

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The 'I'm All Right Jack' Mentality - "Woe to those who are rich." "Woe to those with plenty to eat." "Woe to those who laugh." "Woe to those who are honoured." Does Jesus mean that heaven is denied us if we pick up a well-earned pay packet at the end of the month, stock the freezer and put on a cheerful face?

Few of us consider ourselves really well off, but there is a danger that when we are finally making ends meet, we can become seriously complacent. There is a real danger that when we are sitting down to our Spaghetti Bolognese and bottle of Italian red, that the images of world disasters flashing across our TV screens do not really touch us for more than fleeting moments. We have struggled through a hard day at work, paid the bills, fed the family and got the children to bed. The last thing we want is breaking news of famine or earthquakes to make us feel uncomfortable.

"Blessed are those who are poor. Blessed are those who are hungry. Blessed are those who weep." Jesus is always on the side of those who are poor and badly done to, but is that a prescription for being poor and hungry in a bid to win Jesus' favour? Jesus is clearly not about keeping people in poverty, so what exactly does he mean?

In God's kingdom our earthly values are turned upside down. We count wealth, good health and success as blessings, which of course they are, but they stop being blessings and become hindrances instead when we bury our heads in the sand and fail to see or do anything about a world that suffers widespread starvation and war. The blessings in our lives can only bring true happiness once we are able to shed our "I'm all right Jack" mentality and do something about the "woes" in other people's lives.

Bitesize - "Kindness is just love with its work-boots on".
~ Karen McCullah and Kirsten Smith



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 Safeguarding – <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/safeguarding/>
Diocesan Website – <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>
Notre Dame High School, Norwich – <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>
Daily Liturgy Website – www.universalis.com

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17TH FEBRUARY 2019 – 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C

[6th Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 2]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 16 th Feb.	6.00 pm	6 th Sunday in Ord. Time [Parish Mass Book p139]	Joan Bedwell The People of the Parish Robert McCarthy
Sun. 17 th Feb.	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Mon. 18 th Feb.	10.00 am	Feria	Jake Webe
Tues. 19 th Feb.	-	Feria	No Mass today
Weds. 20 th Feb.	-	Feria	No Mass today
Thurs. 21 st Feb.	10.00 am	Feria	Zina Flint
Fri. 22 nd Feb.	10.00 am	The Chair of St Peter	Donald Pugh
Sat. 23 rd Feb.	-	St Polycarp	No morning Mass
Sat. 23 rd Feb.	6.00 pm	7 th Sunday in Ord. Time	Ann Farrell Annette Evans The People of the Parish
Sun. 24 th Feb.	9.00 am 11.00 am		

Music for 6th Sunday in Ord. Time – *Setting*: New People's Mass (with Mem. Acclam. B)

Entry: 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 475 – Here in this place, new light is streaming ...

Psalm R (said): *Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.*

Offertory: Hymn 609 – In bread we bring you, Lord, our bodies' labour ...

Recessional: 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 721 – O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder ...

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: Joan Bedwell, Robert McCarthy, Gerard Keogh, Agnes Lilian Farrow, Grace Chipperfield, Margaret Kirk, Isabel Joan Hooper, Bridget Dury, Vera Farmer, Dora Ellen Heasman and Frances Watson. *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 01362 694066.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – **Please pray for:** David Peek, Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Peter Gormans, Sarah Chaudri, Rita Smith, Carol Whitesides, Catherine (Kay) Garrard, Robert Nicol, Eileen Brocklesby, Neville Hibberd, Shirley Liebenhals and Brenda May.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering of £455.78 last weekend for the day-to-day running of our parish. In addition, offertory donations to the Parish made by Direct Debit/Standing Order amounted to £437 in December 2018 and £437 in January 2019. **This weekend, there is a retiring collection after all Masses for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice.**

Diary Dates for this week -		
Tues. 19 th Feb.	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room
Weds. 20 th Feb.	7.30pm	SVP Conference Meeting – Emmaus Room
Weds. 20 th Feb.	7.30pm	Parish Finance Committee - Presbytery
Thurs. 21 st Feb.	6.30pm	Music selection & practice – Presbytery & Church. All volunteers welcome to sing or play.
Sat. 23 rd Feb.	Saturday Club is on half-term holiday. Classes resume 2 nd March.	

Please note that I will be away on Tuesday at The Ministry to Priests Programme at Clare Priory and so there will not be a Mass on Wednesday morning.

Lent will soon be here. Have you thought about your Lenten Penance yet? How about giving up some 'screen time' from your phone. My phone tells me how much time I spend on 'screen time' each day and I am very disappointed with how much time I spend looking at the screen. Just a thought!

The Ordination to the Priesthood of The Revd. Michael Brookes. There is some interest in going together as a group to the Cathedral. About 15 people have indicated their interest to me so far.

The Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage Triduum - During the course of 2018 to 2020 the statue of Our Lady from the Slipper Chapel at the Catholic National Shrine in Walsingham will be taken to each Cathedral in England for a three-day triduum of prayer, as part of the

preparation for the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary in 2020. Each visit will take place between a Thursday and Saturday. The Tour will be coming to East Anglia from **28th February to 2nd March 2019 at St John's Cathedral, Norwich.** See the poster at the back of the church for more details. The Dowry Tour is a moment of great grace for this nation and particularly for East Anglia. Based on historical records, the Kingdom of East Anglia may have been the first kingdom to be dedicated as the Dowry of Mary by St. Edmund in the 9th century (martyred 869). Eventually this dedication spread to the nation of England but there are indications it began here and perhaps that was in preparation for Our Lady establishing her national shrine at Walsingham. Therefore, it is quite unique that Our Lady now visits her Cathedral in Norwich and is preparing to pour out many graces upon her children.

Racial Justice Sunday, 17th February – In *Octogesima Adveniens* and *Gaudium et Spes*, St Paul VI teaches that “all people have a right to work ... to lead a worthy life on the material, social, cultural and spiritual level”. We are therefore called to ensure people are not exploited while they work, and to open our hearts to those who face this hatred. In our task as disciples of Christ, our responsibility is to make sure people are treated with dignity at work and are not exploited. Migrant communities and those suffering from racial abuse are particularly vulnerable to being drawn into unjust working conditions and labour exploitation. News and information regarding Racial Justice Sunday is available on the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales website: www.catholicnews.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday-2019.

Day of Prayer & Renewal in the Holy Spirit: Saturday, 9th March, 10am – 4.30pm at Bowthorpe Church Centre, Bowthorpe Hall Road, Bowthorpe, Norwich NR5 9AA The theme for the day is '*Inspirational Lives*', based around the extraordinary lives of Fr. Walter Cizek, Fr. Gereon Goldman, ETTY Hillesum and Heidi Baker. Led by Fr. Stefan Park, OSA, Prior of Clare Priory. The day includes: prayer and praise, holy Mass, adoration, reconciliation and prayer ministry. Tea and coffee provided. Please bring a packed lunch. For further information contact Philip on 07910157584. www.renewaleastanglia.org. See the poster at the back of church.

The Angelus

☩. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. *℟. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary ...*
 ☩. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. *℟. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary ...*
 ☩. And the Word was made flesh. *℟. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary ...*
 ☩. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. *℟. 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.