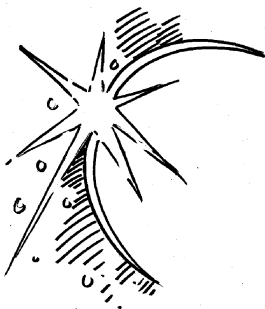


GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Playing Dixie

Is it human nature only to do our best when the chips are down? We work our hardest when there's an exam or an inspection on the horizon. We struggle to finish our accounts when the tax department deadline is looming. We rush round putting our house in order when visitors are announced, and sadly, many of us leave it until we are elderly or ill before we patch up relationships. In a way we live our lives 'playing Dixie', not living the way we ought all of the time, but only when we get some kind of wake up call.

Today's gospel warns us to be alert to the signs of the end of the world and the coming of judgment day, but not in a 'playing Dixie' kind of way! It would be immature discipleship to prepare for judgment day only when we suspect that we are close to the end of life. In any case we are warned that we do not know the hour or the day of the world's end, and therefore we must live every day as though it were our last. We do not aim to live in a state of permanent fear of being caught out, but because we know that abiding by Jesus' teaching is the most fruitful way to live.

The trick is, to prioritise on a daily basis. How much of what we do is 'life and death'? How much of what we do is genuinely important? Everything in the heavens and earth will pass away. Everything that we consider important will end, but Christ's teaching, and God's priorities will endure.

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"Life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish, but you only spend it once."
(Lillian Dickson)

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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15th NOVEMBER 2015 – 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend Masses – Page 157 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Bernadette Buxton
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Bernadette Buxton

Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: Belmont Mass

Entry 6pm – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 779 – O God, you search me and you know me ...
Offertory Hymn 908 – Blest are the pure in heart ...
Communion *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*
Recessional 11am – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 982 – O Jesus Christ, remember, ...

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION - Saturday at 5.30 - 5.55 pm

Mass Times for the Coming Week (33rd week in Ordinary Time) [Psalter Week 1]

Mon.	10.00 am	Sylvia Remmen - Feria
	2.00 pm	Funeral Service for George Marshall
Tues.	No Mass today	- Feria
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds.	10.00 am	Catherine Foley - Feria
Thurs.	10.00 am	Eileen Monaghan - Feria
Fri.	10.00 am	Roger Borthwick – St Edmund K.M., Secondary Patron of the Diocese
	5.45 pm	Exposition, Silent Prayer & Vespers
Sat.	10.30 am	John Lacy Scott – The Presentation of the BVM
	6.00 pm	People of the Parish - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The Parish Newsletter is available to view on the parish website from Friday onward each week; back copies can also be viewed on the website.
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Anniversaries this week: Pat Westall, Pamela O’Kane, Tommy Durkan, Andree Whitlam, Renée Howard and Kathleen Burrows. *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: Michelle Redmond, Joan Blakiston, David Peek, Michael Reavey, Sheila Christie, Robert Nicol, Doreen Kanssen, Shirley Liebenhals, Sarah Chaudri, Ann & Derek Williams, David & Anna Thompkins, Michelle Smith, Rhonda Darby, Collette Barrow-Nessian and Eileen Brockleby.

Money Matters – The collection last weekend was £545.81. Thank you for your continuing generosity. Next week there will be a retiring collection for the Diocesan Youth Service.

Diary Dates for this week –

- Weds. 18th Nov. – SVP meets – 2pm in the Emmaus Room
- Sat. 21st Nov. – Saturday Club meets - 11.00am in Emmaus Room

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Satisfaction - So far we have looked at Contrition, becoming sorry about sinning. Confession is the identification of the way in which we have sinned and now the 3rd part is Satisfaction. Sin is social. It is not just a private matter of me offending God, but it also affects other people whom we have hurt or neglected to love. Sin diminishes us as an effective Sign of Christ's presence in the world and by an act of Penance, usually a prayer, we make up for this. The penance we take on is the satisfaction we make for the damage our, your, my sin does.

Feast of the Presentation of Mary - 21st November - As with Mary’s birth, we read of Mary’s presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the Protoevangelium of James tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was three years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless. Even though the feast has no basis in history, it stresses the important truth that from the beginning of her life, Mary was dedicated to God.

News from our own Rome Correspondent, Mike Brookes – “Six weeks in, and the pace is showing no signs of slowing yet. I’ve just finished my first extended essay, but have two more to complete before Christmas, along with three class presentations, as well as voice and singing lessons, learning how to use a thurifer (!) and beginning rehearsals for the Christmas concert (it’s a tradition that the concert is produced and performed by the first year to mark the end of their induction at the college). But all of this is manageable because of the clear structure of our daily routine, giving us time for prayer, academic

work, domestic duties and personal development; and also because the staff and students all work together to make sure that everyone is able to do their best in working to develop the skills and knowledge needed for future ministry. The teaching and support staff are a mixture of English, Scottish, Irish, Italians and Americans, and the students come from even further afield – England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, Canada, the United States, India, Malaysia, Ghana, Nigeria, Lithuania, and the West Indies. This gives a great richness of experience and also a marvellous sense of the universal nature of the Church and her mission. And of course all our efforts are made possible by your support, most of all in your prayers. It is a great comfort to me to think of my home diocese and her people continuing their lives day by day as we engage in our own mission here, separated by thousands of miles but joined in the Spirit. Thank you for your ongoing help, and best wishes to you all. *In Christ, Mike Brookes, (Heavily laden with work but able to enjoy and appreciate it as a great gift rather than a burden, at the Pontifical Beda College, Rome).”*

Action by Christians Against Torture UK (ACAT) – Christmas Greetings List 2015 – Victims of torture, human rights groups and individuals under threat, and persecuted Christians need our support and our prayers. Each year at Christmas ACAT UK produces a Christmas Greetings List giving people the opportunity to let these prisoners and others know that they are not forgotten. A card can mean so much to them and can result in improved conditions or even freedom. If parishioners wish to send cards to prisoners and/or representative overseas organisations the Christmas greeting list can be found on the ACAT website at www.acatuk.org.uk. The website also has a copy of the latest news letter which includes a meditation by Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

Posada – Making Room for Jesus this Christmas – Don’t forget to think about taking part in Posada this year. Modern day Posada uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from place to place. This gives each ‘host’ the chance to create their own celebration in their home or place in the community, worshipping and reaching out to their communities with the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in their lives. Our church has chosen to engage with Posada this year. Will you be a host to Mary and Joseph for a night? To find out what is involved, see the poster at the back of church and, if you want to be a host, add your name to the Journey Rota.

We say the ‘Coming Home’ prayer at the end of the Bidding Prayers:

*Loving Father, we pray for those baptised who no longer or rarely attend Church:
that they will understand and experience in their hearts that Christ is the source of
unconditional love and reconciliation.*

*We pray for everyone who worships in our parish community:
that we may find the right words and means to invite our absent brothers and sisters to
return to the practice of their faith.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.