

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Keeping the Fire Kindled.

If Jesus came back today and joined one of our parishes how would he behave? Could we imagine him on the parish council raising funds for the roof and organising the reader's rotas? Could we see him arranging the flowers, printing the Sunday bulletins or driving the church mini bus? Everything we do for the church is important, but on a scale of one to ten, we are probably not reaching our full potential as Christians... not by a very long chalk? Christianity has become all too comfortable. We've inherited our Catholic culture from our parents and our grandparents and it comes packaged in nostalgia and sentiment. We tend to visualise Jesus the way he was depicted in our first childhood bibles, and think of him as permanently gentle meek and mild. The uncomfortable truth is that if Jesus joined one of our parishes today, he would probably not be doing any of the things we consider important. It's likely he would shake everything up big time. He would be hounding governments, visiting prisons, stirring up church leaders and working in the soup kitchens.

Could it be that as Christians we have become complacent and comfortable? Today we are reminded that Christianity is not about hymn practice on a Saturday night or hot pot suppers. Christianity is about real life and death issues. Christianity is about putting our neck on the line in the interests of justice and liberation.

There is nothing wrong with hymn practice or hot pot suppers. Every job we do to help others is important no matter how small, but Jesus had a burning desire to change the world in the face of great opposition, and it's our job to keep the fire alive.

Bitesize – “You may be deceived if you trust too much, but you will live in torment unless you trust enough.” ~Frank Crane



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>
Daily Liturgy Website – www.universalis.com

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18TH AUGUST 2019 – 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C

[20th Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 4]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 17 th Aug.	6.00 pm	20 th Sunday in Ord. Time	Anna Easton
Sun. 18 th Aug.	9.00 am 11.00 am	[Parish Mass Book p#]	Paul Morris The People of the Parish
Mon. 19 th Aug.	10.00 am	Feria	Florence Connolly
Tues. 20 th Aug.	-	St. Bernard	No Mass today—PP's day off
Weds. 21 st Aug.	10.00 am	St. Pius X	Priest's Int.
Thurs. 22 nd Aug.	10.00 am	The Queenship of the BVM	Priest's Int.
Fri. 23 rd Aug.	10.00 am	Feria	Priest's Int.
Sat. 24 th Aug.	6.00 pm	21 st Sunday in Ord. Time	Kathleen & Michael Carroll
Sun. 25 th Aug.	9.00 am 11.00 am		The People of the Parish Maria Alexandra Coita Pita

Music for 20th Sunday in Ord. Time – Setting: Belmont Mass (with Memorial Acclam. 2)

Entry: 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 830 – The Church's one foundation ...

Psalm: (said) *R.: Lord, come to my aid!*

Offertory: Hymn 627 – This is my body, broken for you ...

Recessional: 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 862 – He who would valiant be ...

Anniversaries this week: Mary Porter, Richard Burrows and Adrian Sheath. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

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.

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, Rita Smith, Carol Whitesides, Robert Nicol, Eileen Brocklesby, Shirley Liebenhals, Catherine Carter and Alf Charlton.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering of £453.95 last weekend for the maintenance of our parish.

Diary Dates for this week -		
Tues. 20 th Aug.	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room
Weds. 21 st Aug.	1.30pm	UCM garden party in the Presbytery garden. Please arrive 1.30 pm to put food in kitchen. Followed by short meeting in garden if dry. Please remember to bring a folding chair if possible. Members are also reminded to collect their September afternoon tea booking form from the letter rack.
Weds. 21 st Aug.	6.30pm	Music selection & practice – Presbytery & Church. All volunteers welcome to make a joyful noise to the Lord!
Saturday Club - Please note that Saturday Club is now on summer break. Classes will resume in September. NB. There is no Saturday morning Mass during this time.		

Welcome to our Visitors – It is always wonderful to meet so many people during the Summer months who attend Sunday Mass with us here in Dereham. It is our sincere hope that you feel welcome here and enjoy your holiday in Norfolk.

Confirmation Group 2019 – We will be starting preparation for Confirmation late September/early October this year. Therefore, people interested and eligible for Confirmation, please see either Michael King or Fr. Brendan.

Parish Quiet Day – Advance notice has been given that the date for a Parish Quiet Day will be Saturday, 5th October. Further details to follow later.

Sea Sunday Appeal 2019 - Thank you for your support from the **Apostleship of the Sea, Stella Maris.** (*The parish collection on 14th July amounted to £259.21*). The generosity shown by you means that Seafarers in this country and around the world will continue to receive the care and support that they so vitally need. Seafarers can lead hard and lonely lives, facing issues such as hospitalisation, piracy, abandonment, non-payment of wages, and even death. Your thoughts and prayers are a great solace, and your parish support allows our port chaplains to continue to be a 'friend in every port'. This vital face-to-face contact is irreplaceable, and our routine visiting can help resolve issues, and alleviate

loneliness and mental health problems. The Gospel reading on Sea Sunday, when the lawyer asks Jesus who his neighbour was particularly appropriate. Seafarers are often out of sight and so outside of our awareness, but they are still our neighbours, nonetheless. If you would like to see how their support is helping seafarers around the world, please [sign up to our newsletter here](#). May God continue to bless your parish abundantly for giving from the heart.

Exam Results - Many of our young parishioners will have received or are about to receive their exam results. Some of our young parishioners will be happy and excited about their results, some will be feeling a little disappointed perhaps. What we all need to remember is that whilst passing an exam can open doors, not passing an exam doesn't necessarily mean that the door has shut. Life is all about finding the best path through life, and that 'best path' certainly isn't the same for everyone.

Way of Silence: Clare Priory, Tuesday, 20th August 2019 – “Be still and know that I am God”, led by Chris Hurley. A day to explore stillness of the whole person in resting and in movement. See the poster at the back of church for details.

The Norfolk Churches Trust Annual Bike, Walk, Drive – Saturday, 14th September 2019, 9.00am – 5.00pm – Get ready to pump up your tyres, dust off your walking boots, pack a picnic and plan a route to visit as many of the most beautiful churches in Norfolk as you can and get sponsored for each building you visit, or make a donation – find out more at www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride or see the poster at the back of church. The money raised is divided between the church of the participant's choice and The Norfolk Churches Trust, which gives grants to hundreds of churches for repairs, renovation and the conservation of their buildings. More than 600 churches will be open throughout the day for everyone to explore. *Volunteers will also be needed to greet participants visiting Sacred Heart and to stamp their forms. There will be a rota for this placed at the back of church shortly.*



Retreat at Ampleforth Abbey – Fr. Michael Johnstone will again be taking a group on a Retreat to Ampleforth, to be conducted by a Monk, from **Monday, 16th to Friday 20th September**. Cost £260-£275. Transport to be co-ordinated between those going. For further information contact Fr. Michael on 01603 664118 (late afternoons/evenings best).

The Angelus

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