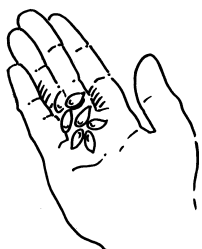


Hospital Visits – If you or family members are admitted to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital and would like a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain, please call St John’s Cathedral, Norwich (01603 624615). If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Small Beginnings - Seeds are amazing! We plant them, provide the right environment and then wait. Miraculously, the seeds flower into an array of fabulous plants. We can help the plants to grow, but we cannot make them grow, this power is out of our hands. Ultimately we cannot predict the harvest. The seeds of faith work in the same way. We can teach someone else about God but ultimately that is all we can do. People react to God’s word in countless different

ways, ways we cannot predict. Jesus’ first disciples were to take comfort in the knowledge that although they were entrusted to plant the seeds of faith, they were not responsible for the harvest God would take care of that.

The task of planting the seeds of faith in the twenty first century can seem as daunting as it must have seemed to those early disciples. Can we really make any difference to a world that allows daily atrocities? Today’s gospel offers yet more consolation. Jesus speaks of the tiny mustard seed. Despite its insignificant appearance it grows into an impressive shrub substantial enough to provide shade. It’s thought provoking that such a humble seed should provide so impressive a result. Jesus teaches us that we mustn’t be overwhelmed when faced with a seemingly overwhelming task. We must simply implement Christ’s teaching with whatever humble means we have, and leave God to do the rest.

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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14TH JUNE 2015 – 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend Masses – Page 95 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Tony Harmer	<i>(Angelus)</i>
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish	
	11.00 am	Marita Murphy	<i>(Angelus)</i>

Confession/Reconciliation - Saturday at 5.30 - 5.55 pm

Weekday Services [*Morning Prayer – Psalter Week 3*]

Mon.	7.00 pm	Madeline Lambert - Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart
Tues.	No Mass today	- Feria
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds.	10.00 am	Priest’s Intention – St. Botolph
Thurs.	10.00 am	Priest’s Intention - Feria
Fri.	10.00 am	Priest’s Intention - Feria
Sat.	10.30 am	Priest’s Intention - Feria
	6.00 pm	Priest’s Intention - 12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Anniversaries this week: Maria Gay, Ellen Whitehead, Thomas Day, Tony Harmer, Claudinette Barbas, Cardinal Basil Hume, Madeline Lambert and Francis Hunt. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Bishop Alan is coming to celebrate Mass with us on Monday at 7.00 p.m. I hope there will be a warm welcome and a large congregation to join in the celebration of Mass (a Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart) and refreshments and a glass of wine will be provided afterwards, either in the Emmaus Room or the Presbytery garden if it is a fine evening. I hope that we will all have an enjoyable evening.

Money Matters – The collection last weekend was £407.42 and the collection for the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales was £441.70. Thank you very much.

100 Club May Draw - 1st Prize £20.00 Peter Knight; 2nd Prize £15.00 Tom Nally; 3rd Prize £10.00 Kath Davis; 4th Prize £10.00 Catherine Cox; 5th Prize £10.00 Sarah Morris.

Church Sound System – At a meeting of the Parish Finance Committee, we agreed to spend money on the sound system at Sacred Heart. I have asked Darren Butler to come and evaluate the current system for us and to quote for its repair/replacement. Darren last worked on our system when Fr. Harry was here and it so happens that he will be in Dereham on Wednesday working on another church in the town. Darren has worked for me in other parishes and has worked on the system on St. John's Cathedral, Norwich, and that system is now functioning well – or it was the last time I was there! I will keep you updated on this as it is very important that we get this right.

Parish Gift Aid Scheme – A reminder to those who are members of the parish Gift Aid scheme to let Rex Baker know if there has been any change in your payment of income tax for the financial year 2014-2015. In the absence of any such information, it will be assumed that you are still tax payers and the parish will reclaim tax from HRMC on the offertory donations you have made over the last financial year. If there is anyone who pays tax but is not part of the Gift Aid scheme and is willing to sign up please let Rex know, as this is a great way for the parish to get additional funds from the tax reclaim benefits. Last year the parish reclaimed in the order of £5000. **Note you do not need to commit to a specific amount you contribute.** Contact Rex on telephone number 01362 694801 or email rexandrebecca@btinternet.com.

Red Missionary Boxes – A reminder to bring in your red missionary boxes for counting if you have not already done so. Thank you.

Re-commissioning of Lay Eucharistic Ministers - The weeks have just rolled by and this has not been done yet. I propose that the re-commissioning should take place on the weekend of June 27/28 at each Mass.

If there is anyone who feels that he/she would like to step down from this ministry then now is the time to do so. Thank you for all your work in administering Holy Communion especially to the sick and housebound.

Chaplain Required - HMP Bure, near Norwich, is seeking to appoint a suitably qualified deacon, religious or lay person to the post of Catholic chaplain. This is a half time appointment. We are looking for candidates who are experienced in working with people on the edge of society, who have some pastoral experience, a love for the Church and an ability to work in a multi faith environment. Further details may be obtained from Fr Roger Reader at Roger.Reader@CBCEW.Org.uk. The post is being advertised on the Ministry of Justice website at the moment.

Refugee Week - 15th-21st June - Refugee Week is a UK-wide programme of arts, cultural and educational events and activities that celebrates the contribution of refugees to the UK and promotes better understanding of why people seek sanctuary. Anyone can take part by organising, attending or taking part in activities. With immigration and asylum very much in the news, this is a week in which we examine the welcome we offer to people struggling to improve their lot in life.

UN International Day of Support for Victims of Torture - 26th June - Article 5 of the UN's Universal Declaration of the Human Rights in 1948 outlawed all torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. But despite 191 countries being members of the UN, torture is practiced in over half of the countries in the world and it remains a global scourge stripping both victims and perpetrators of their humanity. Action by Christians Against Torture (ACAT) has asked that all Christians pray for the victims and perpetrators of torture. ACAT campaigns on behalf of victims and for an end to the practice of torture. Cardinal Vincent Nichols is one of ACAT's patrons and should parishioners be interested ACAT's website can be found at www.acatuk.org.uk

Bite Size - "Consider the postage stamp: its usefulness consists in the ability to stick to one thing till it gets there." *Josh Billings*