

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**No Man Is An Island** - To give correction occasionally is an unpleasant duty, and to receive it is an equally unpleasant duty. Which is harder? An honest answer tells us a lot about our personality.

Every one of us has experienced confrontation over our behaviour at one time or another. How did we respond? More than likely we didn't respond well. None of us like to have our faults pointed out. At worst it can send us into a spiral of heated indignation and stubborn denial, protesting our innocence and hurling accusations back in retaliation. Ultimately, whether the criticism was taken on board or not depends on the spirit in which it was given. Was the criticism dealt by a friend with our best interests at heart, or was it dealt in a spirit of anger and come-uppance? How the criticism was dealt and how we responded is key in our dealings when it's our turn to correct someone else.

Most of us dislike having to correct someone else; we procrastinate and beat about the bush. Mightn't it be easier all round if we pretended the problem didn't exist? The main flaw with that strategy is that the papers are full of serious examples of what can happen when problems are side stepped and left to fester. How many people have allowed abuse, deception, injustice and even holocaust because they have kept quiet and avoided confrontation? There's no getting round it, there will come a time when we need to meet confrontation head on.

Today's gospel tells us how to confront someone we know to be in the wrong. We should make the confrontation on a one to one basis in a spirit of love and empathy. If our attempts at putting things straight fail, we should attempt to involve a third party. An extra pair of objective ears can often take the heat out of a situation; this is why people often take their problems to a counsellor. When Jesus says "Where there are two or three gathered in my name....." he is making it clear how important we are to one another. No man is an island; we all need each other's support. We all need each other's empathy, and there will come a time, when we all need a good honest dose of tough love.

**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](http://www.universalis.com)

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## 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 – 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Sunday Masses – Page 125 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Int. Albert Foley
Sunday	9.00 am	Int. Reg. Garrard (Garrard)
	11.00 am	Int. People of the Parish

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

**Entry** 6pm – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 887 – God, whose almighty Word ...

**Offertory** Hymn 833 – O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray ...

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

**Recessional** 11am – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 770 – Shine, Jesus, shine ...

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

Weekday Mass Times	(23 <sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time)	[Psalter Week 3]
Mon. 10.00 am	Feria – Int. Gonzalo Mausisa (Kemp)	
Tues. <b>No Mass today</b>	Feria	
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds. 10.00 am	St. John Chrysostom – Int. Holy Souls (Sillince)	
Thurs. 10.00 am	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	
	– Int. Daphne Rondo (Rondot)	
Fri. 10.00 am	Our Lady of Sorrows – Special Int. (Nicol)	
Sat. 10.30 am	SS Cornelius and Cyprian – Int. Ron Thurstance (May)	
	6.00 pm	24 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
		- Int. Ron Thurstance (Perkins)

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 (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, Robert Nicol, Shirley Liebenhals, Sarah Chaudri, Anne & Derek Williams, Rita Smith, Eileen Brockleby, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Margaret Leggett, Peter Brown, Robert Anderson, Carole Whitesides and Stuart Bell.

**Money Matters** – The collection last weekend for the day-to-day running of the parish amounted to £455.46. Thank you very much for your generosity. **Today** is Education Sunday and there is a retiring collection for the Catholic Education Service. **Next weekend** is Home Mission Sunday and there will be a retiring collection after all Masses.

Diary Dates for this week –	
Mon. 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	AA Group meets – 7.30pm in Emmaus Room
Weds. 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	UCM meets – 11.00am in Emmaus Room. <i>(Guest: Mike Brookes)</i>
Weds. 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Fabric Committee meeting – 7.30pm in Emmaus Room
Fri. 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Altar Servers meet – 7.15 to 8.15pm in Emmaus Room
Sat. 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Saturday Club restarts – 11.00am in Emmaus Room, after morning Mass.

**First Holy Communion 2018** – A reminder that First Holy Communion classes re-start on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September. Application forms are available from Fr Brendan or Robbie Meehan for children who must be in year 3 or above and be at least 8 years old in July 2018. If you have not already done so, please hand in your forms to Fr Brendan or Robbie as soon as possible. **Sunday Liturgy** resumes this week at the 11.00am Mass for children aged 4-9 years old. This takes place during the first part of the Mass.

**St Vincent de Paul Society** – A reminder to SVP members that the next Conference meeting is due to be held on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm in the Emmaus Room.

**Thank You** - Jan Duffield would like to say sincere thanks for all the cards, masses, messages and support given on the recent death of her father, Ron Thurstance.

**Walsingham Annual Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life: Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017** – The Rt. Rev. Robert Byrne CO, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham will lead this year’s annual pilgrimage to Walsingham for the Sanctity of Life on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> September. . For further details see the poster or pick up a flyer from the back of church.

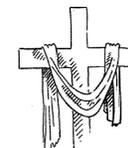
**Mission Trip** - On 20<sup>th</sup> September Donal Hannon is flying to Jamaica for 12 days to volunteer with the Missionaries of the Poor. Donal would like to take donations of clothes that they are always in need of. Any donations of lightweight dresses, T-shirts (all sizes) or men’s and children’s shorts (elastic waist) can be given to Donal to take out.

**Check Out the Chaplaincy** - In the next week or two some of our younger parishioners will be off to start at universities in far flung towns and cities. This can be a time of great opportunity and adventure, but it can also be a little daunting. We remind our youngsters to check out the Catholic Chaplaincy in their new university community. The Chaplaincy can be a real home from home and a starting point for new friendships and support.

**For your information: Liturgical colour green.** The theological virtue of hope is symbolised by the colour green, just as the burning fire of love is symbolised by red. Green is the colour of growing things, and hope like them, is always new and always fresh. Liturgically green is the colour of Ordinary Time in which we are neither especially penitent (in purple) nor overwhelmingly joyful (in white).

**Mass Intentions** - Please note that if you wish to have Mass celebrated for an intention on a particular day, it is wise to give as much notice as possible. Some Foundation Masses have dates for their celebration requested annually and one Mass every Sunday and Holyday is offered for the people of the parish.

**Exaltation of the Cross, 14<sup>th</sup> September** - We are called to participate in the struggle against evil in every form: racism, social injustice, oppression, infidelity, dishonesty, and corruption. The Risen Lord wishes to deliver us from all evil. But how? Not by removing every difficulty, but by giving us courage to face it and overcome it. Our sufferings are stepping-stones to victory. We look to the cross as a symbol of triumph over suffering and the promise of eternal life.



**Bite Size**  
 “Nobody stands taller than those willing to stand corrected. “ ~ *William Safire*

**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**