

**GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**Feeding Faith**

We are almost fifty years on from the first moon landing; yet as time goes by, the murmurings that it might never have happened gather momentum. “How could the flag be fluttering on an atmosphere free moon?” “How did the astronauts take such stunning photographs with apparent multiple light sources when their only light source was the sun?” It seems that when anyone makes an incredible claim, there will be those who seek to discredit it. It’s far easier to pick holes in an amazing claim than to support it. It’s good that we have questioning minds, but what if our questions lead us up a blind alley where we are suddenly incapable of belief.

Put yourself In Jesus’ shoes. You’ve worked inexplicable miracles, not least the feeding of five thousand with just five loaves and two fishes. Now you try to explain to the crowds that your miracle wasn’t just about feeding a bunch of hungry people, your miracle was a sign of your divinity. “I am the living bread, that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” The people have a hard time believing your claim. Even though they’ve witnessed your great miracle, they mutter to each other. “Who’s he trying to kid ... we knew his parents and we know where he’s from ... how can he have come down from heaven?” Maybe the crowds were looking for more signs ... more miracles! If we were in Jesus’ shoes we might have obliged with a few more miracles, but Jesus knows that this is not the answer. Instead, he makes us a promise. “I am the bread of life, anyone who eats this bread will live forever.” If we share in Christ’s Eucharist, our faith will be nourished and we will inherit everlasting life.

**Bitesize** - “He does not believe who does not live according to his belief.”  
~ Thomas Fuller



**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>  
 Daily Liturgy Website – [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

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**12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2018 – 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

| <b>Sunday Masses [Parish Mass Book p117]</b> |          | <b>Intentions</b>    |
|--|----------|----------------------|
| Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup> August            | 6.00 pm  | Ron Thurstance       |
| Sunday, 12 <sup>th</sup> August              | 9.00 am  | Sr. Pat Daly         |
|  | 11.00 am | People of the Parish |

**Music for Sunday Masses – Setting: The Belmont Mass**  
**Entry:** 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 632 – Come to the feast ...  
**Psalm R:** 11am sung – Taste and see, taste and see that the Lord is good, the Lord is good.  
**Offertory:** Hymn 607 – Let all mortal flesh keep silence ...  
**Recessional:** 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 721 – O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder ...

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

| <b>Weekday Masses [19<sup>th</sup> Wk. of year – Psalter Wk. 3]</b> |                        |                                      | <b>Intentions</b>               |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Mon.  | 10.00 am               | Feria                                | Donor’s Int.                    |
| Tues.   | <b>No Mass today</b>   | St. Maximilian Kolbe                 |                                 |
| Weds.   | 10.00 am               | THE ASSUMPTION OF                    | Pamela Barnwell                 |
|   | 7.30 pm                | THE BVM. Solemnity.                  | People of the Parish            |
| Thurs.  | 10.00 am               | Feria                                | William Pritchard               |
| Fri.  | 10.00 am               | Feria                                | Donor’s Int.                    |
| Sat.  | <b>No morning Mass</b> | Feria                                |                                 |
|   | 6.00 pm                | 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time | Fr. John Warrington (Sanderson) |

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

**Anniversaries this week:** Roland Leslie Hutchinson, Gavin Wiggins Gemmell, Patricia Ann O'Connor, William Barton and Edwin Ronald Thurstance. *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 Fr. Peter Rollings (01553 772220) for visits to QEII. 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 £575.66 last weekend for the maintenance of our parish.

**130 Club Draw for July 2018** – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £20 – Ticket No. 139; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15 – Ticket No. 108; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 33; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 157; 5<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 132.

| Diary Dates for this week - |  |  |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
| Tues. 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug. | 7.30pm   | Queen of Peace Prayer Group in Emmaus Room |
| Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup> Aug.  | Saturday Club is on Summer break. <i>NB. There is no Saturday morning Mass during school holidays.</i> |  |

**Welcome to our Visitors** – It is always wonderful to meet so many people during the Summer months who attend Sunday Mass with us here in Dereham. It is our sincere hope that you feel welcome here and enjoy your holiday in Norfolk.

**The Revd. Michael Brookes**, newly ordained to the Diaconate, is coming to preach at all Masses this weekend. He was a parishioner here until he left for the Beda College in Rome three years ago and he has very kindly kept us informed of his progress over the years. He is currently on placement at St. John's Cathedral gaining some valuable pastoral experience before his ordination to the Priesthood next year.

**Maximilian Kolbe, August 14<sup>th</sup>** - Maximilian Mary Kolbe was a Polish priest who died as a prisoner in Auschwitz on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1941. When a prisoner escaped from the camp, the Nazis, in reprisal, selected ten others to be killed. One of those selected, Franciszek Gajowniczek cried out, "My wife! My children! I will never see them again." Moved by pity St. Maximilian stepped forward and asked to die in his place. The request was granted. He was canonized a martyr by Pope John Paul II in 1981. The cell where he died is now a shrine.



**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 15th August** – *Wednesday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady and a Holy Day of Obligation to attend Mass. Please note the times of Masses.*

This feast is a celebration of Mary's life and her assumption into heaven. Mary is a model of vocation and fidelity, a fidelity that demands self-knowledge courage and sacrifice. For those of us who feel we have no vocation we could learn many lessons by studying Mary's brand of discipleship. Motivation is key. Mary's motivation was to support God's plan. Nothing Mary ever did or said was for her own glory. We might not feel as though we have a vocation, but if we have even the smallest motivation to change the world, perhaps we have a vocation after all.



**Planning Funerals:** Available from the Repository for the princely sum of £1.20: 'Instruction for My Funeral Mass'. A very useful document for putting on paper our wishes regarding our funeral. Just fill in the details and leave it with your papers. It gives a guide to choosing things like hymns, flowers or no flowers, burial or cremation, Funeral Mass or Service, etc.

**Repository** – A reminder that the Repository has a variety of religious items for sale – missals & bibles, mass cards, 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.

**Development Worker for Caritas East Anglia** – Do you have the skills needed to demonstrate the value of Catholic Social Action currently taking place in the diocese? Applications for this part-time paid role, which aims to encourage parishes to be more ambitious in what they seek to achieve, are invited by 30<sup>th</sup> September. Further information from and applications to [caritas@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:caritas@rcdea.org.uk)

### The Angelus

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

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

*℣.* And the Word was made flesh. *℞.* And dwelt among us. Hail Mary ...

*℣.* Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. *℞.* That we may be made worth 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.