

**Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year A**

**First Reading**

1 Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons. When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, Surely the Lords anointed one stands there before him, but the Lord said to Samuel, Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart. Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, The Lord has not chosen these. He then asked Jesse, Are these all the sons you have? He answered, There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep. Then Samuel said to Jesse, Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes. Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said Come, anoint him, for this is the one. At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Ps: 22** [R]: The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. **The Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!*

**Gospel Reading**

John 9:1-41

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. . . . He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' . . . They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a Sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the Sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. . . . 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Mystery of Faith:** *When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.*



Holy Souls' Catholic Church

**The Reminder**

(NRC DT Registered Charity No 1134449)

Holy Souls' Presbytery, Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe, DN15 7TA

**Sunday, 15th March 2015**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year B**

**Timetable for the Week**

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Intention</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 14th March 2015 <i>Lenten Feria</i>	9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 5.30pm Roxby 5.30 pm	Deceased Reynolds Family Polish Priest's Intentions Deceased Reynolds Family Mick Galvin RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 15th March 2015 <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Isaac & Pauline Ojidu RIP Polish Priest's Intentions People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> <i>Lenten Feria</i>	9.00 am	Intentions of Bill Heatley
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>St Patrick</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish 7.00-8.00 pm	Deceased Neary Family Polish Priest's Intentions Holy Hour
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>Lenten Feria</i>	11.00 am Requiem	Giuseppe Valentino RIP
<b>Thursday</b> <i>St Joseph</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish 8.00 pm Brigg	Jean Lewis RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Deanery Station Mass
<b>Friday</b> <i>Lenten Feria</i>	9.00 am Polish 10.00 am 6.30 pm Stations 7.00 pm	Polish Priest's Intentions Anne Welch RIP Stations of The Cross Intentions of Jim Harris
<b>Saturday</b> 21st March 2015 <i>Lenten Feria</i>	9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 5.30pm Roxby 5.30 pm	Bernie Walker RIP Polish Priest's Intentions People of the Parish Nora May Rochford, Chris Flynn and Family RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 22nd March 2015 <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Intentions of H & Z Knapik Polish Priest's Intentions Deceased McIntyre Family
<b>Confessions</b>	<i>Saturday 11.00 am to 12 noon; 4.30 pm to 5.00 pm</i>	
<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	<i>Tuesday - 7.00 to 8.00 pm Wednesday - None this week Saturday - 4.30 to 5.15 pm concluding with Benediction</i>	

### Parish Clergy:

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## This Week

### Lenten Programme

Tuesday, 10th March - Lent Worship at The Congregational Church, Ferry Road West at 12.30 pm. Followed by soup and roll lunch. All welcome.

### First Confessions

Please pray for the children of our parish who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this coming Wednesday evening.

### Ladies' Day

An afternoon of pampering and socialising on Saturday 21st March. Tickets are £10.

### CAFOD

We will take a second collection next weekend 21st/22nd March.

### Annual Easter Draw

First Prize £100. Tickets now on sale. Tickets for this draw can be sold outside of the Church so if you are willing to sell any at your workplace or in your neighbourhood, please speak to Elaine Hemingway.

## Deanery Retreat

### Thursday 19th March

7.00 pm	Opening Conference	St Mary's, Brigg
8.00 pm	Station Mass (no homily)	St Mary's, Brigg

### Friday 20th March

10.00 am	Mass	Holy Souls
10.30 am	Conference	Holy Souls
2.00 pm	Conference	St Augustine's, Barton
7.00 pm	Mass	St Thomas's, Gainsborough
7.30 pm	Conference	St Thomas's, Gainsborough

### Saturday 21st March

10.00 am	Mass	St Bernadette's
10.30 am	Conference	St Bernadette's
3.00 pm	Conference	St Norbert's, Crowle
4.30 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	St Norbert's, Crowle

## Mothering Sunday

Our thoughts and prayers are with all our mothers (living and deceased) this weekend.

## St Patrick and St Joseph

This coming week we celebrate these two important Saints. We especially wish Fr Benedict a happy Feast Day as, although everyone knows St Patrick is the Patron Saint of Ireland, not too many people know that he is also the Patron Saint of Nigeria.

## Safeguarding

Fr Eddy and Frances Wattam (Parish Safeguarding Representative) recently attended a training update on safeguarding. Parishes are being encouraged to think of 'safeguarding' not as a negative response to a crisis, but rather as part of the mission of the Church to care for the well being of all people. Therefore it is not just a 'box ticking exercise' affecting a few people but something that should concern us all. This is a topic to which we as a parish will undoubtedly return in the near future.

## Bishops' General Election Letter

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have written a joint letter to all Catholics encouraging us to participate and vote in the coming election and offering some key issues and questions for reflection. Copies available from the back of church.

## Real Easter Eggs

Made from Fairtrade chocolate and including a leaflet retelling the Easter

Gospel. Available from The Well and selected other retailers.

## CTS

We have some more copies of 'A Simple Prayer Book' (£3 a copy) and also two new leaflets 'Examination of Conscience' and 'Preparing for Confession' (suggested donation 25p).

## Remembering Our Baptism

Nowadays the Church seeks to rediscover the spirit and meaning of Lent as understood by Christians in the first centuries. At that time, adults seeking Baptism (known as catechumens), were expected to undergo a period of strict discipline during the final two or three weeks of preparation before being received into the Church at the Easter Vigil Eucharist. By the fourth century, it became common for the faithful to join in solidarity with the catechumens and the clergy encouraged them to attend instruction by way of a 'refresher course'. It was at this time that the extension of Lent to a period of six weeks took place. For those of us who are already baptised, Lenten repentance and self-denial will help us return to our own Baptism, the occasion when we were washed of sin, joined to God in Christ and received the Holy Spirit. As Paul says in his Letter to the Romans: "when we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death . . . So that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life." (Rm 6:3,4).



*Please come and join us in the Parish Hall for tea and coffee after the 9.30 am Sunday Mass*

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