

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Lesson in Leadership

It's good to open the door in the morning and find the milk on the doorstep, or to be able to put out the rubbish and know that it's going to be taken away. It's good to nip out late at night knowing that somewhere there'll still be a corner shop open or a 'Drive-Thru'. We appreciate the people that man these services, but how many of us planned to be those people as we grew up?

Today's gospel is a lesson in leadership and self sacrifice. Jesus sees leadership as one thing and his disciples see it as something very different.

"Grant that in your glory," request James and John, "that we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." They equate leadership with authority, power, glory and status. This is not of course how Jesus ever sought to lead. Jesus never sought power or glory; he only ever sought humility and servitude.

"Whoever wishes to be great among you will be slave of all," Jesus tell them. He meant that we should lead by example, by rolling up our sleeves and getting stuck in as equals. Nowadays, we are very career orientated. We are brought up to equate position and status with success. It is easy for a politician, a doctor or a teacher to think that he or she is more important than the person who sweeps the streets. Jesus warns that the cup he chose to drink is a difficult one. Jesus tells us to change the world by self-sacrifice and servitude rather than power and status. What we should take away today is that no one must use their position to lord it over others; rather we should use our God given skills to serve one another.

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"Swallow your pride occasionally, it's non-fattening!" (Author Unknown)

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

The Parish Newsletter is available to view on the parish website from Friday onward each week; back copies can also be viewed on the website.

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18 OCTOBER 2015 – 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend Masses – Page 146 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Donor's Intention
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Editha Rotia Verba

Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: Dom Gregory Murray Mass

Processional 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 749 – From heaven you came, helpless babe

Offertory Hymn 772 – Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us...

Communion Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...

Recessional 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 945 – Now thank we all our God ...

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION - Saturday at 5.30 - 5.55 pm

Mass Times for the Coming Week (29th week in Ordinary Time)

[Psalter Week 1]

Mon.	10.00 am	John Perkins (Wilkes) - Feria
Tues.	No Mass today	- Feria
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds.	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Bernadette Buxton
Thurs.	10.00 am	David Bound (Bell) - Feria
Fri.	10.00 am	Bernadette Buxton (Sanderson) - Feria
	5.45 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Prayer & Vespers
Sat.	10.30 am	Donor's Intention - Feria
	6.00 pm	Francis Perrin - 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Anniversaries this week: James Reavey, Michael Hogan, Barbara Kellett, Bertha Credland, Rosina Izzy, Percy Thompson, Catherine Foley, *Peter Giles*, Winifred King and Bernadette Winstanley. *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 the 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: Michelle Redmond, Fr Michael Teader, Joan Blakiston, David Peek, Michael Reavey, Sheila Christie, Robert Nicol, Doreen Kanssen, Shirley Liebenhals, Sarah Chaudri, Ann & Derek Williams, David & Anna Thompkins, Michelle Smith, Rhonda Darby and Collette Barrow-Nessian.

Money Matters – The collection last weekend was £400.44. Thank you very much. There is a retiring collection today for World Mission Sunday (*Missio*).

Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride – The two participants from the parish who took part in the bike ride on 12th September raised £138.50 and £78 respectively.

Annual Mass Count – This should have been done over the last two weeks. Could I ask the collectors at each Mass for the next three weeks to keep a tally of how many people are attending Mass. The numbers all fit in to Diocesan statistics and also national statistics. It is important to know what the Mass attendance is.

World Mission Sunday 2015 - 18th October - World Mission Sunday, organized by the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. As described by Pope John Paul II, World Mission Sunday is "an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world".

Diary Dates –

- **SVP** - the meeting scheduled for 21st October has been put back a week and will now take place on Wednesday, 28th October at 2pm.
- **Saturday Club is on half term** – next meeting will be Saturday, 7th November.

Flower Ladies - There is now a light in the garage. You will not have to go through another winter without light in there!

Day of Prayer last Saturday. It would appear that those who attended the day with Magdalen last Saturday really drew a lot from it. Magdalen enjoyed meeting you and being with you and she is willing to come back on another occasion. We can also arrange to go as a parish for a day at Clare Priory at any time. And if you want to find a place of complete peace you can always just go over to Clare. Contact details are in the Diocesan Directory.

The Union of Catholic Mothers - De-Cluttering? - Have you got any unwanted and unused gifts, toiletries, knitted and craft items suitable for our Christmas gift stall? Donations can be placed in the box at the back of the church. All proceeds from our Christmas fundraising goes to charity. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity!

"Greetings to you from the sunny (and sometimes stormy) eternal city. Hard though it is to believe, I've now been in Rome for over a fortnight, and the unfamiliarity of the culture is just beginning to wear off in time for the academic programme to begin. So far the new arrivals (16 including myself, 13 of whom live in at the Beda college, and 3 of whom are external students who live in religious communities) have been undergoing an intense induction programme which has involved finding out about the domestic rotas (refectory, cleaning, admin, security, infirmary); the liturgical routines (mass, morning and evening prayer); the personal development structures (regular group sessions and individual spiritual direction); and the academic courses to be undertaken in the first year. This is a lot to take in, although there has also been time for trips outside the college: we were fortunate enough to attend both the opening mass of the general synod now taking place in Rome, and also the papal audience of 7th October. It is worth saying that the Holy Father stated that the blessing given to those of us at St Peter's was extended to our families, friends and communities back home, so please accept those good wishes on his behalf. Thank you for your prayers and be assured that the intentions of the diocese and the people I have come to know in my home parishes are always in my mind and prayers here. *In Christ, Mike Brookes (Tired but enthusiastic first year seminarian, Pontifical Beda College, Rome).*"

We say the 'Coming Home' prayer at the end of the Bidding Prayers:

Loving Father, we pray for those baptised who no longer or rarely attend Church: that they will understand and experience in their hearts that Christ is the source of unconditional love and reconciliation.

We pray for everyone who worships in our parish community: that we may find the right words and means to invite our absent brothers and sisters to return to the practice of their faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.