

**Jer. 31: 7-9**

The Lord says this:  
Shout with joy for Jacob!  
Hail the chief of nations!  
Proclaim! Praise! Shout!  
'The Lord has saved his people,  
the remnant of Israel!'  
See, I will bring them back  
from the land of the North  
and gather them from the far ends of the  
earth;  
all of them: the blind and the lame,  
women with child, women in labour:  
a great company returning here.  
They had left in tears, I will comfort them  
as I lead them back;  
I will guide them to streams of water,  
by a smooth path where they will not  
stumble.  
For I am a Father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

**Psalm response:**

What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from  
bondage,  
it seemed like dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **R/.**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What  
marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **R/.**
3. Deliver us O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are owing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **R/.**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying the seed for the sowing.  
They come back, they come back, full of  
song,  
carrying their sheaves. **R/.**

**Heb. 5: 1-6**

Every high priest has been taken out of  
mankind and appointed to act for men in  
their relations with God, to offer gifts and  
sacrifices for sins; and so he can  
sympathise with those who are ignorant or  
uncertain because he too lives in the  
limitations of weakness. This is why he has  
to make sin offerings for himself as well as  
for the people. No one takes this honour on  
himself, but each one is called by God, as  
Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the  
glory of becoming high priest, but he had it  
from the one who said to him: You are my  
Son, today I have become your father and  
in another text: you are a priest of the order  
of Melchizedek and for ever.

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Our Saviour Jesus Christ abolished death,  
and he has proclaimed life through the  
Good News.  
Alleluia!*

**Mark 10: 46-52**

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and  
a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is son of  
Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the  
side of the road. When he heard it was  
Jesus of Nazareth he began to shout and  
say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.'  
And many of them scolded him and told  
him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all  
the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.'  
Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So  
they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they  
said, 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing  
off his cloak, he jumped up and went to  
Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you  
want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind  
man said to him, 'Master, let me see again.'  
Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved  
you.' And immediately his sight returned  
and he followed him along the road.



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Sunday 28th. October 2018  
Thirtieth Sunday of the Year  
Eucharistic Prayer 2  
Psalter Week 2 - Weekday Series 2

<b>SAT.</b> 27th.	5.40pm. Rosary <b>6.00 pm.</b>	Mass	People of the Parish
		St. Mary's C of E Parish Church Horncastle	
<b>SUN.</b> 28th.	9.40am. Rosary <b>10.00 am.</b>	Mass	Private Intention
<b>MON.</b> 29th	9.40am. Rosary Feria <b>10.00 am.</b>	Mass	Norah & Vincent Conroy <b>RIP</b>
<b>TUES.</b> 30th.	9.40am. Rosary Feria <b>10.00 am.</b>	Mass	Nestor Calderon RIP
<b>WED.</b> 31st.	<b>6.00pm.</b>	Vigil Mass	
		St. Mary's H/castle	
<b>THURS.</b> 1st. Nov.	All Saints <b>10.00 am.</b> <b>7.00 pm.</b>	Mass Mass	People of the Parish
<b>FRI.</b> 2nd.	All Souls <b>10.00am.</b>	Mass	Holy Souls
		<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
<b>SAT.</b> 3rd.	<b>10.00 am.</b>	Mass	Deceased Relatives/Friends

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Sunday 4th. November  
Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year

<b>SAT.</b> 3rd.	<b>6.00pm.</b>	Mass	Private Intention
		St. Mary's C of E Parish Church, H/castle	
<b>SUN.</b> 4th.	<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 - at least.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

Finance:

Envelopes: £189.70      Loose: £213.75      Standing orders: £78.92

Total: £482.37 Thank you.

MISSIO COLLECTION: 137.64

**RED BOXES** Jackie has pointed out that it is time for their emptying – Could box holders please bring them in asap, and certainly before the end of October. Many thanks.

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

'**Let Earth be Glad**', the Justice and Peace Commission's annual assembly, is on 10 November 2018 at St Hugh's in Lincoln, a short walk from the railway station. Come and join other Catholics who care about justice, peace and care for creation. With Graham Gordon, CAFOD's Head of Public Policy, and Cllr Chris Burke, recent Mayor of Lincoln, we'll imagine what a 'zero-carbon' diocese will look like. Join us for a day of inspiration, challenge and networking, opening with Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick. Share exciting new plans for justice and peace in the diocese. Booking is free at [jpnottingham.eventbrite.co.uk](http://jpnottingham.eventbrite.co.uk) or call 07470 907656.

LADIES DAY - with the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal.

Saturday 10th November beginning with Mass at 10am.

Our Lady of Lincoln Church, Laughton Way Lincoln LN2 2HE.

Please phone the parish office 01522 522971 to let us know you are wishing to attend (for catering purposes).

**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. **7.30pm Tuesday 30th October 2018** at the **Parish Centre, Our Lady of Lincoln Church**, Laughton Way, Lincoln, LN2 2HE. For further information contact Julie Rogers on 01522 415929.

### "Churches Without Walls"

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

We will meet from 7.00pm till 9.00pm on **Tuesday 30th. Oct.** and 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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#### **Catholic paper snippets:**

- A Byzantine Catholic priest was attacked and knocked unconscious in Merriville, Indiana, with the attacker being heard to say: This is for all the kids. The

perpetrator has not been apprehended nor identified. *The Catholic Herald* (31/8)

- A UN report has warned that religious freedoms are being eroded across large parts of Asia. 'In general, human rights are regressing in Asia.' In Myanmar, Buddhists have been driving Muslims out of the country; in Pakistan, Muslims are making life difficult for religious minorities; in China and Vietnam, religious believers are routinely persecuted. The report noted that violations to religious freedom do not happen in a vacuum but are invariably accompanied by violations to other essential rights, such as freedom of speech. (should we be taking note?) *The Catholic Times* (31/8)
- Archbishop Peter Loy Chong of Suva, Fiji, has spoken of parts of the main island of his country being on course to disappear because of rising sea levels. The Archbishop warns it is now a 'matter of survival' to help people affected by climate change. Pacific islanders are suffering the impact of climate change. 'My people are weeping. Who will dry their tears?' *All the papers* (31/8)
- The action of the SVP in seeking to assist the victims of flooding in Kerala, India was reported. The floods, the worst in decades and reported in the news media, cost at least 400 lives and destroyed 20,000 homes leaving 800,000 people displaced. The SVP has an international network of volunteers. (We sent £150) *The Universe* (31/8)
- Lebanon's Christian and Muslim religious leaders, meeting with the President of Switzerland, appealed to the international community to work towards peace in the region and to ensure the 'dignified' return of refugees to their homelands. People from Palestine, Syria, Iraq and elsewhere have taken refuge in Lebanon, a country of four million hosting one million refugees. The country has become a place of inter-faith dialogue. Cardinal Rai said: 'The countries of the Middle East are well aware of the fact that such co-operation and co-existence between Christians and Muslims is a beacon of hope for the peoples of this tormented region.' *The Catholic Times* (7/9)
- A Filipino priest who has been an outspoken critic of extrajudicial killings in the country, and has been helping prepare an International Court Case against a prominent death squad, has gone into hiding having, unsurprisingly, become a target himself. Fr. Picardal, who has taken up the life of a hermit to continue in prayer and advocacy, has said: 'I am ready to accept martyrdom if they catch up with me, but I do not seek it nor do I make myself an easy target.' *All the papers* (7/9)
- Bishop Nongo-Azigabia of Bossangoa in the Central African Republic has thanked CAN (Aid to the Church in Need) for the support they have given in a country torn apart by conflict. Whilst the Church has been at the forefront of efforts at reconciliation, ACN have been rebuilding churches destroyed in the fighting and supporting priests and nuns in their ministry. The Bishop stated several priests have been killed in the conflict. *The Catholic Times* (7/9)

*Thought for the week:*

Love protects us from nothing, even as it unexplainably sustains us in all things.

*James Finley - clinical psychologist*