

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



God's Campaign Trail! - How can we promote Jesus' message in a society that tries to confine Christianity to a Sunday afternoon TV slot? How do we promote Jesus' teachings of unity and sharing in a world of division and materialism? How do we campaign for peace and love in a world hampered by indifference and injustice?

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? Having a clear and focussed mind is crucial to any kind of success. 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. Two thousand years later, our world still needs a lot of 'fixing'. The job to be done might seem impossible, but we take encouragement from those few early disciples and the scale of their obvious success. To give up on the job would be to negate the work of those who have gone before us. If we care at all about the work our predecessors have put in, it's our turn to take to God's campaign trail.

Bitesize - "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.

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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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7TH JULY 2019 – 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C

[14th Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 2]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 6 th July	6.00 pm	14 th Sunday in Ord. Time [Parish Mass Book p105]	Priest's Int.
Sun. 7 th July	9.00 am 11.00 am		Priest's Int. The People of the Parish
Mon. 8 th July	10.00 am	Feria	Colin Cummings
Tues. 9 th July	-	Feria	No Mass today – PP's day off
Weds. 10 th July	10.00 am	Feria	Holy Souls
Thurs. 11 th July	10.00 am	St. Benedict (Patron of Europe)	Holy Souls
Fri. 12 th July	10.00 am	Feria	Holy Souls
Sat. 13 th July	6.00 pm	15 th Sunday in Ord. Time	Holy Souls
Sun. 14 th July	9.00 am 11.00 am		Peter Casey (Fahy) The People of the Parish

Music for 14th Sunday in Ord. Time – Setting: Belmont Mass (with Memorial Acclam. 1)

Entry: 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 807 – Praise, my soul, the king of heaven ...

Psalm: (said) *R.*: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Offertory: Hymn 924 – Brother, sister, let me serve you ...

Recessional: 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 934 – Dear Lord and Father of mankind ...

Anniversaries this week: Elaine Stephenson, Antonio Fernando Marques, Edward Clare, Doris Eden, Kay Vincent and Dennis Crossland Mallam. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

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.

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, Neville Hibberd, Shirley Liebenhals and Catherine Carter.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering of £442.02 last weekend for the day-to-day running of our parish and for £135.65 for Peter's Pence.

Diary Dates for this week -		
Tues. 9 th July	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room
Weds. 10 th July	11.00am	UCM monthly meeting in Emmaus Room. No speaker this month but several reports to receive and forward planning to discuss. Any ladies who would be interested in finding out more about the UCM are very welcome to join us.
Weds. 10 th July	6.30pm	Music selection & practice – Presbytery & Church. All volunteers welcome to make a joyful noise to the Lord!
Saturday Club - Please note that Saturday Club is now on summer break. Classes will resume in September. NB. There is no Saturday morning Mass during this time.		

Genuflection - My right knee is quite painful at the moment and very painful to me when I genuflect, so I have decided to bow at the usual places for genuflection during Mass. It is OK for walking about etc., but not for genuflections.

Confirmations in July 2020 - There has been some interest expressed in joining this programme. It will be led by Michael King who led the programme last time. Michael has been doing a course for catechists at St. John's Cathedral in order to equip himself even more thoroughly for the next Confirmation group's preparation. We will begin in the Autumn with a Mass of enrolment.

Sea Sunday (Apostleship of the Sea) - Next week (14th July) is Sea Sunday when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. For more information about its work, visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Forthcoming Events –

- **Community of Christ the Prince: New Dawn Conference** – This annual Catholic family event is taking place at Walsingham from **Monday 5th – Friday 9th August 2019** – see the poster at the back of church for details. www.princeofpeace.org.uk
- **EA Diocesan Summer Camp 2019, Friday 23rd-Monday 26th August** – Come and join in a weekend of Faith, Food and Fun for children aged 8-14 years, at Moreton Hall School, Bury St. Edmunds. For more information please email diocesansummercamps@gmail.com or go to www.facebook/diocesansummercamps. Any parent/guardian needing assistance with costs, is encouraged to contact a member of the Planning Team. Similarly, if anyone would like to sponsor a child to attend camp or make a contribution towards costs, then please get in touch.
- **The Norfolk Churches Trust Annual Bike, Walk, Drive ... in the Norfolk Countryside – Saturday, 14th September 2019, 9.00am – 5.00pm** - Many historic churches, chapels and meeting houses are battling to survive. Roofs leak, lead roofs are stolen, ancient timbers rot and medieval stonework crumbles. Now you can help by joining a sponsored bike ride or walk discovering beautiful churches, which also raises money for their repair and preservation. So, pump up your tyres, dust off your walking boots, pack a picnic and plan a route from your own door to visit as many of the most beautiful churches in Norfolk you can. **Plus**, you can join with others in your parish to win £1000 for your church by becoming the parish with the most improved amount of money raised. *Simply get sponsored for each building you visit, or make a donation* – find out more at www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride or see the poster at the back of church.

Caritas East Anglia - Caritas East Anglia would like to know how Catholics are sharing God's love with the poor and marginalised. If you're involved in any social outreach work, either through church or with another group, please fill in this short questionnaire to tell me what you're doing: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/caritas-questionnaire/> Contact Jacinta Goode with any questions: caritas@rcdea.org.uk

The Angelus

- ☩. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. *℟. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.*
Hail Mary ...
- ☩. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. *℟. Be it done unto me according to thy word.*
Hail Mary ...
- ☩. And the Word was made flesh. *℟. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary ...*
- ☩. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. *℟. 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.