

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Who Is NOT My Neighbour?



Today a law student asks Jesus “Who is my neighbour?” he might just as well have asked, “Who is NOT my neighbour.” The law student was a Jew, and as such would only have considered fellow Jews as worthy of his neighbourly love. His loyalty to his own community would in itself have excluded those outside it. By asking Jesus “Who is my neighbour?” the lawyer is looking for excuses to withhold his love.

Are we sometimes guilty of the same transgression? We all agree in principle to Jesus’ commandment to love our neighbours, but then we rule all sorts of people out. How can we love and respect those who don’t show us any love or respect in return? How can we have sympathy for the benefit fraud, the drunk or the drug addict? How can we find any common ground with the teenager upstairs who plays his music too loud and at all times of the day. Jesus responds to the law student by telling the story of the ‘Good Samaritan’. That he chooses a Samaritan to be the hero of the story is no coincidence, since Jews had ongoing grievances against the Samaritans and their hostilities had long set them apart. The parable condemns non-involvement. How often do we refuse to be a ‘Good Samaritan’ because we fear for our own safety, or we are loath to spend money or time?

Regardless of who we perceive as our neighbours, and regardless of any excuses, today we are asked, “Can we truly keep the commandment that leads to eternal life?”

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 Mary.*

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.**

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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10TH JULY 2016 – 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses – Page 108 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday 6.00 pm Fr. Thomas Kennedy

Sunday 9.00 am Private Intention

11.00 am People of the Parish

Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: Dom Gregory Murray Mass

Entry 6pm – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 610 – Take our bread, we ask you ...

Offertory Hymn 803 – Love is his word ...

Communion Hymn 627 – This is my body, broken for you ...

Recessional 11am – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 652 – Go, the Mass is ended ...

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION - Saturday at 5.30 - 5.55 pm

Weekday Mass Times (15th week in Ordinary Time) [Psalter Week 3]

Mon. 10.00 am Donor’s Int. - St Benedict, Patron of Europe

Tues. **No Mass today** - Feria

7.30 pm Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room

Weds. 10.00 am Donor’s Int. - Feria

Thurs. 10.00 am Donor’s Int. - Feria

Fri. 10.00 am Donor’s Int. - St Bonaventure

5.45 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Silent Prayer

6.15 pm Evening Prayer (Vespers)

Sat. **12.00 noon** **Altar Servers’ Mass at St John’s Cathedral, Norwich**

6.00 pm Donor’s Int. - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Anniversaries this week: 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 - 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, Pat Grout, Ellen Flood, Patrick Monaghan and Margaret Leggett.

Money Matters – The collection last weekend was £494.67. Thank you all very much. Today, there is a retiring collection for Apostleship of the Sea.

Red Missionary Boxes - Donal Hannon writes: 'It is now a year since the Red Boxes were last counted and the money sent off to Missio (APF). So please will you bring your boxes to church over the next two Sundays, so that there can be another count and the monies sent to Missio. Thank you.

Diary Dates for this week –

- Weds. 13th Jul. – UCM meets at 2pm – in Emmaus Room
- Sat. 16th Jul. - Saturday Club is now on holiday for the summer and will resume again at the start of the new school term in September.

Altar Servers Mass: Saturday, 9th July - Please note the Saturday Morning Mass is at St. John's Cathedral for the Altar Servers from across the Diocese. Please remember to take your cassock and cotta with you and bring them back please. There is a BBQ after Mass and it should all be concluded by 3.00 pm.

First Holy Communion: Sunday, 10th July - Please remember Filip Kukielka, Daniel Morais and Rebecca Whelan in your prayers as they receive Holy Communion for the first time this weekend. They are making the next stage in their lifelong journey of Faith. They have prepared for this day by attending their classes regularly on Saturday mornings and have prepared for and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation already. It is a joyous time for Filip, Daniel and Rebecca and the families, friends, brothers and sisters as they grow up in the Faith.

UCM – Members of the Union of Catholic Mothers are reminded that their next meeting takes place this Wednesday, 13th July at 2pm in the Emmaus Room.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - In the next edition of the Diocesan Year Book the time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on Saturdays at 5.30 pm and on request or by appointment.

Church Cleaning - Are there any members of the congregation, including 'husbands and wives' teams, who feel they could help with cleaning our Church? It would be once every 7 weeks. It is not heavy work, just normal housework. We normally fit it in after Mass on Thursdays but this could be flexible. We usually work in twos. Please phone Catherine on 699334 if you feel you could join the team

Photocopier - The redundant large photocopier in the Presbytery has now found a new home and a smaller replacement is being purchased for parish use for small numbers of copies for children's liturgy, music, accounts, mass & other rotas, etc. The new copier should be delivered in about a week's time.

Sea Sunday, 10th July – 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 second collection is for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. Seafarers are a marginalized workforce, generally unseen by the general public, even when in port. They work in difficult and often dangerous conditions, to support their families (often extended families) back home, and in so doing make huge sacrifices by being away for up to twelve months at a time. This annual collections absolutely vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. For more information on the work of AoS, please visit: www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

Saint Benedict, Co-Patron of Europe, July 11th - Born in 480 of Roman nobility, Benedict, frustrated with the lack of discipline displayed by his fellow students in Rome, adopted the life of a hermit and spent three years living in a cave. He later founded a monastery and the well-known Benedictine Order. Benedict went on to establish twelve more monasteries. Today he is patron saint of Europe, students, kidney disease and poison sufferers.

Graduate Internship Vacancy - Required for September 2016 at St Louis Catholic Academy, Newmarket. Salary £15,207 pro rata. Full Time for 1 Year in the first instance but could be permanent for the right candidate. Visit Diocesan Website for more details: <http://rcdea.org.uk/school-vacancies/>

Repository – A reminder that the church shop has a variety of religious items for sale – missals & bibles, mass cards, First Holy Communion cards and gifts, new baby and birthday cards, rosaries, statues, children's books, candles, etc. All at reasonable prices. The shop is open after weekend Masses and weekdays. Contact Peggy Mealy on 01362 288499 for any help.

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"If you want to make peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies."

~ Moshe Dayan, Israeli general & politician (1915 - 1981)