loughton Way, Lincoln, LN2 2HE. For further information contact Julie Rogers on 07465 440171.

Catholic paper snippets:

- Pope Francis said his recent visit to the United Arab Emirates, while brief, was a new page in Christian – Muslim relations at a time when conflict and violence threaten the goal of lasting peace. The Pope signed a joint document with the Egyptian Sheik Ahmad el-Tayeb, the grand imam of al-Azhar and chair of the Muslim Council of Elders which the Pontiff described as a step forward in promoting dialogue and brotherhood. 'In an age like ours, in which there is a strong temptation to see a clash between Christian and Islamic civilisations taking place, and to consider religions as a source of conflict, we wanted to give another clear sign that, on the contrary, it is possible to meet, respect and dialogue with each other, and that, despite the diversity of cultures and traditions, the Christian and Islamic worlds appreciate and protect common values: life, the family, religious belief, honour for the elderly and much more.,' said the Pope. *The Catholic Times (15/2)*
- A study by Loughborough University suggested three quarters of lone parent families had earnings too low to meet their minimum needs – up by 65% since the financial crisis in 2008. And the number of single women in their early 60s living below the minimum standard of living was found to have doubled in the last decade. Compared with 10 years ago, 2 million more people are on incomes too low to have an 'acceptable' standard of living. *The Universe (15/2)*
- A judge has ruled against an American diocese objecting to the federal Government surveying land next to a historic church on the border with Mexico to build a border wall. The wall would put the church on the Southern side preventing access from the North. The diocesan lawyers have said the wall would violate the religious rights of the church's worshippers. *The Catholic Herald (15/2)*
- There has been a series of attacks on French churches. The first took place in Nimes where the tabernacle was broken open and the Blessed Sacrament desecrated. A Dijon church suffered a similar attack whilst statues were damaged in Lavour and Houilles. *The Catholic Herald (15/2)*
- It is 90 years since the historic signing of the Lateran Pacts between the Holy See and Italy which ended decades of tension between Italy and the Holy See. The agreement established the independent state of the Vatican City and guaranteed its sovereignty. *The Catholic Times (15/2)*
- The news of Pope Francis signing a decree recognising a second miracle attributable to the intercession of Blessed John Henry Newman held the front page of *The Catholic Times (22/2)* but was reported in all the papers. Blessed Newman was born in London in 1801 and ordained an Anglican priest in 1825. He was a leader in the Oxford Movement in the 1830's which emphasised the Catholic roots of Anglicanism. After a succession of clashes with Anglican bishops, John Newman joined the Catholic Church in 1845 and was ordained priest in 1846. Pope Leo XIII made him a cardinal in 1879.
- The Duke of Cambridge has been named as the royal patron of the Catholic homeless charity, The Passage, which has helped more than 130,000 people in crisis over almost 40 years. As a young man, Prince William made numerous public and private visits to the Centre. *All the papers (22/2)*