GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE $27^{\mbox{\tiny TH}}$ SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Having Faith in 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 felt when they approached Jesus and made 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?

Bitesize - "Start by doing what's necessary, then do what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible." ~ *St Francis of Assisi*



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 Safeguarding – <u>https://www.rcdea.org.uk/safeguarding/</u> Diocesan Website – <u>http://www.rcdea.org.uk</u> Notre Dame High School, Norwich – <u>http://www.ndhs.org.uk</u> Daily Liturgy Website – <u>www.universalis.com</u>

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6TH OCTOBER 2019 – 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C

[27th Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 3]

Mass Times for th	ne Week	Intentions		
Sat. 5 th Oct.	6.00 pm	27 th Sunday in Ord. Time	S.V.P.	
Sun. 6 th Oct.	9.00 am	[Parish Mass Book p146]	Paul Morris (Baker)	
	11.00 am	[Pullsh Wass Book p146]	The People of the Parish	
Mon. 7 th Oct.	10.00 am	Our Lady of the Rosary	Osyth Hawke (Fdn.)	
Tues. 8 th Oct.	-	Feria	No Mass today–PP's day off	
Weds. 9 th Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Paul Morris (Bussey)	
Thurs. 10 th Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Brian & Shirley Liebenhals	
			(Sanderson)	
Fri. 11 th Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Elizabeth Geoghan (Mealy)	
Sat. 12 th Oct.	10.30 am	Feria	Tba	
	6.00 pm		Tba	
Sun. 13 th Oct.	9.00 am	28 th Sunday in Ord. Time	The People of the Parish	
	11.00 am		Joao Lobo & Thanksgiving	

Music for 27th Sunday in Ord. Time – Setting: New People's Mass (& Mem. Acclam. B)
Entry: 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 708 – Holy God, we praise thy name ...
Psalm: (11am sung) R.: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.
Offertory: Hymn 608 – Take my hands and make them as your own ...
Recessional: 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 961 – Lead, kindly light amid th' encircling gloom ...

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: Reginald Rayner, Richard Hayter, Josepha Hart, Maud Juby, John Pearson, Sheila Flanagan, Joe Stasiorowski, Maybel O'Donnell, Nellie Pinchbeck, David Jones and Sylvia Remmen. *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: David Peek, Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Rita Smith, Carol Whitesides, Robert Nicol, Eileen Brocklesby, Shirley Liebenhals, Catherine Carter, Alf Charlton, Frances Saville King, Una McWeeny and Derek Williams.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offerings of £481.72 for the weekend of 21/22 September and for £419.18 last weekend for the day-to-day running of our parish. **This weekend,** there is a retiring collection after all Masses for CAFOD Family Fast Day.

130 Club Draw for September 2019 - Quarterly Prize £75 - Ticket No. 25; 1^{st} Prize £20 - Ticket No. 88; 2^{nd} Prize £15 - Ticket No. 114; 3^{rd} Prize £10 - Ticket No. 27; 4^{th} Prize £10 - Ticket No. 168; 5^{th} Prize £10 - Ticket No. 159.

Diary Dates for this week -				
Mon. 7 th Oct.	2.00pm	Mother Teresa's knitting group – Emmaus Room.		
Tues. 8 th Oct.	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room		
Weds. 9 th Oct.	11.00am	UCM monthly meeting. This month we have a speaker from the Mattishall Dementia Group at 11.30am and would be pleased to welcome anyone who would like to hear the talk.		
Weds. 9 th Oct.	6.30pm	Music selection & practice – Presbytery & Church. All volunteers welcome to make a joyful noise to the Lord!		
Fri. 11 th Oct.	7.15-8.45pm	Confirmation Group meets – Emmaus Room		
Sat. 12 th Oct.	11.00am	Saturday Club - Emmaus Room		

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day (England and Wales): Friday 4th October - In last Sunday's Gospel, we heard the story of the rich man and Lazarus. While he was alive, the rich man ignored Lazarus, even though Lazarus was right outside his gate. Do we ignore uncomfortable truths? Like the fact that so many people are still hungry and thirsty, as Lazarus was? This reading reminds us that we should not ignore our sisters and brothers, who are living with this injustice. God asks us to reach out and help one another. Together, we can solve problems. We can share what we have so that God's children everywhere

have what they need to live life to the full. There is a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend for your donation from your Harvest Fast Day last Friday - a donation envelope is available at the back of church for your use. Don't forget to fill out the gift aid slip if you are a UK tax payer.

Need a home in Walsingham? Ignite, the Diocesan Youth Mission Team, is seeking a lodger for the 2019-2020 academic year. House is on the High Street in Walsingham. Private double bedroom with shared bathroom, living room, and kitchen space. Contact Ciaran Losasso at 07769 315031 or <u>igniteteam@rcdea.org.uk</u>.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October 2019, A Missionary "Spring" in the Church -

The history of Christianity is filled with missionaries and evangelists who have been

inspired by the Holy Spirit to go out into the world and change it for the better. These changes might have involved challenging bad leaders, or bringing reform for those suffering injustice illness or poverty. There are those who have made great changes by setting a humble yet unerring example, and those who have made big and bold changes. Whatever our



personality, we are all capable of making changes. We don't have to leave change to those we consider saints or great activists. This month Pope Francis urges us to pray "...That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church."

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.

Feast of the Guardian Angels – This feast day fell on 2nd October. One of the most consoling ideas drawn from Scripture is that of the guardianship of angels; the doctrine which teaches that man in this world is guided and protected by invisible beings. The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based in Scripture. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

The Angelus					
\tilde{V} . The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.	Ř. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.				
		Hail Mary			
V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.	Ř. Be it done unto me according to thy word.				
		Hail Mary			
$\mathbf{\tilde{V}}$. And the Word was made flesh.	🕅 And dwelt among us.	Hail Mary			
$\mathbf{\tilde{V}}$. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.	$\mathbf{\hat{R}}$. That we may be made worth of the promises of				
		Christ.			
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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.