

**Acts 5: 12-16**

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the street and laid on beds and sleeping mats in the hope that even the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits and all of them were cured.

**Psalm response:**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

**Apoc. 1:9-13. 17-19**

My name is John and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me and I heard a voice behind me shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me and when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist by a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.*

*Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.*

*Alleluia!*

**John 20: 19-31**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the door was closed in the room where the disciples were for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

As the Father sent me,  
so I am sending you.'

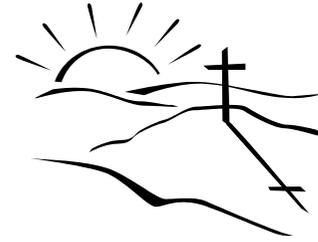
After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain they are retained.'

Thomas called the Twin who was one of the Twelve was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes the nails made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer, but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



*This was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.*

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Sunday 28th. April 2019  
Second Sunday of Easter  
Eucharistic Prayer 2  
Psalter Week 2 - Weekday Series 2

<b>SAT.</b> 27th.	<b>6.00 pm.</b> St. Mary's C of E Parish Church Horncastle	Mass	Private Intention
<b>SUN.</b> 28th.	<b>10.00 am.</b>	Mass	People of the Parish
<b>MON.</b> 29th.	St. Catherine <b>10.00 am.</b>	Mass	
<b>TUES.</b> 30th.	St. George <b>10.00am.</b>	Mass	Special Intention
<b>THURS.</b> 2nd. May	6.40 Rosary St. Athanasius <b>7.00 pm.</b>	Mass	Norah & Vincent Conroy RIP
<b>FRI.</b> 3rd.	Ss. Philip & James <b>10.00 am.</b>	Mass	
	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary</i>		
<b>SAT.</b> 4th.	9.40 Rosary English Martyrs <b>10.00am.</b>	Mass	Brien Riley RIP

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Sunday 5th. May 2019  
Third Sunday of Easter

<b>SAT.</b> 4th.	<b>6.00pm.</b> St. Mary's C of E Parish Church, H/castle		Private Intention
<b>SUN.</b> 5th.	<b>10.00 am.</b>	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.

The sick : Please tell the priest if a member of your family is seriously ill.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Giovanna Ferrera, Ray Bazley and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

**Finance:**

*Thank you for your generosity this Easter, it is deeply appreciated.*

Good Friday collection for the Holy Places raised £150.45 Thank you.

**Red Boxes to be emptied in May. Please remember to bring your box and please check that your name is on the box enabling you to reclaim it!!**

**Divine Mercy devotions** this Sunday - Our Lady of Lincoln 3.00pm. followed by Mass at 4.00pm.

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

2019 marks the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of St. Barnabas Cathedral, built 1841-1844 to the designs of AWN Pugin and funded by the Earl of Shrewsbury. On Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, Cardinal Nichols will celebrate Mass at 11.30am in the Cathedral with Archbishop McMahon preaching. **Two parishioners are invited to attend** and be seated by 10.45am. If you would like to be one of those two, please let Fr. John know as soon as possible. Should there be a demand, names will be drawn from 'a hat'.

**“Churches Without Walls”**  
**Centering Prayer & Contemplative Meditation: Open to All**

We meet from 7.00pm till 9.00pm, on 7<sup>th</sup>. & 28<sup>th</sup>. May, then every 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> (not 5<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday of each month, thereafter, at Holy Trinity Collegiate Church, Sleaford Road, **Tattershall LN4 4LR**

**“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.**

**Catholic paper snippets:**

- A recent poll among members of the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) found that 31.6% were in favour of the College adopting a pro-assisted suicide policy, while 43.4 were opposed with 25% being neutral. A question asking doctors if they would like to see British Law changed to allow assisted suicide, 49.1% opposed, 40.5% were in favour with 10.4% undecided. The results show that the views of RCP members and fellows are virtually unchanged since 2014. Andrew Goddard, president of the RCP, said, 'Adopting a neutral position will mean that we can reflect the differing opinions among our membership. Neutral means the RCP neither supports nor opposes a change in the law.' Four doctors who contested the adopted neutral position on the grounds it was the minority stance had their challenge rejected by the High Court. Baroness Finlay and Lord Carile who co-chair 'Living and Dying Well' were highly critical of the change of stance and questioned the change of rules governing previous consultations; a change, they say, set 'under pressure from campaigners for assisted suicide. . . . prompting the former chair of the college's ethics committee to describe this consultation as a 'sham'. Since the consultation's inception, the potential for voting irregularities has also come to light, casting further doubt on the credibility of this entire exercise.' *All the papers (29/3)*
- As a result of Britain's Royal College of Physicians' decision to adopt neutral stance on assisted suicide the procedure by which it was made, three members of the ethics committee have stood down as their recommendation had been ignored. Some doctors are preparing a legal challenge to the decision. *All the papers (12/4)*
- Scientists from seven countries have called for a worldwide ban on the use of gene editing in stamping out inherited diseases or to create 'designer' babies so that 'technical, scientific, medical, societal, ethical and moral issues' can be considered. A moratorium would also provide breathing space allowing international guidelines to be established. Germline gene editing involves making alterations to inherited DNA that is passed down to future generations. Societal impacts of clinical germline editing 'could be considerable' with parents being put under 'powerful peer and marketing pressure' to enhance their children's abilities. The introduction of genetic modifications into future generations could have 'permanent and possibly harmful effects on the species' warns 18 scientists and ethicists in an article in the journal 'Nature' as they call for a ban; 'even if carried out for sound medical reasons, germline gene editing is fraught with risk. Variants that reduce the risk of some diseases often increase the risk of others.' *The Catholic Universe (29/3)*

*Calendar note:*

There is no failure except in no longer trying