

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### The Everlasting Purse

There are no two ways about it; human beings are materialistic by nature. Even as very small children we have to be taught to share our toys and it doesn't come easily to us. Our possessions become a part of us. Anyone who has tried to de-clutter the attic only to find possessions they can't possibly be parted from will be only too aware of this. Worse than that, our possessions start to possess us. We think twice about visiting a friend who lives in the rough end of town. Will our car still be there when it's time to go home? We are trapped in jobs we hate simply because we are committed to

buying that dream house. Suddenly our possessions are dictating how we live our lives. Then when we die, somebody will come along and give everything we owned to a charity shop, because at the end of the day, our possessions mean very little.

Today we are told, "Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Salvation doesn't depend on which church we go to, or how many prayers we say. Salvation is determined by what we do with what we have, and how much love we have in our hearts for others.

How much we help others of course depends very much on what we have in the first place. "To whom much is given much is required." Jesus tells us. If we have talents, a well-paid job and the good fortune to be born into an affluent society, we are expected to help those who have never had the opportunity to develop their talents or who own very little. Oh yes..... and there's a time limit! "But know this," says Jesus, "if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into." The Son of Man will return at an unexpected hour.

When we buy our possessions we think about how we would like to be defined. Do we want the brand trainers or the non brand trainers, a top of the range car or a mid range car. But at the end of life how would we like to be remembered? Do we want to be remembered as someone with a house full of possessions, or as someone who left a lasting mark on the world... an everlasting purse.

**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 Website: <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>  
Notre Dame High School, Norwich: Website <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>

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### 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2016 - 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Sunday Masses - Page 121 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Donor's Int.
Sunday	9.00 am	John Perkins
	11.00 am	People of the Parish

#### Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: Dom Gregory Murray Mass

**Entry** 6pm - *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 468 - Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! ...

**Offertory** Hymn 956 - I watch the sunrise ...

**Communion** *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*

**Recessional** 11am - *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 456 - Christ is made the sure foundation ...

#### CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION: Saturday at 5.30pm, or on request / by appointment

#### Weekday Mass Times (19<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time) [Psalter Week 3]

Mon.	10.00 am	Michael Murphy - St Dominic
Tues.	<b>No Mass today</b>	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Patron of Europe
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - in Emmaus Room
Weds.	10.00 am	Joanne Noble - St Lawrence
Thurs.	10.00 am	John Perkins - St Clare
Fri.	10.00 am	John Perkins - Feria
	5.45 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Silent Prayer
	6.15 pm	Evening Prayer (Vespers)
Sat.	<b>No morning Mass</b>	- Feria
	6.00 pm	Donor's Int. - THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

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

**Anniversaries this week:** Sybilla Hopkins, Peggy Malone, Agnes Harmer, Andrew Browne, Frederick Faulkner, Betty Evans, Mark Blows, Roland Leslie Hutchinson and Gavin Wiggins Gemmell. *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, Shirley Liebenhals, Sarah Chaudri, Anne & Derek Williams, Anna Thompkins, Michelle Smith, Rita Smith, Eileen Brockleby, Pat Howe, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Margaret Leggett, Diana Cater, Ken May and Muriel Harmer.

**Many thanks** – Patrick would like to thank the many people who wrote to him by letter or card, left messages on his answer phone, visited him in hospital or volunteered to be his driver whilst he was unable to drive himself. Also those who, who rightly feared his one-handed cooking, invited him for a meal. There were others who gave him practical assistance of a different nature. I was amazed and somewhat humbled by your response. There are too many to thank personally but you know who you are and I am so grateful to you all. We have a great family parish and I am proud to belong to it.

**Money Matters** – The collection last weekend was £500.98. Thank you all very much.

#### Upcoming Diary Dates

- Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. - Dereham Quarterly Fellowship Evening Joint Worship at Sacred Heart at 7.30 pm
- Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. – Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride – see leaflets at back of church
- Saturday Club is on holiday until 10<sup>th</sup> September.

**Help with setting up the church for the weekend.** I need some help with putting out the chairs and cushions and books for weekend Masses. Many hands make light work, as the saying goes. I would appreciate it if some volunteers could come forward to set up the church by Saturday afternoon at the latest. I have done it myself and it is very good exercise!

**Visitors:** Welcome to our visitors who have joined us for Mass this weekend. We hope that you enjoy your stay with us at Sacred Heart and that your time in Norfolk is a refreshing experience for you. The fact that you found us is very heartening.

**Alive in Faith:** The response of the parish to Alive in Faith is very humbling indeed for me. Your generosity is amazing. The total in either one off donations or pledges has now reached £108,938. Your gift has helped secure the formation of our future priests, support our retired priests and helped us take care of the fabric of the church. These

funds are 'Restricted Funds' and they can only be used for the purpose for which they are given and cannot be diverted by anyone and cannot be absorbed into general finances of the parish or the Diocese.

**First Communion** – Preparation classes will be starting in September for First Holy Communion in July 2017. Children must be in Year 3 or above and be aged 8 in July 2017. Classes take place on Saturday morning from 10.30am until 11.30am.

**Confirmation** – We are hoping to start preparation sessions for candidates who are aged 13 and above in September 2016 for Confirmation in 2017, and I would like to invite expressions of interest for candidates who feel they are ready to prepare for the Sacrament, which completes their initiation as members of the Church.

**Application forms for First Holy Communion and Confirmation preparation are available from Fr Brendan or Robbie Meehan (Catechist).**

**Supporting the victims of torture - Our Blessed Lord was Himself a victim of torture and Action by Christians Against Torture (acat) aims to work for the abolition of torture worldwide.** Last year Amnesty International reported that torture was regularly practiced in 141 countries around the world including many countries which are signatories to the UN Convention Against Torture. **acat** keeps abreast of legislation relating to torture and information on specific examples. Members are encouraged to write to governments in countries where torture is practiced calling for its abolition, to support individual victims of torture and to pray for the tortured and the torturers. **acat** supplies prisoner lists particularly at Easter and Christmas so that members can send cards and letters. **acat** is a small non-denominational Christian charity eager for new members and has Cardinal Vincent Nichols among its patrons. Should any parishioner be interested in joining **acat** the website can be found at <http://www.acatuk.org.uk> or details can be found in brochures in the porch. Anyone who would like a copy of the latest **acat** newsletter can obtain one from Adrian Howard on tel. 07919 302087 or email [ahoward60uk@gmail.com](mailto:ahoward60uk@gmail.com). *“There is no dichotomy between man and God's image. Whoever tortures a human being, whoever abuses a human being, whoever outrages a human being, abuses God's image.” ~ Archbishop Oscar Romero.*

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*“You can never get enough of what you don't need to make you happy.” ~ Eric Hoffer*

#### **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 Mar.**  
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.**