

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



We're All Eligible

A large crowd approaches the gate of Nain. A grieving widow is burying her only son. Then Jesus comes forward and touches the bier. "Young man," he says, "I say to you rise." Miraculously the dead man sits up and begins to speak.

It's a wonderful scene, but what is the story about? The grieving widow doesn't fall on her knees and beg Jesus to raise her son to life, so the story maybe isn't about faith. There is no hint that the mother and son lived their lives differently after the miracle. Actually they probably did live their lives differently, but the story doesn't offer any evidence so the story isn't about praise or living life gratefully. Maybe the point of this miracle is that sometimes God's grace pours into our lives totally unearned.

The really exciting point of this story comes when the villagers, quickly coming to terms with the initial shock of seeing a dead body sitting up, glorify God saying, "God has looked favourably on his people!" Notice that the villagers do not say, "God has looked favourably on the bereaved mother or the dead son," but "God has looked favourably on his people!" That means all of us!

The story gives hope to all of those who suffer in circumstances from which they can see no way out. Jesus shows the bereaved mother from Nain unbidden, unearned compassion We're all eligible!

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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5TH JUNE 2016 - 10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses - Page 94 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Sheamus Meally
Sunday	9.00 am	Joan Beight
	11.00 am	People of the Parish

Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: Belmont Mass

Entry 6pm - Angelus (said); Hymn 979 - Oh the word of my Lord, deep within my being ...

Offertory Hymn 941 - There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord ...

Communion Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...

Recessional 11am - Angelus (said); Hymn 601 - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ...

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION - Saturday at 5.30 - 5.55 pm

Weekday Mass Times (10th week in Ordinary Time) [Psalter Week 2]

Mon.	10.00 am	Pam Clark (Perkins) - Feria
Tues.	No Mass today	- Feria
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - in Emmaus Room
Weds.	10.00 am	Joan & Fred Faulkner - Feria
Thurs.	12.00 Midday	Sheamus Meally - Feria
Fri.	10.00 am	Fintan, Margaret & Thomas Dunne - Feria
	5.45 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Silent Prayer
	6.15 pm	Evening Prayer (Vespers)
Sat.	10.30 am	Donor's Int. - St. Barnabas, Apostle
	6.00 pm	Donor's Int. - 11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Anniversaries this week: Fr. Thomas K. Phillips (*2nd priest in Dereham*), William Finn, Desirée Jenkins, Mary Horsburgh, Josephine Reeves and Barry Williams. *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, Doreen Kanssen, Shirley Liebenhals, Sarah Chaudri, Anne & Derek Williams, David & Anna Thompkins, Michelle Smith, Rita Smith, Eileen Brockleby, Pat Howe, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd and Pat Grout.

Money Matters – The Collection last weekend amounted to £459.51. Thank you for your generosity.

Gas supplier: We have changed our gas supplier from British Gas in order to buy our gas for the church and the Presbytery through the Diocese. The Diocese negotiates a very good price for many parishes and schools etc and also works with other diocese across the country to achieve the best price possible. This will mean a saving of hundreds of pounds on our gas bill each year. We already buy our electricity in the same way.


Diary Dates for this week –

- Weds. 8th June – UCM visit to Bishop Bonner's Cottage (see details below)
- Fri. 10th June – Altar Servers meet – 7.15pm in Emmaus Room.
- Sat. 11th June – Saturday Club meets - 11.00am in Emmaus Room.

UCM Visit to Bishop Bonner's Cottage - UCM members will visit Bishop Bonner's Cottage on Wednesday 8th June. Please meet in the church car park at 1.30, or at the Cottage, for prompt admission at 2pm. Individuals may like to give a donation, as they are opening specially for us. We will go on to Wetherspoons for tea afterwards for those who wish to stay.

Month of the Sacred Heart - On June 1, 2008, at his weekly Angelus address, Pope Benedict XVI urged Catholics "to renew, in this month of June, their devotion to the Heart of Jesus." The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a moveable feast, but it most often takes place in June, and thus June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart.



 **Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for June 2016** - Much is spoken nowadays about 'standing in solidarity', but there's a danger that our best intentions might not actually mean very much. There's a very real danger that when we 'stand in solidarity' we might just be making an empty gesture. When we 'stand in solidarity' we have to ensure that we are actually making some kind of impact on those we are 'standing in solidarity' with.

This month Pope Francis asks us to consider his prayer intention, **"....That the aged, marginalized, and those who have no one may find – even within the huge cities of the world – opportunities for encounter and solidarity."**

Peace Actions for June 2016 –

- Remember in your prayers all those who suffer in prison for their beliefs. (22nd June is the feast of St Thomas More a day on which we are asked to pray for the persecuted and oppressed.)
- The UN Day for Victims of Torture is on 26th June. Consider joining a campaign group such as 'Action by Christians Against Torture.' www.acatuk.org.uk
- 20th-26th June is 'Refugee Week.' Refugee Week aims to encourage a better understanding of Britain's proud history of giving sanctuary to people escaping persecution, and to highlight the many ways in which refugees have contributed to, and become part of, our rich history and heritage. An opportunity to extend welcome and practical support.

Dereham Churches Together invite you to an **Evening of Praise, Prayer and Fellowship** hosted by **Trinity Methodist Church**, Theatre Street, Dereham on **Tuesday, 14th June, 7.30 pm**. Everybody welcome. Please pick up a leaflet from the table at the back of the church.

A day of quiet prayer at Clare - "Into a Silent Place" on **Tuesday, June 28th, repeated on Thursday, June 30th (9.30am to 3.30pm)**. Venue: Ashen Road, Clare, Suffolk CO10 8NL (tel: 01787 277326). Theme: "Hope for the Poor". During the day we will focus upon "The preservation of God's creation" We will offer our day of prayer for a new vision of God's plan for our world. A soup lunch will be provided. Cost £25.00. Please 'phone Kathy to book a place on 01787 277326.

50th Anniversary of St. George's Catholic Parish, Norwich - The internationally acclaimed Sheringham Shantymen perform at St. George's Catholic Church, 223, Sprowston Road, Norwich. NR3 4HZ on **Saturday 23rd July at 7.30 pm**. Tickets: £8.00 adults, £3.00 under 18s and £18.00 family (2 adults and up to 3 under 18s). Available from Prelude Records, St. Giles Street, Norwich. Tel 01603 628319 to order. Please see the poster on the notice board.

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"God understands our prayers even when we can't find the words to say them."

Author Unknown