

Readings for Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke: through Jeremiah, Until this land has enjoyed its Sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep Sabbath throughout the days of its desolation. And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up.

The Word of the Lord.

Ps: 136:1-6

[R]: *O Let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not !*

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy; when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: *Praise to you, O Christ King of eternal glory! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!*

Gospel Reading

John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God." **The Gospel of the Lord.**



The Reminder

Sunday 18th March 2012

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Holy Souls' Presbytery
Frodingham Road
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Holy Souls' Catholic Church

Mass Timetable for the Week

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Saturday 17th March 2012 <i>St Patrick</i>	9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 5.30 pm Winterton 5.30 pm	Mary & Adam Cooper RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Lily & Peter Swaby Intentions People of the Parish
Sunday 18th March 2012 <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Isaac Ojido RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Jack Harrison RIP
Monday <i>St Joseph</i>	9.00 am	Greta Chlloty RIP
Tuesday <i>Lenten Feria</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am	Holy Souls' Polish Priest's Intentions
Wednesday <i>Lenten Feria</i>	12 noon	Shaun Aitken RIP
Thursday <i>Lenten Feria</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am 7.30 pm Barton	Dawson Family RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Station Mass - Barton
Friday <i>Lenten Feria</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish 6.30 pm Stations 7.00 pm	White & Jain Family RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Stations of The Cross James Watson RIP
Saturday 24th March 2012 <i>Lenten Feria</i>	9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 5.30 pm Winterton 5.30 pm	Eileen King RIP Polish Priest's Intentions People of the Parish Kevin O'Connor RIP
Sunday 25th March 2012 <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Antonio Dominges RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Martin Glynn RIP
Rosary	<i>20 minutes before Mass Monday to Saturday</i>	
Confessions	<i>Saturday 11.00 am-12 noon; 4.30 pm-5.00 pm</i>	
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Wednesday 12.30-1.30 pm concluding with Benediction Saturday 4.30-5.15 pm concluding with Benediction</i>	

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Scunthorpe General Hospital – For the ministration of a Catholic priest contact Fr Eddy Jarosz on (01724) 842197

Welcome

Welcome to any visitors this weekend. Please come and join us in the Parish Hall for tea and coffee after the 9.30 am Mass.

CAFOD

You can continue using the Fast Day envelopes throughout Lent and we will forward the money to CAFOD. We have been invited to send two representatives to a special Mass at the Cathedral in Nottingham to celebrate the 50th anniversary of CAFOD. If anyone is interested in attending please let Fr Eddy know.

Gift Aid

New envelopes are available at the back of Church. If you would like to register for Gift Aid or have any other questions on this matter please contact David and Christine Lisle on 843064.

Station Masses

Thursday evenings - Devotions and Confessions from 7 pm with Mass at 7.30 pm.
22nd March - St Augustine Webster, Barton
29th March - St Norbert's, Crowle
Deanery Penitential Service
Tuesday, 3rd April, 7 pm, Holy Souls

First Confessions

Please pray for the children on our First Holy Communion Programme who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation

for the first time last week. Also many thanks to all those who helped.

Church Flowers

Our thanks to Mary English who has looked after Church flowers for the past few years. Mary has indicated that she is looking to hand this work over to someone else after Easter and hopefully there is someone who is interested in taking this on. If you want to find out more please ring Mary on 868169.

Parish Hall

Dates for your Diary

14th April Easter Fair
13th May Children's books and games sale
19th May Table top sale
17th June Plant sale
15th July Book sale
Please support these fund-raising events.

Red Mission Boxes

Please bring in for emptying.

Parish Pastoral Council

Nomination forms can be found in this week's Reminder. When complete, these can be returned to Fr Eddy.

You are Living Stones

Following the Bishop's Pastoral Letter in which he asked Parish Priests to organise parish meetings to discuss this document, Fr Eddy proposes that we meet on Monday 26th March at 7.30pm in the Hall. We will begin by reflecting prayerfully on Jesus meeting his disciples on the road to Emmaus, go on to look at the available statistics about the likely numbers of priests in the coming years, and end by discussing what the implications for our parish might be. Among the questions we will consider: what more can we all do to help our parish? How can our parish work more closely with our neighbouring parishes? What difference will it make if we have to share our Parish Priest with another parish or/and if we no longer have the ministry of a deacon in our community? Please give the matter some thought and prayer and Fr Eddy looks forward to seeing and hearing you on the 26th!

The Forge

We have been asked for help as follows: Food that can be used to make 24

hour packs that can be given for rough sleepers and others in need. Food hampers for families with children, ie anything to provide a nutritious diet such as canned fish (sardines in tomato sauce), pots of rice pudding, fruit pots, small individual cartons of pure apple/orange juice, small cartons of milk (1 pt as any more than this is too heavy for people to carry around with them), canned meat that can be sliced, sandwich fillers, eggs, biscuits, cake, crisps and snacks etc. We need people who can volunteer to help prepare, cook and serve meals on Mondays/Wednesdays on a rota basis. You don't have to be available every week but ANY time you can give would be appreciated. Food supplies can be brought to the sacristy after Mass. For other information ring Maria on 276742 or call at the Forge and ask to speak with her.

National Pastoral Letter on Marriage

We will read this next weekend but you can already sign the online petition at www.c4m.org.uk

Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday (or Mothers' Day) always falls on the fourth Sunday of Lent, and provides an opportunity for a little relaxation from our Lenten discipline and the welcome relief that we are more than halfway through the season and only three weeks away from Easter Sunday.

In the days when lots of young women worked in domestic service this was the last opportunity to visit their own families before Easter. It was also an occasion to visit one's 'Mother Church' and to reconnect with our spiritual family as well as our natural one.

To all our mothers and grandmothers, thank you for all that you do for us in our families and in our parish, have a happy and special day today and enjoy being treated by your children and grandchildren. We remember especially those who are new mothers this year or are expecting to be so soon, and of course we must never forget mothers and grandmothers who have gone to God ahead of us.