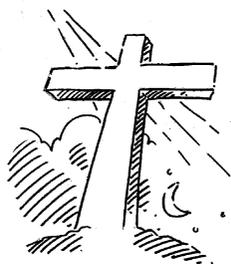


GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Weeding Life's Garden - St. Francis of Assisi was asked one day as he was weeding in the garden, "What would you do if you knew the world was about to end?" St. Francis replied, "Continue weeding my garden of course." The implication was that Francis didn't have to rush around like a headless chicken putting his house in order. Francis was already living his life in a state of readiness, and he had no need to worry himself about the end of the world.

Today we are told what it might be like at the end of time. There might be wars, earthquakes famines plagues and Christian persecution. In fact, it doesn't sound too dissimilar to the state of affairs on our daily news programmes. Should we be concerned?

Jesus points to the end of history and declares that the future holds a time of reckoning. Like the disciples in today's reading, we are tempted to ask when that time might be, only to be told that it's something that shouldn't concern us. We mustn't listen to those who claim, "The end is nigh..." instead we must always focus on what there is left to do. The basic premise is that we should keep on doing right, regardless of the circumstances.

Like the people in today's gospel who were so pleased with their temple, we are often pleased with what we build up here on earth. Jesus takes the opportunity to point out that everything man made will come to an end. We would be much better off focusing not on a material agenda but in developing a faith that will endure great adversity.

If we are ready for God's final judgment then we shouldn't be afraid of anything that is ahead of us. Global disaster, wars and earthquakes should hold no terror if we trust completely in God. Our lives are like a garden filled with good things we must nurture, and bad things we must weed out. When the end of time comes, we must face our mortality as Francis suggests, weeding life's garden and living in readiness.

Bitesize - "There is more to life than increasing its speed." *Mohandas K. Gandhi*



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 NOVEMBER 2019 – 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C

[33rd Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 1]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 16 th Nov.	6.00 pm	33 rd Sunday in Ord. Time [Parish Mass Book p164]	Tba
Sun. 17 th Nov.	9.00 am		Tba
	11.00 am		The People of the Parish
Mon. 18 th Nov.	10.00 am	Feria	Tba
Tues. 19 th Nov.	-	Feria	No Mass today – PP's day off
Weds. 20 th Nov.	-	S EDMUND	No Mass today
Thurs. 21 st Nov.	10.00 am	The Presentation of the BVM	Tba
Fri. 22 nd Nov.	10.00 am	S Cecilia	Tba
Sat. 23 rd Nov.	10.30 am	Feria	Tba
Sun. 24 th Nov.	6.00 pm	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	Tba
	9.00 am		Tba
	11.00 am		The People of the Parish

Music for 33rd Sunday in Ord. Time – Setting: New People's Mass

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

Psalm: (11am Sung) R: *The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.*

Offertory: Hymn 898 – Make me a channel of your peace ...

Memorial Acclamation: A – *We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.*

Recessional: 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 982 – O Jesus Christ, remember ...

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: Pamela O’Kane, Tommy Durkan, Andree Whitlam, Renée Howard, Kathleen Burrows, Inacio Lapa, William Goodwin, Gwen Lovelace, Tom Thorpe, Elsie Smart and Anna Tompkins. *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: Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Rita Smith, Carol Whitesides, Robert Nicol, Eileen Brocklesby, Shirley Liebenhals, Catherine Carter, Alf Charlton, Frances Saville King, Una McWeeny, Derek Williams.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering of £438 last weekend for the maintenance of our parish. Why not Gift Aid your offering to the parish? Thank you also for your monthly offerings for October by Standing Order amounting to £457.

Diary Dates for this week -		
Tues. 19 th Nov.	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room
Weds. 20 th Nov.	6.30pm	Music selection & practice – Presbytery & Church. All volunteers welcome to make a joyful noise to the Lord!
Fri. 22 nd Nov.	7.15-8.15pm	Altar Servers meeting – Emmaus Room
Sat. 23 rd Nov.	11.00am	Saturday Club - Emmaus Room

Tuesday/Wednesday – I will be attending the Ministry to Priests Programme at Clare Priory this week, hence no Mass on Wednesday.

Advent Reconciliation Service – I have not organised one of these since I came here. Please let me know if you think it might be a good way for us to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) during Advent. There is time to ask a couple of priests from the Deanery to help. I suspect that a lot of people like to go to the Cathedral for confession.

Dereham Churches Together – The next meeting of the **Dereham Churches Fellowship** takes place at **7.30pm on Tuesday, 26th November at Trinity Methodist Church**. All are welcome.

Day for Eucharistic Ministers – A day of refreshment for Eucharistic Ministers is being held on **Saturday, 7th December, 10am-4pm at Clare Priory CO10 8NX**. Led by Fr. Stefan Park OSA. Suggested donation for the day is £16. Bring a packed lunch. Other refreshments

provided. Please see the poster at the back of church for more details of the day’s itinerary.

The Diocesan Catechist's course (which is for anyone who wants to be confident in talking about Christ and Church teaching) begins at the end of October. This is a distance-learning course spread over two school years. Bishop Alan has asked that every parish in the Diocese should have someone who has completed the course! – if you think you might be interested, visit www.theannunciation.org.uk or email Carol Ann Harnett on catholic1812@gmail.com

Working with Missionaries of the Poor - Fr Michael Johnstone is again taking a group to Kingston, Jamaica in January to work as Volunteers with the Missionaries of the Poor. Anyone age over 18, male or female is welcome to join the group. Further information from Fr. Michael, Tel. 01603 664118. Email fr.mcjohnstone@gmail.com

The World's Big Sleep Out - December 7th - The Diocesan Youth Service and Caritas are working together to host our own sleep out event as part of *'The World's Big Sleep Out.'* This is an international campaign that invites people to sleep out in solidarity with those experiencing homelessness and displacement, and raises money for homeless charities. For more information, to take part in our Diocesan organised event, or to donate, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

"Glow: Norwich Come and join a day of dynamic talks, workshops and music for those aged 13-18. To be held at Notre Dame Prep School, Norwich, NR2 3TA on **Saturday 23rd November from 9:30am to 5pm**. For more info or to book please visit www.rcdea.org.uk/youth/events."

UCM Christmas Stall - The UCM are having their usual Christmas Gift stall this year. Donations of any gifts for the stall would be most gratefully received. There will be a box under the table at the back of the church for donated items. All proceeds go to UCM nominated charities. Many thanks in anticipation.

The Angelus	
☩. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.	<i>℟. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary ...</i>
☩. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.	<i>℟. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary ...</i>
☩. And the Word was made flesh.	<i>℟. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary ...</i>
☩. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.	<i>℟. That we may be made worth of the promises of Christ.</i>
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.	