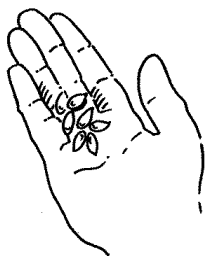


GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Seeds of Faith

Seeds are amazing! We plant them, provide the right environment and then wait. Miraculously, the seeds flower into an array of fabulous plants. We can help the plants to grow, but we cannot make them grow, this power is out of our hands. Ultimately, we cannot predict the harvest. The seeds of faith work in the same way. We can teach someone else about God but ultimately that is all we can do. People react to God's word in countless different ways, ways we cannot predict. Jesus' first disciples were to take comfort in the knowledge that although they were entrusted to plant the seeds of faith, they were not responsible for the harvest God would take care of that.

The task of planting the seeds of faith in the twenty first century can seem as daunting as it must have seemed to those early disciples. Can we really make any difference to a world that still allows war, cruelty and poverty? Today's gospel offers yet more consolation. Jesus speaks of the tiny mustard seed. Despite its insignificant appearance it grows into an impressive shrub substantial enough to provide shade. It's thought provoking that such a humble seed should provide so impressive a result. Jesus teaches us that we mustn't be overwhelmed when faced with a seemingly overwhelming task. We must simply implement Christ's teaching with whatever humble means we have and leave God to do the rest.



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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17TH JUNE 2018 – 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses [<i>Parish Mass Book p95</i>]		Intentions
Saturday, 16 th June	6.00 pm	Tony Harmer
Sunday, 17 th June	9.00 am	Paul Thurlow
	11.00 am	People of the Parish

Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: The Belmont Mass

Entry: 6pm – Angelus (said). Hymn 795 – I heard the voice of Jesus say ...

Psalm R.: (11am sung) – It is good to give you thanks, O God

Offertory: Hymn 603 – Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation ...

Communion: Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...

Recessional: 11am – Angelus (said). Hymn 941 – There is a longing ...

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

Weekday Masses [11 th week of year - Psalter Week 3]			Intentions
Mon.	10.00 am	Feria	Donor's Int.
Tues.	No Mass today		
Weds.	No Mass today		
Thurs.	10.00 am	St Aloysius Gonzaga	Donor's Int.
Fri.	10.00 am	SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE. Feast	Francis Buxton (Borthwick)
Sat.	10.30 am	St Etheldreda	Donor's Int.
	6.00 pm	NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST. Solemnity	Donor's Int.

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

Anniversaries this week: Madeline Lambert, Francis Hunt, John McGee, Thomas Murphy, June Doreen Kansson, Mary Holmes, Mary Rush, John Frizzell, Dorothy Payne and Michael Howard. *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.

Money Matters – The collection last weekend for the maintenance of our parish amounted to £487.34 and during May, £377.00 was given to the parish by Direct Debit/Standing Order. Thank you very much.

Retiring Collections: Today, there is a retiring collection for Life Charities; next weekend (23/24 June) there will be a retiring collection for Peter’s Pence.

Diary Dates for this week –		
Tues. 19 th June	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group, in Emmaus Room
Fri. 22 nd June	7.15pm – 8.15pm	Altar Servers meet in Emmaus Room.
Sat. 23 rd June	11.00am	Saturday Club meets, in Emmaus Room

Change to Mass Times - Please note there is no Mass on Tuesday or Wednesday this week. Ministry to Priests in Clare takes place this week and on Wednesday, the priests of the Diocese gather at Poringland to celebrate our anniversaries of ordination. We will have mass together with Bishop Alan, followed by lunch!

Day for Life, Sunday 17th June – “This year, the Day for Life will focus on all those who are suffering or have survived human trafficking and modern slavery. It provides an opportunity to pray, reflect, and to choose the ways in which action, as well as practical and emotional support, can ensure the dignity of human life is upheld at every stage of a person’s life. Pope Francis has said: “The trade in human beings violates the God-given dignity of so many of our brothers and sisters and constitutes a true crime against humanity.” Jesus also tells us, “I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.” (John 10:10 NJB). There is a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend for the work of Life Charities. Your prayers will make a vital difference. From *+John Sherrington, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, Bishop for Day for Life*”. Please also take home one of the Day for Life cards at the back of church. Please pray for Day for Life.

Dereham Celebration of the Peace 2018 - On the 100th anniversary of the cease-fire of the First World War, Dereham’s organisations offer various events with the support of Dereham Town Council, beginning this Saturday, 16th June (6.30pm for 7.00pm), Royal British Legion and Dereham Town Band at St Nicholas Church, marking Times of the Great War. The calendar of events for the rest of the year are contained in the leaflet at the back of church. Please take one home with you.

Father’s Day, 17th June 2018 - Father’s Day is a day set apart to celebrate fatherhood, recognize the influence of fathers in our homes and society, and foster paternal bonds. 'Happy Father's Day' to dads everywhere.



World Refugee Week, 18th -24th June 2018 - This year is the twentieth Anniversary of 'World Refugee Week'. This Year's theme is '**Twenty Simple Acts**'. The challenge is to find twenty different ways of helping refugees. This might be anything from learning a few words in another language to supporting a resettlement programme.

SS Thomas More and John Fisher, 22nd June - St. Thomas More. Beheaded on Tower Hill, London, July 6, 1535, he steadfastly refused to approve Henry VIII’s divorce and remarriage and establishment of the Church of England. In 1521 John Fisher was asked to study the question of Henry VIII’s marriage. He incurred Henry’s anger by defending the validity of the king’s marriage with Catherine of Aragon and later by rejecting Henry’s claim to be the supreme head of the Church of England. He was condemned and executed, his body left to lie all day on the scaffold and his head hung on London Bridge. Two saints who teach us to stand up courageously for what is fair and just. Traditionally on this day, the Church asks us to pray for those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights.



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.*