

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Rat Race

Why is that so many people who are selfish and even dishonest do so much better in life than those with integrity? Could it be to do with the way we are wired? As human beings we have a primeval instinct for self-preservation. It would appear that self-preservation is a far more powerful a motivation than the motivation to be altruistic.

In today's gospel story we find a dishonest manager intent on securing his future. Faced with dismissal, the dishonest manager quickly negotiates some shady deals with his master's customers. The manager makes sure that there will always be a place he can go and people who will welcome him in the eventuality of him becoming destitute. Oddly Jesus seems to applaud the manager for his quick thinking. We are asked to consider what 'children of the light' can learn from the 'children of the world'. Like the manager in today's story, the 'children of the world' are the men and women who leave the house at 6am and work from morning to night securing business deals and amassing wealth for their future. The determination and single mindedness of these workers is to be applauded, but how sad that our fragile and brief existence on this earth should be determined by a rat race with cash bonuses as its prize.

As Jesus' disciples, how do we, 'children of the light' look after our future? When the day of reckoning comes, will there be a place that welcomes us? Can we use the same energy, determination and single mindedness of the business entrepreneur but for a more worthwhile end than a healthy bank balance? As Christians we do not need an incentive to do good works. We are already motivated to do good works.... all we need is a sense of urgency. We might be able to transcend the rat race, but we can never transcend our brief existence.

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 Website: <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>
Notre Dame High School, Norwich: Website <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>

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18TH SEPTEMBER 2016 – 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses – Page 140 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00 am	William Havis
	11.00 am	Stephen & Kasia

Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: Belmont Mass

Entry 6pm – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 706 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ...

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

Communion *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*

Recessional 11am – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 908 – Blest are the pure in heart ...

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION: Saturday at 5.30pm, or on request / by appointment

Weekday Mass Times (25th week in Ordinary Time) [Psalter Week 1]

Mon.	10.00 am	Feria – Int. Dane Kasperavic
Tues.	No Mass today	SS Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds.	10.00 am	Votive Mass for World Peace
	7.30 pm	Holy Hour - Evening Prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Silent Prayer, and at 8.30pm Night Prayer
Thurs.	10.00 am	Feria – Int. Stephen Abela
Fri.	10.00 am	St Pius of Pietrelcina – Int. Pamela Edmunds
Sat.	10.30 am	Our Lady of Walsingham – Int. Winnie Livermore
	6.00 pm	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Int. Zofija Juozas

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

Anniversaries this week: Peter John Bussey, Gerald Reeder, Helen Browne, Colin Keatley and Peter Purcell. *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: Joan Blakiston, David Peek, Michael Reavey, Robert Nicol, Shirley Liebenhals, Sarah Chaudri, Anne & Derek Williams, Anna Thompkins, Michelle Smith, Rita Smith, Eileen Brockleby, Pat Howe, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Margaret Leggett, Diana Cater, Ken May and Muriel Harmer.

Money Matters – The collection for the Parish last weekend was £428.13. The retiring collection for the Catholic Education Service was £201.98. In August, the Standing Orders & Direct Debits for the Parish came to £562.00. Thank you for your continuous generosity.

Survive-Miva Special Appeal: 18th September – This weekend, a retiring collection for Survive Miva will be made at all Masses. This is a special appeal being made in support of Survive-Miva, a Catholic lay Association providing funding for essential transport for health outreach work in rural areas, and for the Church’s pastoral care in places of difficult access.

Diary Dates for this week –

- Sat. 23 Sept. – Saturday Club meets - 11.00am in Emmaus Room

Prayer for World Peace – Wednesday, 21st September - The Holy Father has asked that every Diocese should join him in prayer for world peace when he meets religious leaders from across the world in Assisi on Wednesday September 21st. Bishop Alan Hopes has asked if each parish could arrange a Holy Hour during the course of the day and invite people to share in this time of prayer for an intention that is becoming more urgent each day. Please note that there will be a Votive Mass for Peace here on Wednesday morning at 10.00am, and a Holy Hour in the evening at 7.30pm with Evening Prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Silent Prayer, closing with Night Prayer at 8.30pm.

Walsingham Appeal: Rebuilding England’s Nazareth – Next Saturday, 24th September, we shall be celebrating the feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, and on that weekend the Bishops have asked all parishes to have a second collection to help in the developments of England’s National Shrine to Our Lady. We are looking to upgrade existing buildings and build new facilities, to help us serve the increasing numbers of pilgrims, who continue to walk in the Walsingham Way, since the shrine was established in 1061. Our aims are to update our facilities, and to make provision for sick and disabled pilgrims

and to have facilities for young people to come on pilgrimage. Full details are given on our website www.walsingham.org.uk Thank you for your generosity. *Mgr. John Armitage, Rector.*

St Matthew - 21st September - The Gospel of Matthew is especially important for it is one of the two Gospels originally written by an Apostle (the other being the Gospel of John). The Gospel of Matthew was possibly written in Antioch, an early home of Christianity. Indeed, the Acts of the Apostles (11:26) recorded that the followers of Jesus were first called Christians in Antioch.

World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel - 18-24 September 2016 - “Dismantling Barriers” - A week of education, prayer and action for peace in Palestine & Israel. Initiated by the World Council of Churches. An opportunity to organise meetings, prayers and actions for peace. Visit www.paxchristi.org.uk/campaigns/israel-and-palestine/world-week-for-peace-in-pi/ for resources, prayers and events.

Our Lady of Walsingham - 24th September - Prayer Requests - At the Walsingham Shrine there is a system whereby your intentions can be placed in a Novena of Masses that operates from the 1st – 9th, the 10th -18th, and from the 19th – 27th of the month. The Novena Mass intentions are placed on the Altar during Mass each day for the duration of the Novena. You can request a particular Novena so that an anniversary, birthday, memorial etc., is remembered on the appropriate day. Visit www.walsingham.org.uk/prayer-request for more details.

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~ Muhammad Yunus

The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. **R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. **R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. *Hail Mary...***

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 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**