

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Closed Minds

Hands up did your older brothers and sisters try to teach you things as a child only to be met with protests, scoffs and yawns? It was only when your parents stepped in and paid up front for an expensive tutor that you would finally sit up and pay attention. It seems that we disregard as unimportant

what is right under our noses. The next-door neighbour might speak words of great wisdom to us over the garden fence, but unless the same words were boomed at us from a cloud or a mountaintop we would barely heed them. The old adage that 'familiarity breeds contempt' is certainly a true one.

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 less likely to work wonders in a closed mind.

Bitesize – 'Familiarity breeds contempt, while rarity wins admiration.'
Apuleius Roman philosopher, rhetorician, & satirist (124 AD - 170 AD)



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 - <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/safeguarding/>
 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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8TH JULY 2018 – 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- SEA SUNDAY

Sunday Masses [Parish Mass Book p104]		Intentions
Saturday, 7 th July	6.00 pm	Donor's Int.
Sunday, 8 th July	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Dane Burbiene

Music for Sunday Masses - *Setting: The Belmont Mass*
Entry: 6pm – *Angelus (said)*. Hymn 725 – Immortal, invisible, God only wise ...
Psalm R.: *Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.*
Offertory: Hymn 600 – All that I am, all that I do ...
Communion: *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*
Recessional: 11am – *Angelus (said)*. Hymn 963 – Eternal Father, strong to save ...

Confession/Reconciliation: Saturday at 5.30pm - or by request/appointment

Weekday Masses [14 th week of year – Psalter Week 2]			Intentions
Mon.	10.00 am	Feria	Mary Hammond
Tues.	No Mass today		
Weds.	10.00 am	St Benedict, Patron of Europe	UCM Int.
Thurs.	10.00 am	Feria	Francis Buxton (Forget-Me-Nots)
Fri.	10.00 am	Feria	Holy Souls
Sat.	No morning Mass		
	6.00 pm	15 th Sunday in Ord. Time	Donor's Int.

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

Anniversaries this week: 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.*

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 [with GDPR Permissions] - Please pray for: David Peek, Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Anna Thompson, Peter Gormans and Sarah Chaudri.

Money Matters – Thank you for your offering for the maintenance of our parish which amounted to £497.14 last weekend. With Gift Aid you can increase your donation by 25% if you are a taxpayer. The accounts as presented at the Parish Open Meeting showed that we are currently running with £2,000 deficit per annum. This weekend there is the retiring collection for the Apostleship of the Sea.

Diary Dates for this week –		
Tues. 10 th July	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group, in Emmaus Room
Weds. 11 th July	11.00am	UCM meets in Emmaus Room.
Sat. 14 th July	Saturday Club is now on Summer holidays until September. NB. There is no Saturday morning Mass when Saturday Club is on holiday.	

Sea Sunday, Sunday 8th July 2018 – Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today’s retiring collection is for the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church’s official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. To donate online please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Notre Dame High School, Norwich - Require a Chaplaincy Team Leader. Please visit the Diocesan Website for more details: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/school-vacancies/> or see the poster at the back of church.

Walsingham, 4th August 2018 - To mark the 480th Anniversary of the Dissolution of Walsingham Priory there is to be a Lecture given by Fr Michael Rear in the Church of the Annunciation, Walsingham, at 2pm on Saturday 4th August - 'Walsingham's Darkest Hour: The King's pleasure is that the Priory of Walsingham shall be dissolved' - followed by Vespers for the Feast of the Compassion of Our Lady from the 15th

century Walsingham Breviary sung in the Abbey Grounds at 3:30pm. Everyone is invited.

The 9th World Meeting of Families, 25th and 26th August 2018 - Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. Dublin has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018, guided by the theme “The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World”. The Holy See Press Office has now published the itinerary of the Holy Father Pope Francis for his pastoral visit to the 9th World Meeting of Families. You can find this on the official website at www.worldmeeting2018.ie

Diocesan Summer Camp 2018 – See the poster at the back of church for details. Application forms available. Email: diocesansummercamp@gmail.com

National Grandparents Pilgrimage - Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Sunday, 22nd July 2018, led by Bishop Alan Hopes. See the poster at the back of church for more details.

Step into the Gap (CAFOD Gap Year) - Step into the Gap, CAFOD’s gap year programme, is an opportunity to volunteer in the UK, gain experience, develop leadership skills and visit CAFOD partners and the communities CAFOD works with. Applications are open for a September 2018 start, but places are filling up fast. Please email cjones@cafod.org.uk to register your interest and find out more.

Parish Pens – Pens with the parish logo on them and the stylus for use with iPhones, tablets, etc. are available once again for £1.00.

The Angelus

Ÿ. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. **R.** *And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.*
Hail Mary ...

Ÿ. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. **R.** *Be it done unto me according to thy word.*
Hail Mary ...

Ÿ. And the Word was made Flesh. **R.** *And dwelt among us.* Hail Mary ...

Ÿ. 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.*