23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year B

First Reading Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts, Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water. The word of the Lord.

Ps: 145:7~10

[R]: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second Reading James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said, 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.' The Gospel of the Lord.

The Mystery of Faith:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.



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Mass Timetable for the Week	
Time	Intention
9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 5.30 pm Winterton 5.30 pm	Padraig Noone RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Kathleen Powell RIP Special Intention (PS)
9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm	People of the Parish Polish Priest's Intentions John Flynn RIP
9.00 am	Helena Szczesny RIP
9.00 am 9.30 am Polish 10.00am SAW School	Bronislawa Sobolewska RIP No Polish Mass God's blessing on new year
12.00 noon	Paddy and Michael Niland RIP
9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Ron and Kathleen Stapleton RIP No Polish Mass
9.00 am 10.30 am Polish	No Mass Requiem: Grzegorz Dulak RIP
9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 5.30 pm Winterton 5.30 pm	No Mass Polish Priest's Intentions Mgr Bell RIP Tony Taylor RIP
9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Ints Hugh Playfoot and Leah Polish Priest's Intentions People of the Parish
20 minutes before Mass Monday to Saturday	
Saturday 11.00 am to 12 noon; 4.30 pm to 5.00 pm	
Wednesday 12.30-1.30 pm concluding Benediction Saturday 4.30-5.15 pm concluding with Benediction	
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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.

This Week

Sunday 9th September:

The Parish Centenary Picnic will take place at St Augustine Webster School between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm. Bring your own picnic food and seating, and we will provide hot drinks and entertainment for all the family including bouncy castle, face painting, and balloon modelling. All welcome!

Friday, 14th September:

Father Eddy will be away for a week on pilgrimage in Lourdes. He will remember the parish in his prayers and Masses.

Father Kevin Coughlan will supply mext weekend. For the remainder of Father Eddy's absence Deacon Bernard will look after day to day matters in the parish.

Peace Day

Organised by North Lincs Multi Faith Partnership at the Civic Centre on Thur 20 September at 4pm. All welcome!

Street Pastors

A Church based initiative in Scunthorpe, providing practical assistance to people out and about in town on a Saturday night. Every Saturday the Street Pastors meet at the Well Bookshop at 10pm for a brief time of prayer before beginning their ministry for the next six hours.

In a couple of weeks time someone from the Street Pastors will explain at Mass how people can get involved. If you would like further information please contact Bryan Webster on 07974 423246 or by e-mail at: streetpastors@cafechurch.com

<u>RCIA</u>

Interested in becoming a Catholic? A programme of preparation (RCIA) will begin at St Bernadette's on Monday 17th September from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm. If you are interested in taking part please let Fr Eddy know.

Plants!

If anyone is lifting or dividing perennial plants at this time of year and could spare some for the Church Car Park gardens, would they kindly leave them in the porch for the attention of Elaine Hemingway. Many thanks.

Dates for your Diaries

Saturday 22 September

An afternoon of fun and activities for all the family organised by the Polish Catholic Mission will take place at the Polish Club on Frodingham Road beginning at 2.30pm. Admission £1.50 adults and 50p children. All welcome.

Friday 26th - Sunday 28th October:
Deanery Residential Retreat at Ample-forth Abbey. Cost £110.00. Forms available at the back of Church.

Saturday, 17th November.

Day for Catechists - Exploring 'new' evangelisation in the Year of Faith - at the Becket School in Nottingham. Guest speaker Mr David Wells. Workshops and resources. See Fr Eddy for a booking form.

Friday, 30th November:

We will end our Centenary Year and the month of the Holy Souls with a special

Memorial Mass at 7.00pm to remember all those who have gone before us in faith over the past 100 years.

Church Organ

The time has come to make a decision about the future of our organ. We can either overhaul and repair our current organ, or else buy a new digital organ. Both options would cost in the region of £15-£20,000 and would be a major item of expenditure for the parish. Given the costs involved, any such decision would not be easily reversed and it is important that all parishioners have a chance to express their thoughts and opinions on this matter if they wish to.

The Parish Pastoral Council considered the matter at their meeting this week and would like to make a definite option one way or the other at their next meeting in November. Any decision would still need the approval of the Diocesan authorities.

Fr Eddy or any of the PPC members would be happy to hear your thoughts on this matter.

Invitation to an Open Deanery Meeting

There will be an Open Deanery Meeting at St Bernadette's on Monday evening at 7.30pm to which all parishioners are invited. The main item on the agenda will be the proposed changes to Sunday Mass times.

Hopefully all parishioners are by now aware of the proposals. Changes are planned in two phases, and it is envisaged that Holy Souls would lose its Saturday evening Mass in 'phase 2' which will take effect when the Deanery has one less priest. Although no date has yet been fixed for this, we need to be prepared as it could happen as soon as next summer.

The meeting will give parishioners from all parishes a chance to respond to the proposals, and it will be helpful for all of us to listen to how the proposed changes are viewed elsewhere.

Hopefully the meeting can reach a consensus as to a way forward both to respond to current needs and to make sensible plans for the near future.