

**GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**The Midas Touch**

Remember the story of King Midas? He was invited to make a wish, and he wished that everything he touched be turned to gold. At first the king had a whale of a time turning pots, vases, and simple household utensils into valuable objects. It didn't take him long however to work out that his love of gold was about to destroy everything most precious to him, as he turned food, butterflies and finally his beloved daughter into solid lumps of metal.

In many ways we are just as foolish as Midas. How many people do you know who won't go anywhere unless it's safe to park their brand-new car? How many of us watch the aid agency adverts and sympathise, yet decide we can't part with any cash right now? How many of us cannot get up and get involved in worthy causes because our work commitments come first? We are just the same as Midas. Our material concerns stand in the way of what is really important.

The man in today's gospel story was not a bad man; he had kept all God's commandments. This makes the story all the sadder, that he couldn't follow Jesus because of the one thing that stood in his way, his wealth. The man turned away, because he had much wealth and couldn't let go.

Today's gospel invites the question, 'Do we own our possessions, or do our possessions own us?'

**Bitesize** - 'A man is usually more careful of his money than of his principles.'  
~ *Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.*



**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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**14 OCTOBER 2018 – 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B**

[28<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year, Weekday Year II, Psalter Week 4]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	6.00 pm	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time [Parish Mass Book p143]	Elaine Smith Donor's Int. People of the Parish
Sun. 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Mon. 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	10.00 am	St Teresa of Jesus	Donor's Int.
Tues. 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	-	Feria	<b>No Mass today – PP's day off</b>
Weds. 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	-	St Ignatius of Antioch	<b>No Mass today</b>
Thurs. 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	10.00 am	ST LUKE	Donor's Int.
Fri. 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Donor's Int.
Sat. 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	U.C.M.
Sat. 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	6.00 pm	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time	Deceased Jones & Kendall Families Catherine Foley People of the Parish
Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct.	9.00 am 11.00 am		

**Music for 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time** – *Setting: New People's Mass*

**Entry:** 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 969 – Lord of all hopefulness ...

**Psalm:** 6.00 pm sung *R.*: Fill us with your love that we may rejoice

**Offertory:** Hymn 608 – Take my hands ...

**Recessional:** 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 365 – Immaculate Mary ...

**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:** Elaine Smith, Michael Reavey, Monica Hodac, James Reavey, Barbara Kellett, Bertha Credland, Michael Hogan, Rosina Izzy, Percy Thompson and Thelma Jones. *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, Catherine (Kay) Garrard and Robert Nicol.

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your offering of £408.62 last weekend for the day-to-day running of our parish and thank you also for your donation to CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day which amounted to £534.03. **This weekend,** there is a retiring collection after all Masses for the Prisons Advice and Care Trust.

**Mass Count** – The second annual Mass count takes place at all Masses this weekend.

**130 Club Draw for September 2018** – Winners of September's Draw are as follows – Quarterly Prize £75 – Ticket No. 15; 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £20 – Ticket No. 186; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15 – Ticket No. 3; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 77; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 159 and 5<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 75.

Diary Dates for this week -		
Tues. 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Emmaus Room
Fri. 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	7.15 – 8.15pm	Altar Servers meeting – Emmaus Room
Sat. 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Saturday Club is on half-term holiday.	

**Prisons Week** – This week is Prisons Week during which we are asked to pray for prisoners and their families.

**Changes to Mass times this week** – Please note there will not be Mass on Wednesday as I will be at the Ministry to Priests Programme at Clare Priory and Saturday morning Mass is at 10.00am because of a UCM meeting.

**Holiday** – I will be taking some holidays from the end of October to mid-November. Fr. Michael Johnstone, formerly from Swaffham, will cover for me for the Sundays and All Saints Day. I regret not being here for Remembrance Sunday. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.00 a.m. on that day by Fr. Michael. It is 18 months since I had a holiday.

**World Mission Day, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018** – Next Sunday is World Mission Day when the Holy Father will invite all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your support on World Mission Sunday will help brave missionaries in building a future of hope both in Ethiopia and around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for our mission of the Church. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using envelopes provided by Missio. Thank you.

**Union of Catholic Mothers** – Members are advised that if they have not received their minutes of the last meeting by email, they will find them in the church letter rack.

**UCM Appeal for Unwanted Large Handbags** – Advance notice that during November the UCM will be appealing for unwanted large handbags to take part in Norwich Open Christmas. As last year, they will be filled with toiletries etc. and if anyone would also like to make a small donation to these by popping a little money inside the bag, it will be very gratefully received. Collection dates in November will be notified shortly.

**Saint Luke, 18th October** - We learn the most about St. Luke from his own writing. Luke's unique perspective on Jesus can be seen in the six miracles and eighteen parables not



found in the other gospels. Luke's is the gospel of the poor and of social justice. Only in Luke's gospel do we hear Mary's Magnificat. It is only in Luke's gospel that we hear the story of the Annunciation, Mary's visit to Elizabeth, the Presentation, and the story of Jesus' disappearance in Jerusalem. Only in Luke do we hear the story of the forgiven woman disrupting the feast by washing Jesus' feet with her tears. Through Luke's

gospel, Jesus takes the side of the sinner who wants to return to God's mercy. Reading Luke's gospel gives a good idea of his character as one who loved the poor, who respected women, and saw hope in God's mercy for everyone.

### The Angelus

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

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

Ÿ. And the Word was made flesh. *R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary ...*

Ÿ. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. *R. 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.