

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Any Witnesses?

There are those in our society who stand head and shoulders above the rest of us ... great entrepreneurs, politicians, writers, scientists and humanitarians. We look up to these people and wish that we were more like them. When interviewed, these great people might pass some of the credit for their success on to a teacher who has made a big impression on them, an influential mentor, or a family member.

Bearing witness is essential. Without witnesses we would know nothing of Jesus. Without John the Baptist, without the disciples, without the writers of the gospels, we would not have Jesus' teachings today. Without our parents and teachers, we would never have learned our first bible stories. Yet there are plenty of people in our world that would still benefit from Jesus' philosophy for living. There are plenty of people still consumed by greed, hate, crime obsession and misery. There are plenty of people who could still benefit from Jesus' teaching if only we as Jesus' witnesses could bring it about.

So why do we hesitate to bear witness? Well, first of all there's something about bearing witness that makes us feel uncomfortable. No one wants to be Eastenders' Dot Cotton visiting her neighbours with timely bible references. No one wants to be the man in the city centre wearing the biblical billboards. No one wants to be the woman with her foot wedged in the front door predicting the end of the world. Yet all these people are well meaning and trying to get God's message across in the best way they know how. If these aren't the ways that we would choose then perhaps we can find other more imaginative ways, rather than do nothing at all. The challenge we are offered today is to reach those people who remain unaffected by God in ever new and more imaginative ways.

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"We look forward to the time when the Power of Love will replace the Love of Power. Then will our world know the blessings of peace." ~ William E. Gladstone

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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15TH JANUARY 2017 - 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (PEACE DAY)

Sunday Masses - Page 125 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Donor's Int.
Sunday	9.00 am	Sacred Heart Parish (Sanderson)
	11.00 am	People of the Parish

Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: *The Belmont Mass*

Entry 6pm - *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 924 - Brother, sister, let me serve you ...

Offertory Hymn 604 - Lord, accept the gifts we offer ...

Communion *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*

Recessional 11am - *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 969 - Lord of all hopefulness ...

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

Weekday Mass Times (2nd Week of the Year) [Psalter Week 2]

Mon.	No Mass today	St Fursey
Tues.	No Mass today	St Anthony
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - in Emmaus Room
Weds.	No Mass today	Feria
Thurs.	No Mass today	Feria
Fri.	No Mass today	Feria
Sat.	10.30 am	St Agnes - Donor's Int.
	6.00 pm	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Int. Rev. Bernard Warwick

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

Anniversaries this week: Louise Bennett, Ellen Carey, Lily Rawding, Nell Jones, Stanley Meadows, Amy Garvey, Arthur Longhurst, Frances Kelly and Perpetua Cecine Triggs. *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, Michelle Smith, Rita Smith, Eileen Brockleby, Pat Howe, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Margaret Leggett, Peter Brown, James Maxwell and Pamela & Catherine Evans.

Money Matters – The collection for the parish last weekend was £465.55. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Diary Dates for this week –

- Fri. 20th Jan. – Altar Servers meet – 7.15pm in Emmaus Room
- Sat. 21st Jan. – Saturday Club meets - 11.00am in Emmaus Room (*First Confessions*)

Annual Retreat: I will be away on retreat this week in Birmingham at St. Mary's College, Oscott. St. Mary's is the Seminary for many Dioceses and some of our own students are studying there. However, they will all be away on parish placements so we will have the place to ourselves. The Seminary Chapel is a superb piece of Pugin's work. It is having work done to it at the moment so the priests will concelebrate daily Mass in a smaller chapel. I just hope the weather is kind.



World Day of Prayer for Peace - January 15th - Pope Francis is calling on political and religious leaders, on the heads of international institutions, on business and media executives and on all men and women of goodwill to become instruments of reconciliation and adopt nonviolence as a style of politics for peace. The Pope's appeal comes in the fiftieth Papal Message for the World Day of Peace, marked on 1st January (....transferred in many parishes to 15th January). In his message, Pope Francis remarks on the fact that we find ourselves "engaged in a horrifying world war fought piecemeal", and that "violence is not the cure for our broken world." Read the full text at www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/World-Day-of-Peace

World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2017 - 15th January - *"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me"* (Mk 9:37; cf. Mt 18:5; Lk 9:48; Jn 13:20). - In this year's 'World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees' message, Pope Francis asks for the protection of child migrants, especially for those who are alone.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18th-25th January 2017 - Crossing Barriers - There are many different expressions of Christianity. In parts of the world where immigration has been high, we will have seen even more expressions of our joint faith. This year more than ever we are asked to remember that there is more that joins us than divides us. This week of prayer is an invitation to start looking not just at the work of the Catholic Church and not just of our own parish, but of Christians everywhere. Together we can be the politicians of peace that Pope Francis asks us to be. We could start by taking a look at Christian websites other than our own, forging links, sharing ideas, and joining forces.

A Celebration of Our Lady of Lourdes will take place at a Solemn Mass and Anointing of the Sick with Bishop Alan Hopes at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, 11th February 2017, at St John's Cathedral, Norwich.

Please Do Not Forsake Aleppo - An Appeal from the Barnabas Fund - In a short five years, Aleppo, Syria's largest city and its once vibrant economic hub, is now a wasteland of rubble and human misery. Aleppo's once-thriving Christian community has diminished from 400,000 to a mere 35,000, some 20% of whom are over the age of 75. With hyperinflation rampant, food and water shortages rife, hospitals destroyed, medicines unavailable or unaffordable and electricity and heating fuel non-existent, the human reckoning is immeasurable. The Barnabas Fund, one of a handful of relief organisations still on the ground, has delivered some £3 million in aid to Syria's beleaguered Christians. It is not too late to help. The Barnabas Fund is involved in feeding programmes, medical provision, and skills programmes including rebuilding war damaged homes. **You can donate online at www.barnabasfund.org/appeals**

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**