

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Opening New Possibilities

It seems the older we get, the more we learn to keep our mouths shut! Over the years we have learned that speaking from the heart can get us into trouble. Perhaps saying what is on our minds might not earn us the reputation we would like. It might not fit in with our sophisticated image to admit that we are afraid, or neurotic, or in need of help. We tend to avoid issues that we've learned to keep private... money, relationships, and religion are possibly the top three subjects we have learned to keep to ourselves.

Today's gospel reading gives us at first impression a straightforward account of the healing of a deaf man. After a few more readings however, we realise that the point of the miracle is a sign that Jesus was the Messiah. It was a sign that the Jews of that time would have expected of a Messiah. It had long been prophesied that the ears of the deaf would be unsealed, and that the tongues of the dumb would sing for joy. More than this, by choosing a Gentile as the subject of his miracle, Jesus is telling us that there is no discrimination when it comes to God's salvation.

When it comes to matters of faith, many of us have a bit of a speech impediment. Sadly, in this day and age, people who talk openly about their religious beliefs can be viewed as odd, and so we keep our mouths shut. Today's gospel points out the wrong in keeping our beliefs private. Time and time again, Jesus shows us that God's love is available to everyone without prejudice. Time and time again Jesus shows us that love and acceptance can open up whole new possibilities in broken lives. Our faith cannot be limited to one hour on a Sunday morning. We are invited to 'open up' and share the possibilities God offers with everyone we meet.

Bitesize - "Read, every day, something no one else is reading. Think, every day, something no one else is thinking. Do, every day, something no one else would be silly enough to do. It is bad for the mind to continually be part of unanimity." ~ *Christopher Morley*



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>
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9TH SEPTEMBER 2018 – 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B

[23rd Week of the Year, Weekday Year II, Psalter Week 3]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 8 th Sept.	6.00 pm	23 rd Sunday in Ord. Time	John Merrick (*Fdn.)
Sun. 9 th Sept.	9.00 am 11.00 am	(Education Sunday) [Parish Mass Book p129]	People of the Parish Editha Verba
Mon. 10 th Sept.	10.00 am	Feria	William Rowan
Tues. 11 th Sept.	-	Feria	No Mass today – PP's day off
Weds. 12 th Sept.	-	Feria	No Mass today (Deanery Meeting)
Thurs. 13 th Sept.	10.00 am	St John Chrysostom	UCM Intention
Fri. 14 th Sept.	10.00 am	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS.	Donor's Int.
Sat. 15 th Sept.	-	Our Lady of Sorrows	No morning Mass
Sat. 15 th Sept.	6.00 pm	24 th Sunday in Ord. Time	Donor's Int.
Sun. 16 th Sept.	9.00 am 11.00 am	(Home Mission Day)	Donor's Int. People of the Parish

*Fdn. = Foundation Mass

Music for 23rd Sunday in Ord. Time – Setting: New People's Mass

Entry: 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 821 – The kingdom of God is justice and joy ...

Psalm: 11am sung *R.*: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Offertory: Hymn 866 – I will be with you wherever you go ...

Recessional: 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 795 – I heard the voice of Jesus say ...

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: Annie Cecilia O’Ryan, Sidney Platt, Ferdinand Rupp and William Goulden. *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 01326 694066.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for: David Peek, Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Anna Thompson, Peter Gormans, Sarah Chaudri, Rita Smith, Carol Whitesides, Mabel (Teddy) O’Donnell and Catherine (Kay) Garrard.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering of £467.80 last weekend for the maintenance of our parish. **This weekend,** there is a retiring collection after all Masses for the **Catholic Education Service.**

130 Club Draw for August 2018 – 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 1; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 55; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 65; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 5; 5th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 31.

GDPR: General Data Protection Regulations. Please help us to conform to the law; keep the parish legal by filling in and returning the GDPR information sheet which is at the back of the church. These information sheets will be permanently available in the church for new and existing parishioners. The parish holds information (data) about parishioners i.e. Baptismal, Marriage, Confirmation and First Holy Communion Registers. We also have information about names and addresses and telephone numbers and some email addresses. We have lists for Readers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Flower Arrangers and Church Cleaners, Counters, Gift Aid and Alive in Faith, as well as names of people on committees and the various parish groups, viz. Finance, Fabric, Social, Catechists, Readers, Musicians, Lay Eucharist Ministers, 130 Club, Safeguarding, Union of Catholic Mothers, etc. We do not have a mailing list. In order to comply with the new law regarding data we need the permission of parishioners to hold the information. We do not share information except where it is necessary that is to inform a parish of Baptism of the Confirmation or Marriage of a former parishioner so that it can be entered into the Baptismal Register there. All information is held securely in a locked, fireproof room. So please help by completing the form and returning it to me at the Presbytery as soon as you can.

Church Kitchen Refit - Work will start on renewing the kitchen in the church this week. We need help to clear all the things from it and put them away on Tuesday. All help will be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

Diary Dates for this week -		
Tues. 11 th Sept.	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room
Weds. 12 th Sept.	11.00am	UCM monthly meeting, with guest speaker Rev. Michael Brookes, plus a shared lunch. NB: Please note change of

		<i>venue to Anne Sibley’s home due to the kitchen refit in the church; members will be circulated separately with the address.</i>
Sat. 15 th Sept.		No Saturday Club today - classes resume on 22nd September at 11.00 a.m. in Emmaus Room.

First Holy Communion Summer 2019 – Application forms are now available from Fr Brendan or Robbie Meehan for the First Holy Communion classes starting on 22nd September 2018 on Saturday mornings 11.00-11.30am following 10.30am Mass. Children must be in school year 3 or above.

Bar-b-Q – Thank you to everyone who attended the bar-b-que in the Presbyter garden last Sunday. Thank you to the members of the Parish Social Committee for organising it and arranging tickets etc. It was a lovely occasion on a lovely day. There was plenty for everyone to eat and then some.

UCM Cake Stall – Last weekend’s UCM cake stall raised £95.80, which will go to our nominated charities. Many thanks to those who baked, bought, and donated so generously to make this a successful weekend.

From the Social Committee - The Parish barbecue held on Sept. 2nd was a great success, so thank you to everyone who bought tickets and supported the event. We were blessed with fine weather and it was lovely to see so many people. Very special thanks to Richard May who managed to prepare and serve enough sausages and burgers single handed this year. **We raised £81 in the raffle for the Cambodian Appeal** and also have two potential new committee members who will be very welcome. There were also offers of help at future events from people. The clearing up process was amazing with everyone staying to help, so tables and chairs were put away in no time at all. The next event will be a quiz and cheese ‘n’ wine evening. Watch this space for further details.

Home Mission Sunday, 16th September 2018 – Next Sunday is Home Mission Day. There will be a retiring collection to support the work of the Home Mission Office. Thanks to the donations made last year, the Home Mission Office was able to provide training and support to diocesan evangelisation personnel, to trial events that inspire people to share their faith and to encourage the faithful to pray for evangelisation. For more information about each of these areas, please visit www.homemission.org.uk

The Angelus	
<i>Ÿ.</i>	The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. <i>Ŕ. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary ...</i>
<i>Ÿ.</i>	Behold the handmaid of the Lord. <i>Ŕ. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary ...</i>
<i>Ÿ.</i>	And the Word was made flesh. <i>Ŕ. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary ...</i>
<i>Ÿ.</i>	Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. <i>Ŕ. That we may be made worth of the promises of Christ.</i>
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.	