

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



How Not to Impress God.

Today the Pharisees complain to Jesus, that his disciples do not wash their hands before eating. Their complaint does not stem from food hygiene. The Pharisees had very many rituals intended to keep themselves pure and undefiled, and one of these rituals was washing before eating. The ritual in itself is not so very wrong. We ourselves have a ritual of saying 'grace before meals', but where Jesus finds fault is in their flawed grasp of what is important. Jesus uses their complaint to teach a lesson, and the lesson isn't really anything to do with washing.

What do we think pleases God? The Pharisees were not bad people, but they had strayed a long way from pleasing God. To the Pharisees, religion was all about abiding by hundreds of rules and regulations. Many of these rules were about keeping themselves segregated from anything in the world that would make them unclean. They had become so obsessed by this that they no longer engaged well with the world and all its suffering. They lived by lofty and judgmental ideals that Jesus totally rejected. Jesus didn't deliberately set out to disregard tradition, but at the same time, he had come to engage with the world and its needs. Jesus' main concern was for the poor the sick and the marginalised, and he went out of his way to associate himself with them. He saw the Pharisees placing barriers between man and God, and he wasn't having it!

We do not become unacceptable to God by failing to follow a set of outward rules. We become unacceptable to God when our hearts become cold. God is not impressed when we turn up for Mass in our Sunday best. God is best pleased when we show the world a loving and sincere heart.

Bitesize - "They are not all saints who use holy water." ~ *Anon.*



PARISH PRAYER – Father, pour out your Spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new faithfulness to your Word and a new consecration to your service, that your love might grow among us and your kingdom come, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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 Diocesan Website – <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>
 Notre Dame High School, Norwich – <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>
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2ND SEPTEMBER 2018 – 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B

[22nd Week of the Year, Weekday Year II, Psalter Week 2]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 1 st Sep.	6.00 pm	22 nd Sunday in Ord. Time [Parish Mass Book p126]	Albert Foley People of the Parish Gonzalo Mausisa
Sun. 2 nd Sep.	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Mon. 3 rd Sep.	10.00 am	ST GREGORY THE GREAT	Hilda Pritchard
Tues. 4 th Sep.	-	Feria	No Mass today – PP's day off
Weds. 5 th Sep.	10.00 am	Feria	Donor's Int.
Thurs. 6 th Sep.	10.00 am	Feria	Donor's Int.
Fri. 7 th Sep.	10.00 am	Feria	Donor's Int.
Sat. 8 th Sep.	-	NATIVITY OF THE BVM	No morning Mass
Sat. 8 th Sep.	6.00 pm	23 rd Sunday in Ord. Time (Education Sunday)	John Merrick (*Fdn.) People of the Parish Editha Verba
Sun. 9 th Sep.	9.00 am 11.00 am		

*Foundation Mass

Music for 22nd Sunday in Ord. Time – Setting: New People's Mass

Entry: 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 967 – O, the love of my Lord is the essence ...

Psalm: 11am sung *R.* *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

Offertory: Hymn 883 – Longing for light, we wait in darkness ...

Recessional: 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 979 – O the word of my Lord, deep within my being ...

Confession/Reconciliation: Saturday at 5.30pm, or by request/appointment

The parish newsletter (incl. back copies) is available to view on the parish website from Friday onward each week.

Anniversaries this week: Albert Foley, Hector Frosdick, Doris Evelyn Edith Henderson, Evelyn Maguire, James Robins, Eleanor Finimore, George Hill, Joan Foster and Maurice Finimore. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Hospital Visits: If you or family members are admitted to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital (NNUH) or Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, King's Lynn (QEII), and would like a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain, please call either St. John's Cathedral, Norwich (01603 624615) for visits to NNUH, or call the NNUH Hospital Chaplaincy direct on 01603 287470 for people needing urgent spiritual attention, or for visits to QEII Hospital, call Fr. Peter Rollings on 01553 772220. If you would like to receive the Sacrament or Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01326 694066.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for: David Peek, Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Anna Thompson, Peter Gormans, Sarah Chaudri, Rita Smith, Carol Whitesides, Mabel (Teddy) O'Donnell and Catherine (Kay) Garrard.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering of £515.98 last weekend for the day-to-day maintenance of our parish. If you can use **Gift Aid**, it helps a lot.

Education Sunday, 9th September 2018 – There will be a retiring collection after all Masses next weekend for the Catholic Education Service.

Help needed to prepare the church after Mass next Friday by opening the doors and setting out the chairs etc. for Sunday Masses.

Parish Diary for the week:		
Sat. & Sun. 1 st – 2 nd Sep.	UCM Cake & Produce Stall after all Masses this weekend. Proceeds to charity.	
Sun. 2 nd Sep.	Parish BBQ after 11am Mass, in the Presbytery garden, to include raffle to support Cambodia twinning project.	
Mon. 3 rd Sep.	2.00pm	Mother Teresa's monthly knitting group meets in the Emmaus Room. New members always welcome.
Tues. 4 th Sep.	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Emmaus Room
Fri. 7 th Sep.	10.30am	SVP monthly coffee morning, after Mass, in Emmaus Room. All welcome.
Sat. 8 th Sep.	Saturday Club is on Summer holiday. <i>New term starts on 22nd September at 11.00am in the Emmaus Room.</i>	
Sat. 8 th Sep.	Norfolk Churches Trust annual sponsored Bike Ride, Walk or Drive 2018.	

Welcome – A warm welcome to our Summer visitors here at Sacred Heart. As the summer holiday period draws to a close, we hope that you have enjoyed your stay in this lovely county of Norfolk.

Dereham Churches Fellowship Evening – The next combined fellowship evening will be held on **Tuesday, 4th September at 7.30pm** hosted by **St. Nicholas Church**. Everyone is welcome. Please pick up a leaflet at the back of the church.

First Holy Communion Summer 2019 – Application forms are now available from Fr Brendan or Robbie Meehan for the First Holy Communion classes starting on 22nd September 2018 on Saturday mornings 11.00-11.30am following 10.30am Mass. Children must be in school year 3 or above.

Diocesan News – You can receive the Diocesan newspaper on email if you sign up for it through the Diocesan website. Go to <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>

Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride, Walk or Drive 2018 – This year's annual Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride, Walk or Drive event will take place next **Saturday, 8th September**. See the poster at the back of church for more details. **Volunteers are needed to register visiting participants and to offer hospitality during the day. If you can help, please sign up for one or more of the half-hour time slots on the list at the back of church. Many thanks.**



Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a Mass in honour of our patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Come pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafarers on **Monday, 1st October 2018 at 7pm in St John the Baptist's Cathedral**, Unthank Road, Norwich NR2 2PA. Bishop Alan Hopes will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email to salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

South Asia Floods Appeal - More than 40 million people across South Asia have been affected by relentless flooding. An estimated 1,200 lives have been lost, while survivors' homes and livelihoods have been destroyed. Two months of persistent monsoon rains have caused widespread flooding in India, Nepal and Bangladesh. These are the worst floods to hit South Asia for years. Flood survivors urgently need shelter, food and clean water. You can donate online with CAFOD, Trocaire, SCIAF, or Christian Aid.



The Angelus	
V.	The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. <i>R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary ...</i>
V.	Behold the handmaid of the Lord. <i>R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary ...</i>
V.	And the Word was made flesh. <i>R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary ...</i>
V.	Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. <i>R. That we may be made worth of the promises of Christ.</i>
Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel may, by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his Resurrection, through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.	