

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Seeds of Faith

In the face of the seemingly impossible demands of discipleship, it is easy for our faith to falter. This is probably how the apostles feel when they approach Jesus and make the plea, "Increase our faith!" Now if we were hearing this story for the first time, how would we expect Jesus to respond? We'd expect Jesus to work a miracle of course. A miracle would certainly have increased the faith of those who could have witnessed it first hand, but would it have had the same impact for the rest of us? Jesus refrains from working a miracle to increase the faith of his apostles, instead he gives a piece of wisdom which is as inspirational and as motivational for us today as it must have been all those years ago.

Jesus tells us that if we only have faith the size of a tiny mustard seed we have enough. In other words, faith is so powerful that we don't need very much of it to do great things. This is good news for all of us who have long felt our faith is flagging. Suddenly the challenge is not to strengthen or develop our faith, but to have faith in the little faith we've already got.

So how can we use our mustard seed of faith to do great things? Jesus tells us that all we have to do is take our mustard seed of faith and act. We should stop worrying about how little or how much faith we have, and get on with God's work. Like the tireless servant who comes in from the field and prepares his masters' evening meal before his own, so we must live our lives faithful to Jesus' teachings. When we live our lives faithful to God how can we fail to see results, and once we begin to see results how can our seeds of faith fail to grow?

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

The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. **R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary**
V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. **R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary.**
V. And the Word was made Flesh. **R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary.**
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. **R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**
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**

Useful links: Diocesan Website: <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>
Notre Dame High School, Norwich: Website <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>

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2ND OCTOBER 2016 – 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses – Page 146 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Int. People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00 am	Una & Paul Morris (50 th Wedding Anniversary)
	11.00 am	Gonzalo Maurisa

Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: Belmont Mass

Entry 6pm – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 742 – God has spoken - by his prophets ...

Offertory Hymn 608 – Take my hands and make them as your own ...

Communion *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*

Recessional 11am – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 869 – Lord of Creation, to you be all praise! ...

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION: Saturday at 5.30pm, or on request / by appointment

Weekday Mass Times (27th week in Ordinary Time) [Psalter Week 3]

Mon.	10.00 am	Feria – Int. Norah Cox
Tues.	No Mass today	St Francis of Assisi
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds.	10.00 am	Feria – Int. The Barnwell Family
Thurs.	10.00 am	Feria – Special Int. (Mealy)
Fri.	10.00 am	Votive Mass for World Peace
	5.45 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Silent Prayer
	6.15 pm	Evening Prayer (Vespers)
Sat.	10.30 am	Feria – Osyth Hawke (<i>Fdn.</i>)
	6.00 pm	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Donor's Int.

**Fdn.* = Foundation Mass

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

Anniversaries this week: Joseph Monks, Grace Brown, Peter Purcell, Vi (Amelia) Secker, Reginald Rayner, Richard Hayter, Josepha Hart, Maud Juby and John Pearson. *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 (QEII), King's Lynn, 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 Fr Peter Rollings (01553 772220) for visits to QEII. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

Sick List - Please pray for: Joan Blakiston, David Peek, Michael Reavey, Robert Nicol, Shirley Liebenhals, Sarah Chaudri, Anne & Derek Williams, Anna Thompkins, Michelle Smith, Rita Smith, Eileen Brockleby, Pat Howe, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Margaret Leggett, Diana Cater, Ken May and Muriel Harmer.

Money Matters – The collection for the parish last weekend amounted to £403.76 and the retiring collection for the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham was £207.99. Thank you very much. Next Sunday, there will be a retiring collection for CAFOD.

Alive in Faith Funds - We will be able to access funds from the Alive in Faith Programme from January/February onward. To do so we will have to submit plans to the Diocese with projected costs for each one, such as the car park, the kitchen etc. I hope that over the next five years that we will be able to complete all the work that was identified in the architect's five yearly report. To help achieve this, I would like to establish a Fabric Committee to work in conjunction with the Finance Committee. Interested men and women, please contact me to chat about it.

National Mass Count – The first of the national Mass counts takes place this weekend.

Diary Dates for this week –

- Fri. 7th Oct. – SVP 'First Friday' Coffee Morning – after Mass. All welcome.
- Sat. 8th Oct. – Saturday Club meets - 11.00am in Emmaus Room

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day (England and Wales) - Friday 7th October - This Harvest Fast Day we are invited to join 32-year-old Nicanora, from Bolivia, on her journey from poverty to abundance. We can stand alongside Nicanora as she learns new skills and receives materials and seeds that will enable her to grow enough food to feed her family. Please pick up a Fast Day envelope from the back of church and give what you can.

The Confirmation Programme for Kelly, Jamie, Gabriel, Sinead, Michael, Alistair, Britney, Christian, Kelly and Jason will be beginning soon. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this very important step in their spiritual lives. Our Catechist is Michael King and he has generously offered his time to lead the programme. We will have an introductory session on Friday 14th October at 7.15 pm to 7.45 pm. All candidates and their parents are invited to attend this session.

Learning about 'Praise' - An enriching Day of Prayer, Teaching and Renewal on Saturday, 5th November, 10.00am - 4.30pm at Bowthorpe Church Centre, Norwich NR5 9AA. Led by Eddie Drozdziak, a long time leader in Renewal. Drinks provided. Packed lunch needed. For more details contact Philip on 07910157584.

UCM Cake Stall Update - The Cake Stall last weekend (24/25 September) raised £77.60. This will go towards the UCM charities. Many thanks to all concerned. *Mary Shutt.*

Repository – Now in stock – Christmas cards, advent calendars, Nativity sets, and many other items. The shop is open after weekend Masses and weekdays. Contact Peggy Mealy on 01362 288499 for any help.



Month of the Holy Rosary - The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

St Francis of Assisi - October 4th – Saint Francis's simple lifestyle and love for all of God's creation has made him our patron saint of environmentalists. His example has never been more relevant than today. The Church's teaching is very clear. It looks to the rich nations to take a serious look at their lifestyles, which are consuming an inordinate share of the goods of the earth. The Church cautions scientists to take care in any form of genetic manipulation, to reverse the high rates of consumption and pollution, and to observe moral limits in the use and application of new technology. How does the example of St Francis' life influence us as individuals? Some environmental groups use this guiding principle as their motto. "Think globally but act locally" It's an empowering personal motto to adopt and use daily. *"Start by doing what's necessary, then do what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible" - St Francis of Assisi*



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October - Is ethical journalism a thing of the past? There's no doubt about it, journalists need help and support to stand up to the pressures from those who want them to be servants of big business or of political masters. Journalists who do not want to be mouthpieces for owners or political dogma, or other vested interests need our support. This month we are asked to join in Pope Francis' prayer intention **"....that journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics."**



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"Doubt is a pain too lonely to know that faith is his twin brother." ~ Khalil Gibran