

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



### **Words of Wisdom**

We readily accept words of wisdom if we hear them from the pulpit, from Radio Four's Moral Maze or from a learned lecturer in theology. We are less likely to accept words of wisdom if we hear them from a TV soap, from the very nice lady on the supermarket checkout, or from our own children. We need to

trust our source of information before we trust the information itself. At the end of the day, in our eyes some people are qualified to dish out words of wisdom and others are not. The danger of this outlook is that we can end up believing absolutely everything from the mouth of someone qualified, and nothing from the mouths of those who are not qualified. This is sad, because anyone can have an insight to share, and by closing our minds we do not hear the wisdom and an opportunity is lost.

When Jesus returned to his hometown to preach, he was treated with similar disregard. When the Nazarenes heard him speaking they could not take him seriously because they could remember all too well his humble origins. Wasn't he just a carpenter ... Mary's son? They closed their minds against Jesus, and because their minds were closed, Jesus could not work any great deed that day.

Of course, there is more to this story than Jesus being rejected in his hometown. This is a story about how we too can ignore or reject God. This is a story about the stumbling blocks we encounter in our faith. Perhaps our pet stumbling block might be our unwillingness to listen to others in the belief that we know best. Our stumbling block might be a reluctance to ask for help, fearing that this might be a sign of weakness. Our stumbling block might be the inability to recognise the voice of God in our day-to-day surroundings. Could God be talking to us through a partner, through our children, parents or friends? Where will the next prophet come from, the other side of the globe or the other side of the street? The trick is, not to rule anything out. God is more likely to work wonders in an open mind than a closed one.

**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**

## **PARISH OF THE SACRED HEART AND ST MARGARET MARY**

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### **5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2015 – 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### **Weekend Masses – Page 103 of Parish Mass Book**

Saturday	6.00 pm	
Sunday	9.00 am	
	11.00 am	People of the Parish

#### **Music for Sunday Masses -**

**Setting:** *Dom Gregory Murray Mass with intercessional Kyrie*

**Processional** 6pm – *Angelus (said); Hymn 725: Immortal, Invisible, God only wise ...*

**Offertory** Hymn 892: *The Lord hears the cry of the poor ...*

**Recessional** 11am – *Angelus (said); Hymn 969: Lord of all hopefulness, ...*

#### **CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION - Saturday at 5.30 - 5.55 pm**

#### **Mass Times for the Coming Week (14<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time) [Psalter Week 2]**

Mon.	10.00 am	- Feria
Tues.	No Mass today	- Feria
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds.	10.00 am	Lincoln Morris – St. Withburga Ab. (East Anglia)
Thurs.	No Mass Today	- Feria
Fri.	10.00 am	- Feria
Sat.	10.30 am	St. Benedict Ab. (Patron of Europe)
	6.00 pm	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sea Sunday)

The Parish Newsletter is available to view on the parish website [<http://www.sacredheartdereham.org.uk>] from Friday onward each week; back copies can also be viewed on the website.

**Anniversaries this week:** Fred Hawkins, Irene Dorothy O'Brien, Mary Costen, Joan Mary Siedlecki, Rosie Hawksbee, Elaine Stephenson, Edward Clare and Doris Eden. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**Money Matters** (*O yes, it does!*) – The collection last weekend was £455.94 and the retiring collection for Peter's Pence was £172.76. Thank you very much.

**Hospital Visits** – If you or family members are admitted to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital and would like a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain, please call St John's Cathedral, Norwich (01603 624615). If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

**Altar Servers Meeting** – The next Altar Servers meeting will be on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7.15 pm. New Servers, who have received their First Holy Communion, will be welcome.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** – Thank you to those who have spoken to me about this. It is clearly something that you want and feel strongly about. I am still pondering on how best to answer this need.

**Sea Sunday: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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. Please give generously to support its important work. For more information about its work, visit: [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

**Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride: 12<sup>th</sup> September** – This year, the annual sponsored bike ride takes place on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> September between 9am – 5pm. The Norfolk Churches Trust was founded in 1976 and makes grants to churches and chapels of all denominations towards repair and restoration costs. Since its inception the Trust has raised money to make grants to more than 600 different churches and chapels totalling over £4 million. Participants can raise money for their own church and for the Trust and you can choose your own route, visit as many churches and chapels as you wish, by bicycle, horse, car or on foot. Sponsorship forms are available for anyone wishing to take part. As in previous years, volunteers on the day to provide hospitality to participating riders visiting our church would be welcomed.

**Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for July 2015** - "I beg the Lord to grant us more politicians who are genuinely disturbed by the state of society, the people, the lives of the poor! It is vital that government leaders and financial leaders take heed and broaden their horizons, working to ensure that all citizens have dignified work, education and healthcare.



Why not turn to God and ask him to inspire their plans?" (*Francis, APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION "EVANGELII GAUDIUM", 24 November 2013*). This month we are invited to share in Pope Francis's prayer intention "...That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity."

**Peace Actions for July 2015**

- Think about supporting CAAT's campaign to spend less on arms and more on renewable energy. Read more at [www.caat.org.uk](http://www.caat.org.uk)
- 12<sup>th</sup> July is 'Sea Sunday'. Think about ways both financial and practical to support seafarers far from home.
- If you are buying new clothes for the summer holiday, remember to look out for Fairtrade cotton.
- Read Pope Francis's 'Laudato si' on care for our common home. You can buy it online at [www.stpauls.org.uk](http://www.stpauls.org.uk)

**Recommended Reading: Friday Suppers by Pauline Curran** - 'Friday Suppers', written for CAFOD by Pauline Curran with a foreword by Delia Smith, is packed with 40 delicious meat-free recipes. It is ideal for people looking for fresh inspiration for simple and tasty family meals, and for those looking to reduce their carbon footprint by eating less meat. All profits from 'Friday Suppers' will be donated to CAFOD's work.

**Eight top tips on caring for the planet - From Pope Francis.....**

- Avoid the use of plastic and paper
- Reduce water consumption
- Recycle
- Cook only what you can reasonably consume
- Show care for other living beings
- Use public transport
- Plant trees
- Turn off unnecessary lights

**Bite Size**

Learning sleeps and snores in libraries, but wisdom is everywhere, wide awake, on tiptoe.  
*Josh Billings*