

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Getting the Message Out

We live in a world of wolves! The Christian message grows quieter and quieter just when it needs to be strong. The Church is smaller just when the need around us is greater. How can we promote Jesus' message in a society that tries to confine Christianity to a Sunday afternoon TV Slot?

We might feel small in face of impacting our beliefs on an unbelieving world. That we feel small perhaps helps us to understand the task the early disciples faced in Luke's Gospel. The scene set in today's gospel must

have looked something like a biblical 'campaign trail'. Jesus sent seventy-two disciples ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit to prepare the way. Jesus knew that they were up against the odds. He describes them as lambs among wolves. "The harvest is abundant," he says, "but the labourers are few." More credit then, to those early disciples that the Christian message has survived for over two thousand years. What can we learn from their obvious success?

Jesus gave his early disciples some important practical advice. His first words of advice were for us to travel light. How can we concentrate on impacting Jesus' will if we are burdened with other concerns? Next Jesus advocates relying on hospitality and walking away from opposition. Perhaps today we would call it 'knowing one's audience'. In a nutshell, Jesus is asking us to focus on the job in hand, avoid distraction, and not to be deterred by opposition or setbacks.

God's message needs 'selling' just as much now as it did two thousand years ago. The message of peace is ever more relevant in a divided world. The job to be done might seem impossible, but we take encouragement from those few early disciples and the scale of their obvious success.

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"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today."

*Franklin D. Roosevelt, message for Jefferson Day, April 13, 1945
32nd President of US (1882 - 1945)*

**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**

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

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3RD JULY 2016 – 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses – Page 105 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Donor's Int.
Sunday	9.00 am	Madeline Lambert
	11.00 am	People of the Parish

Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: Belmont Mass

Entry 6pm – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 725 – Immortal, invisible, God only wise ...

Offertory Hymn 713 – Sing of the Lord's goodness ...

Communion *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*

Recessional 11am – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 719 – To God be the glory, great things he has done! ...

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION - Saturday at 5.30 - 5.55 pm

Weekday Mass Times (14th week in Ordinary Time) [*Psalter Week 2*]

Mon.	10.00 am	Mary Meally - Feria
Tues.	No Mass today	- Feria
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds.	10.00 am	Helen Coyne (<i>Fdn.</i>) - Feria
Thurs.	10.00 am	Kath Davis & family (<i>Fdn.</i>) - Feria
Fri.	10.00 am	Lilian Carter (<i>Fdn.</i>) - Feria
	5.45 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Silent Prayer
	6.15 pm	Evening Prayer (Vespers)
Sat.	10.30 am	Sidney Carter (<i>Fdn.</i>) - Feria
	6.00 pm	Fr. Thomas Kennedy - 15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(*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: Leslie Neve, Fred Hawkins, Irene Dorothy O'Brien, Mary Costen, Joan Mary Siedlecki, Rosie Hawksbee and Elaine Stephenson. *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, Pat Grout, and Ellen Flood.

Money Matters – The collection last weekend was £470.10 and the second collection for Peter's Pence was £136.26. Thank you all very much.

Diary Dates for this week –

- Fri. 8th July – Altar Servers meet – 7.15pm in Emmaus Room
- Sat. 9th July – Saturday Club meets - 11.00am in Emmaus Room – Preparations for First Holy Communion on Sunday, 10th July.

SVP Annual National Pilgrimage for the Sick to Walsingham – Sunday, 3rd July 2016 – Holy Mass at 1.30pm, with Benediction at 4.00pm. Pilgrimage ends at 5.00pm.

The UCM thanks everyone for their generosity in bringing and buying cakes last weekend. We raised the amazing sum of £103.80, which will be allocated mainly to local charities. Thank you for your support.

Sea Sunday: 10th July – Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is wholly dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. For more information about its work, visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

Clare Priory Craft Fair – 9th & 10th July - Adults £5.00, Seniors £4.00, accompanied under 16's Free. Assistance dogs only. Crafts on display include: blacksmithing, textiles & clothing, stick-making, ceramics, high-quality wooden furniture, jewellery, lace-making, artists, leatherwork, wool spinning, glassware, barbershop singers, artisan food & drink, Licensed bar and refreshments, with live music, and much more. Also, children's entertainers, free daily children's raffle and many crafts demonstrated on site. Free guided tours of the old and prize winning new churches. A walk into history. See the posters at the back of church or visit www.clarepriory.org.uk.

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" – An exhibition of vestments and treasures to be held at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Sheringham, commencing with a private viewing and reception from 8pm to 9.30pm on Saturday, 30th July (limited number of tickets available at £5 each), followed by opening to the public (free entry, donations welcome) at 2pm on Sunday, 31st July (until 5pm) and then daily opening from Monday, 1st August to Friday, 5th August, 10am to 6pm. See the poster & and pick up a leaflet at the back of church.

Graduate Internship Vacancy - Required for September 2016 at St Louis Catholic Academy, Newmarket. Salary £15,207 pro rata. Full Time for 1 Year in the first instance but could be permanent for the right candidate. Visit Diocesan Website for more details: <http://rcdea.org.uk/school-vacancies/>

The Diocesan Youth Service is looking for people to join the Ignite Team - These are full-time residential positions, sharing the Gospel Message in schools and parishes, in a way young people can relate to including using music, drama and tech. For more information please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth and click on the 'Ignite Team' link.

Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for July 2016 - The indigenous peoples of the world pretty much just want what everyone else wants. Indigenous peoples want to enjoy their rights to the lands, territories, and resources that they have traditionally owned, occupied, or otherwise used. They want to participate as equals in an impartial and transparent process for resolving the conflict in a fair and respectful way. They want to educate their children in their own languages, and about their own traditions; to worship in their own ways; to establish media in their languages; to retain their traditional modes of resolving internal disputes; and to fully participate in any outside decision-making that could have an impact on their lives. The indigenous peoples of the world have spent hundreds of years fighting for this. This month Pope Francis invites us to join in his prayer intention for July **"....That indigenous peoples, whose identity and very existence are threatened, will be shown due respect."**



Post EU Referendum Statement - Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster and President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has released a statement after the EU Referendum saying that racism and hatred of others is "something we must not tolerate": He writes, "The great challenge for those leading the nation now is to speak for everyone. If a victory in a referendum remains a point of division, then we become weaker and weaker as a nation and not play a part in the international scene tackling the world's problems, which are great and challenging." Read the whole statement at www.catholicnews.org.uk/eu-referendum-statement-280616