

1 Sam. 1:20-22. 24-28

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son and called him Samuel, 'Since' she said, 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned, Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there forever.'

When she had weaned him she took him up with her together with a three year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

Psalm response:

They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1 Jn. 3: 1-2. 21-24

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God, but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed, we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him,

we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Luke 2: 41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan and it was only after a day's journey they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them and them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why have you been looking for me?' he replied, 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature and in favour with God and men.



*A child is born for us,
a son given to us.*

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Parish Priest Fr. John O'Donnell
Sunday 30th. December 2018
Holy Family
Eucharistic Prayer 3
Psalter Week 1 - Weekday Series 2

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| SAT. 29th. | 6.00 pm. | Mass | People of the Parish |
| SUN. 30th. | 10.00 am. | Mass | Private Intention |
| MON. 31st. | Seventh day of Christmas 10.00 am. | Mass | Deceased Relatives/ Friends |
| TUES. 1st. Jan. | Mary, Mother of God 10.00 am. | Mass | Maura Buckley RIP |
| THURS. 3rd. | Christmas Feria 7.00 pm. | Mass | Jim Burke RIP |
| FRI. 4th. | Christmas Feria 10.00 am. | Mass | Pat & Bill's Ints. |
| SAT. 5th. | Christmas Feria 10.00 am. | Mass | Elizabeth Carraher RIP |

Sunday 6th. January 2019
Epiphany

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| SAT. 5th. | 6.00pm. | Mass | People of the Parish |
| SUN. 6th. | 10.00 am. | Mass | Private intention |

Sacrament of Reconciliation Woodhall Spa - Sat. 10.30am.—11.00am.
Horncastle - Sat. 5.30pm.— 5.50pm.
Baptism: By arrangement with the priest.
Marriage: Six months notice required.
The sick: Please tell the priest if a member of your family is seriously ill.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of John Coyne, Trieste Cerklewicz, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

Please pray for those who are ill: Francis Roche, Maria Richardson, Andy Maher, Christopher Browne, Laurence, Janet Cashman, June Daniels, Raven Smith, Stephen Brennan, Eunice Dearie, Richard & Carol Downer, Mary Archer, David Waller, Joan Smith, Sylvia Berry, Mary Ashton, Michael Follows, and Pat Roberts.

Finance: Envelopes: £159.20 Loose: £252.83 SO : 78.92

Total : £490.95 Thank you

Very many thanks for your generosity and kindness over the Christmas period.

On the fourth Sunday of Advent Brenda and Margery were received into full communion with the Catholic Church. We welcome them and pray they may find peace and joy in their decision.

This Sunday is **Super Cake Sunday**.

An opportunity to come together and get 2019 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



Catholic paper snippets

- Management at the Thistles Shopping Centre in Stirling declined a request from the Legion of Mary to display the traditional Christian Nativity scene as they did not want customers 'subjected to individual organisation's beliefs.' A Facebook group entitled 'Bring the Nativity Scene back to the Thistles, Stirling' pointed out the shopping centre bosses who, despite claiming that they 'pride themselves on religious neutrality' seem to have no problem 'heavily promoting *Christmas* for commercial gain.' *The Catholic Times* (14/12)
- At least 42 people died in an attack on the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Alindao in the Central African Republic (CAR). Some official estimates have said the death toll could be as high as 100. Many of those killed were refugees sheltering in the Church. The CAR has suffered violence since December 2012, when several Muslim groups formed an alliance, taking the name Seleka and seized power. Ex-Seleka forces attacked the cathedral as an act of revenge for the killing of a Muslim by a self-defence group composed mainly of Christians. *The Catholic Times* (23/11)
- An Israeli plan to build a cable car to Jerusalem's historic Old City has united architects and Palestinian activists in opposition to a project they say is both an eyesore and a ploy to entrench Israeli control over the city's contested Eastern sector. Betty Herschmann of Ir Amim, an advocacy group that promotes equality in the city said, 'This cable car is putting new facts on the ground that undermines any possibility for a peace process.' *The Catholic Times* (23/11)
- Pope Francis made a surprise visit to a mobile health care facility set up for a week in St. Peter's Square to serve the city's homeless and poor. Anyone in need could find general and specialist care from doctors volunteering from Rome hospitals or other health clinics together with nurses from the Italian Red Cross. *The Catholic Times* (23/11)
- Lord David Alton has criticised the Government for failing to step forward immediately and offer Pakistani-Christian Asia Bibi asylum in the UK. His comments were made after Scottish Church leaders from across the denominations made a similar call. Fears about the security of British diplomatic staff in Pakistan have led the UK to hold back from offering a safe haven to Asia and her family, said Lord Alton. Speaking at the launch of the Religious Freedom in the World 2018 report, Lord Alton said the lack of action by the Government was typical of the way Western Governments handled religious persecution. *The Universe* (23/11) Prime Minister Theresa May has been accused of personally intervening to block hounded Pakistani Christian Asia Bibi from being granted asylum in the UK, claimed *The Mail on Sunday*. Home secretary Sajid Javid had been championing calls for Ms Bibi's asylum. Lord Alton has asked the Government to suspend aid to Pakistan until the persecution of minorities is brought to an end. *The Universe* (30/11) This issue continued for a 3rd week with the Prime Minister being challenged during PMQs by Zac Goldsmith, MP to put the record straight. Mrs May failed to expressly deny she intervened to stop an offer of asylum as she stated that Mr. Goldsmith shouldn't necessarily believe everything he reads in the newspapers. *The Universe* (7/12)

Thought for the week:

The Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.

Deut. 30: 14