

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Salvation for All - We are invited to church to worship God but there are huge numbers of people who have never set foot in a church and have no intention of finding God. These are the people that Jesus is determined to seek out and save. Jesus doesn't wait for people to seek him out, he seeks them out first. To Jesus it doesn't matter to what depths someone has sunk, salvation is still an option.

Zacchaeus is an example of the most despised of crooks. He is a chief tax collector who has made great wealth on the back of his oppressed fellow Jews. In Jesus' day, tax collectors were put in the same category as thieves and murderers. Because they were in the employment of the Romans, Jewish tax collectors were regarded as traitors by their own people. Although hugely wealthy, Zacchaeus must have felt lonely and isolated. He certainly makes a good subject for a parable that tells us how Jesus reaches out to the lowliest and most despicable.

On this particular day, Zacchaeus, curious to catch a glimpse of Jesus runs ahead, and being of small stature climbs up into a tree. But although it is Zacchaeus who wants to see Jesus, it is actually Jesus who spots Zacchaeus and tells him that he will be dining at his house that day.

It is disappointing that we don't get to hear what went on between Jesus and Zacchaeus at that meal, but we do know that Zacchaeus was suddenly a changed man. We don't know what was said, but we do know Jesus' intention. Jesus had come to save those who were lost. To be lost means to become disassociated with the person God wants us to be. Jesus has a talent for looking beyond sin to the people we can become. Somehow Jesus was about to show Zacchaeus who he could really be.

The parable of Zacchaeus is a great comfort to us; however low we may have sunk, Jesus is determined to seek us out and show us a better way.

Bitesize - Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe; to know what he ought to desire; and to know what he ought to do. ~ *Saint Thomas Aquinas, Two Precepts of Charity*



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>
 Daily Liturgy Website – www.universalis.com

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3RD NOVEMBER 2019 – 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C

[31st Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 3]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 2 nd Nov.	6.00 pm	31 st Sunday in Ord. Time [Parish Mass Book p158]	Roger Borthwick The People of the Parish Joao Lobo & Thanksgiving
Sun. 3 rd Nov.	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Mon. 4 th Nov.	10.00 am	S Charles Borromeo	Jane Carolan
Tues. 5 th Nov.	-	Feria	No Mass today – PP's day off
Weds. 6 th Nov.	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for David Peek	
Thurs. 7 th Nov.	10.00 am	Feria	<i>Tba</i>
Fri. 8 th Nov.	10.00 am	Feria	<i>Tba</i>
Sat. 9 th Nov.	10.30 am	DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	<i>Tba</i>
Sun. 10 th Nov.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	32 nd Sunday in Ord. Time REMEMBRANCE DAY	Kathleen Carroll The People of the Parish Maria Alexandra Coita Pita

Music for 31st Sunday in Ord. Time – Setting: New People's Mass

Entry: 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 303 – Come down, O love divine ...

Psalm: (11am sung) *R.*: I will bless your name forever, O God my King ...

Offertory: Hymn 965 – As the deer pants for the water ...

Memorial Acclamation C: *Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.*

Recessional: 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 846 – Amazing Grace! ...

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: Minnie Andrews, Pam Gayton, Fr. Brian Nightingale, Patricia Hawkins, Kathleen Carroll, Bill Bell and Maria Gee. *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 01362 694066.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for: Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Rita Smith, Carol Whitesides, Robert Nicol, Eileen Brocklesby, Shirley Liebenhals, Catherine Carter, Alf Charlton, Frances Saville King, Una McWeeny, Derek Williams.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering of £555.56 last weekend for the maintenance of our parish last weekend. **This weekend there will be an appeal at all Masses. It is the Annual Mission Appeal.**

Diary Dates for this week -		
Mon. 4 th Nov.	2.00pm	Mother Teresa's Knitting Circle meet – Emmaus Room. New members most welcome to join us for a knit and natter over a cuppa.
Tues. 5 th Nov.	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room
Weds. 6 th Nov.	6.30pm	Music selection & practice – Presbytery & Church. All volunteers welcome to make a joyful noise to the Lord!
Fri. 8 th Nov.	7.15-8.15pm	Altar Servers meet – Emmaus Room
Sat. 9 th Nov.	11.00am	Saturday Club - Emmaus Room

Diocesan Year Book and Calendar 2020 – These are now on sale at the back of the church, priced £2. The directory is also available in sections as free online PDFs by [clicking here](#) or go to <http://www.rcdea.org.uk/diocesan-year-book-liturgical-calendar/>

Diocesan Newspaper – Please take home a copy of the November 2019 issue of the Catholic East Anglia newspaper which is available at the back of church.

Church Lighting – LED bulbs have now been fitted to all the chandeliers in the church. These are brighter, more long-lasting and cheaper to run. The old filament bulbs were 35 watts; these LED bulbs are 5 watts. More light for less money – can't be bad and environmentally sound, too.

Mission Appeal – Today, we welcome Andy and Mary Clark from Network for a Better World, a lay missionary group which operates from a rural mission parish in southern

Malawi. They will be speaking about the work of the organisation and how we can all be involved in the mission of the Church overseas. There will be a collection also.

The Diocesan Catechist's course (which is for anyone who wants to be confident in talking about Christ and Church teaching) begins at the end of October. This is a distance-learning course spread over two school years. Bishop Alan has asked that every parish in the Diocese should have someone who has completed the course! – if you think you might be interested, visit www.theannunciation.org.uk or email Carol Ann Harnett on catholic1812@gmail.com

Working with Missionaries of the Poor - Fr Michael Johnstone is again taking a group to Kingston, Jamaica in January to work as Volunteers with the Missionaries of the Poor. Anyone age over 18, male or female is welcome to join the group. Further information from Fr. Michael, Tel. 01603 664118. Email fr.mcjohnstone@gmail.com

UCM Cake & Produce Stall – An appeal to all UCM members and other generous souls for cakes, jams and other produce to be sold on our stall on **Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th November**, after all Masses. The proceeds of this sale will go to charity. Anne Williams will be in the church from 5.30pm on the Saturday to receive any donations, or you can just bring them before the Mass you attend. Many thanks, in advance, for your kind generosity.

UCM Meeting Date – A reminder to all UCM members that their next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 13th November. In the meantime, copies of the minutes of the last meeting are available for collection from the letter rack.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November 2019 - As Christians we understand that sustainable peace is more about meaningful dialogue and reconciliation than anything else. Christians recognise and acknowledge that through dialogue with other faiths and traditions they may find God, and that in modern times more than ever, dialogue is essential. This month Pope Francis focuses on our relationship with the Near East. We are asked to join in his prayer intention "... *That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.*"

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 worth 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.