

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

How to Deliver an Enduring Message



Today we hear how Jesus sent out his disciples to teach the world about God's Kingdom. What was the strategy Jesus gave them to ensure the message survived the generations?

First Jesus promotes single mindedness. The disciples must travel light unhampered by any distractions. How many advertising campaigns fail because the heart of the message is cluttered and confused? How many Christians come out of church on a Sunday remembering only that they need to contribute to the church steeple restoration fund rather than remembering the central gospel lesson.

The second part of Jesus' plan was to choose the best audience. We are all familiar with the street preacher who stands in the middle of the city precinct whilst tides of shoppers give him a wide birth. For all his good intentions, this person has not chosen an audience who are in any mood to stop and listen. Jesus advises not to stay where we are not wanted nor try to teach those who refuse to listen. Choosing the best audience and setting are all important.

Thirdly, make the message clear and compelling. Jesus tells the disciples to teach a message of repentance and to cure the sick. In other words, we are to instigate a change for the better in the lives of others. It's a powerful message. Who doesn't want to change for the better? Who wouldn't listen if they were promised a better life?

So, did Jesus' strategy work? That Christianity is so strong two thousand years down the line is a great testimony to Jesus and the work of those early disciples. Single mindedness, choosing an audience and making the message clear and compelling. Now it's our turn.

Bitesize - 'We are judged by what we finish, not by what we start.' ~ *Anonymous*



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>
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15th JULY 2018 – 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses [Parish Mass Book p106]		Intentions
Saturday, 14 th July	6.00 pm	Donor's Int.
Sunday, 15 th July	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Emily Rose Bingham

Music for Sunday Masses - *Setting: The Belmont Mass*
Entry: 6pm – *Angelus (said)*. Hymn 967 – O, the love of my Lord is the essence ...
Psalm R.: (11am sung) – *Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.*
Offertory: Hymn 877 – Will you come and follow me ...
Communion: *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*
Recessional: 11am – *Angelus (said)*. Hymn 924 – Brother, sister, let me serve you ...

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

Weekday Masses [15 th week of year - Psalter Week 3]			Intentions
Mon.	10.00 am	Feria	Kiera Long
Tues.	No Mass today	Feria	
Weds.	No Mass today	Feria	
Thurs.	10.00 am	Feria	Francis Buxton (Sanderson)
Fri.	10.00 am	Feria	Andre Kanssen (Sanderson)
Sat.	No morning Mass	Feria	
	6.00 pm	16 th 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: Anne Tinney and Peter Lindsay. *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 [with GDPR Permissions] - Please pray for: David Peek, Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Anna Thompson, Peter Gormans, Sarah Chaudri, Rita Smith and Carol Whitesides.

Money Matters – The collection last weekend for the maintenance of our parish amounted to £686.27 and the collection for the Apostleship of the Sea came to £221.91. Thank you very much for your generosity.

130 Club Draw for June 2018 – Quarterly Prize £50 – Ticket No. 100; 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 43; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 190; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 27; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 29; 5th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 114.

Diary Dates for this week –		
Tues. 17 th July	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group, in Emmaus Room
Weds. 18 th July	7.30pm	SVP Conference meeting in Emmaus Room.
Fri. 20 th July	7.15pm-8.15pm	Altar Servers meet in Emmaus Room.
Sat. 21 st July	<i>Saturday Club is on summer break. NB. There is no morning Mass.</i>	

Aid to the Church in Need – An appeal will be made at all Masses this weekend (14th/15th July) on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need (CAN). See the poster at the back of church for more information.

Ministry to Priests: I will be attending the Ministry to Priests Programme at Clare Priory on Tuesday through to Wednesday of this week.

First Holy Communion - Congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday.

General Data Protection Regulations. We now have a duty to protect people’s data and we need their permission to publish any information. This means that the names and contact details i.e. phone numbers and email addresses etc. which appear on Rotas for Readings, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Church Cleaners and Flower Arrangers must have permission to be published and put on the Noticeboard. I am asking all those who prepare the Rotas to contact the people concerned for their permission. Please treat this as a matter of urgency. The next thing to look at is the names which appear as Mass Intentions. It is fine to publish the name of a deceased person, but we need the permission of a living person if it is going to be published in the bulletin.

Until I find a way round this, all Mass intentions for living people may have to be listed as ‘Donor’s Intention’.

Music Liturgy: The weekly music group will be meeting on Wednesday evenings from now on (6.30pm in the Presbytery).

Pastoral Care of the Dying (For individuals living alone or in care settings) – Ministry of the Church is important during critical illness and many would wish, in addition to a lay minister of Holy Communion, to have their Priest minister to them, e.g. for the Sacrament of the Sick and/or Confession. These sacraments give peace and often renewed strength. It’s a very special and intimate time of blessing, not just for the sick person but for the Priest and the family, who may wish to join in prayer for their loved one. The family may even wish to join in receiving Holy Communion which is a most beautiful moment to cherish forever – a sign of the heavenly banquet. Such opportunities for prayer and the sacraments brings about consolation and peace, not only for the individual and family but also for the care staff who want to give the best care. The Pastoral Care Project has produced a form for use in these circumstances. More information can be obtained by telephone: 01675 434035, email info@pastoralcareproject.org.uk or online at www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk

CAFOD Lent 2018 Update – CAFOD’s Lent donations 2018 from all sources exceed £4.2 million. This is truly wonderful because every Family Fast Day offering will be matched by the UK Government. CAFOD has planned projects to help 245,000 people in Zimbabwe, Zambia and Eritrea. During Lent, volunteers spoke in more than 750 parishes to encourage others and during the last year, over 240 volunteers have visited 1000 Catholic schools. The fruits of this faith witness are truly appreciated.

Pilgrims: I am delighted to be able to welcome some pilgrims from Slovakia to stay overnight at Sacred Heart, Emmaus Room on the evening of July 27 to 28. They stopped overnight here last year on their way to Walsingham.

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 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.*