

Josh. 5: 9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening at the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from the first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

Psalms response:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

2 Cor. 5: 17-21

For anyone who is in Christ there is a new creation; the old creation has gone and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled himself to us through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though Christ were appearing through us and the appeal we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!
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'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'

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Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

The tax collectors and Jesus were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man,' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And would willingly filled his belly with the

husks the pigs were eating, but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want and here I am dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

Now the elder son was out in the fields and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear the music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come," replied the servant, "replied the servant, "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." he was angry then and refused to go in and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid to celebrate with my friends. But this son of yours, when he comes back - after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it only right that we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found." '



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Sunday 31st. March 2019
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Eucharistic Prayer 2
Psalter Week 4 - Weekday Series 1

SAT. 30th.	6.00 pm. St. Mary's C of E Parish Church Horncastle	Mass	Private Intention
SUN. 31st.	10.00 am.	Mass	People of the Parish
MON. 1st. April	Lenten Feria 10.00 am.	Mass	
TUES. 2nd.	Lenten Feria 10.00 am.	Mass	
THURS. 4th.	Lenten Feria 7.00 pm.	No Mass	
FRI. 5th.	Lenten Feria 10.00am. <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	Mass	
SAT. 6th.	Lenten Feria 10.00 am.	Mass	

Sunday 7th. April
Fifth Sunday of Lent

SAT. 6th.	6.00pm. St. Mary's C of E Parish Church, H/castle	Mass	People of the Parish
SUN. 7th.	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 Richard Kinsella, Caroline Farrow and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

Finance:

Envelopes: £169.10 Loose: £204.63 Standing orders: £78.92

Total: £452.65 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 7.00pm.

Clergy Deanery meeting Thursday, 4th April at 6.30pm – Our Lady of Lincoln

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

Lent Penitential Services

Friday 12th April - 7.00pm Stations of the Cross & confessions @ Our Lady of Lincoln

Monday 15th. April - 7.00pm. penitential service @ Ss. Peter & Paul

Thurs. 16th. April - 7.00pm. penitential service @ St. Hugh's

Easter Triduum - the rota is at the back of the church. If you wish to take part in the ceremonies please put your name in the appropriate space. Thank you.

Easter flowers: as usual there will be an opportunity to contribute to the Easter flowers by buying a lily in remembrance of a loved one. The cost is £3.00 per lily, please put money and name(s) in an envelope and give to Fr. John or leave it at the house.

What is Lent - A journey to.....?

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

Churches Without Walls"

Centering Prayer & Contemplative Meditation: Open to All

We will meet from 7.00pm till 9.00pm on **Tuesday 2nd. & 23rd. April** 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".

"Intercessory Prayer" may be offered, **on request.**

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**During Lent the church will be open for personal prayer from 9.00 to 10.00 each morning.
(Except this Wednesday & Thursday)**

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

Catholic paper snippets:

- 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)*
- A group of politicians has raised concerns that Catholic mother Asia Bibi has not yet left Pakistan and is now being denied access and communication with the country that has offered her asylum, namely, Canada. The MP's have written to the High Commissioner of Pakistan pointing out that the authorities have handled the matter in a 'disgraceful manner.' *The Catholic Times (22/2)*
- The House of Lords International Relations Committee has concluded it was 'highly likely' that UK weaponry had caused 'significant' civilian casualties in the course of the four-year civil war in Yemen putting Britain 'narrowly on the wrong side of the law.' It said that relying on assurances by the Saudis that they were not targeting civilians was not an 'adequate way' of implementing the UK's obligations under the Arms Trade Treaty. Last year the United Nations Human Rights Office estimated at least 6,600 civilians had died as a result of indiscriminate bombing and another 10,000 injured although it acknowledged the true figures were likely to be higher. *The Universe (22/2)*
- Lambeth Council has paid Life £5000 as a result of distress caused to staff and volunteers by libellous statements made about the group last year. The libel case centred on events at the Lambeth Country Show held in July when organisers at the event disassembled the stall operated by Life and evicted staff and volunteers from the grounds. In the January 2018, Life had submitted an application to be present at the show, including pictures of similar stalls they had run at past events. Notification of approval of the application was given by the Council in April. Following objections by twitter users to the presence of the pro-life organisation, a member of the Council took action to make sure they were not allowed to remain at the grounds. *All the papers (1/3)*
- For a third time, the secular campaign group, Humanists UK, has lost its appeal to launch a Judicial Review proceedings against the Catholic Education Service. Humanists UK wrongly claim that rules which give priority to Catholics for senior positions in Catholic schools were contrary to EU legislation. 'The employment of Catholic leaders is about ensuring the Catholic vision, mission and ethos are at the front and centre of school's life as parents have a right to expect,' said Paul Barber, CES director. *All the papers (1/3)*

Thought for the week:

Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.

Albert Einstein