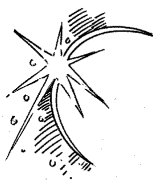


GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Hedging Our Bets

Is it human nature only to do our best when the chips are down? We work our hardest when there's an exam or an inspection on the horizon. We struggle to finish our accounts when the tax department deadline is looming. We rush round putting the house in order when visitors are announced, and sadly, many of us leave it until we are elderly or ill before we patch up relationships. In a way we live our lives like a game of roulette, not living the way we ought all of the time, but only when we get some kind of wakeup call and the chips are down.

Today's gospel warns us to be alert to the signs of the end of the world and the coming of judgment day, but not in a 'hedging our bets' kind of way! It would be immature discipleship to prepare for judgment day only when we suspected that we were close to the end of life. In any case we are warned that we do not know the hour nor the day of the world's end, and therefore we must live every day as though it were our last. We do not aim to live in a state of permanent readiness for fear of being caught out, but because we know that abiding by Jesus' teaching is the only way to live.

Everything in the heavens and earth will pass away. Everything that we consider important will end, but Christ's teaching will endure forever. Are we living our best in the here and now, or are we gambling on a some 'comfortably far off date' on which to hedge our bets?

Bitesize – “A man should not leave this earth with unfinished business. He should live each day as if it was a pre-flight check. He should ask each morning, am I prepared to lift-off?”
~ Diane Frolov and Andrew Schneider, *Northern Exposure*, All is Vanity, 1991



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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18TH NOVEMBER 2018 – 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B

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

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 17 th Nov.	6.00 pm	33 rd Sunday in Ord. Time [Parish Mass Book p157]	Christina Bennett Dorothy Ryan People of the Parish
Sun. 18 th Nov.	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Mon. 19 th Nov.	10.00 am		
Tues. 20 th Nov.	-	St. Edmund (Feast)	No Mass today – PP's day off
Weds. 21 st Nov.	10.00 am	Presentation of the BVM	Holy Souls
Thurs. 22 nd Nov.	10.00 am	St Cecilia	Holy Souls
Fri. 23 rd Nov.	10.00 am	Feria	Holy Souls
Sat. 24 th Nov.	10.30 am	St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	Holy Souls
Sat. 24 th Nov.	6.00 pm	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	Holy Souls Donor's Int. People of the Parish
Sun. 25 th Nov.	9.00 am 11.00 am		

Music for 33rd Sunday in Ord. Time – *Setting*: New People's Mass.
Entry: 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 934 – Dear Lord and Father of mankind ...
Psalm is sung at 6pm Mass this week: *R.*: *Keep me safe, O God, I take refuge in you; Keep me safe, O God, I take refuge in you.*
Offertory: Hymn 643 – Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered ...
Recessional: 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 965 – As the deer pants for the water ...

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: Tommy Durkan, Andree Whitlam, Renée Howard, Kathleen Burrows, William Goodwin, Gwen Lovelace, Tom Thorpe, Elsie Smart and Florence Thorpe. *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 01326 694066.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for: David Peek, Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Anna Thompson, Peter Gormans, Sarah Chaudri, Rita Smith, Carol Whitesides, Catherine (Kay) Garrard and Robert Nicol.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offerings for the maintenance of our parish for the last three weekends as follows: 28th October - £436.37; 4th November - £428.35; 11th November - £464.88. Thank you also for the recent collection for the Diocesan St. Edmunds Fund/Caritas, which amounted to £402.64. **Next Sunday** (25th November) is Youth Day and there will be a retiring collection after all Masses for the Diocesan Youth Service.

130 Club October 2018 Draw Results – 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 103; 2nd Prize £15- Ticket No. 102; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 170; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 172; 5th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 127.

Diary Dates for this week -		
Tues. 20 th Nov.	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Emmaus Room
Weds. 21 st Nov.	7.00 pm	SVP Conference meeting – Emmaus Room (<i>please note change of start time</i>).
Sat. 24 th Nov.	11.00am	Saturday Club - Emmaus Room

Posada – Making Room for Jesus this Christmas – Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib. Modern day Posada uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from place to place. This gives each ‘host’ the chance to create their own celebration in their home or place in the community, worshipping and reaching out to their communities with the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in their lives. Our church has chosen to engage with Posada again this year. Will you be a host to Mary and Joseph for a night? To find out what is involved, see the poster at the back of church and, if you want to be a host, add your name to the Journey Rota as soon as possible before the start of Advent on 2nd December.

From Fr. John Barnes – ‘I was very touched by your kindness in sending me greetings, good wishes, and the promise of prayers. Last week I underwent a procedure at the Ipswich Hospital and the result – much to my surprise - is that I need urgent heart surgery, a heart bypass. I’m now waiting to hear when I will be admitted to Papworth Hospital. The Consultant at Ipswich anticipates and hopes that it will be before Christmas. Meanwhile, your prayers will be greatly appreciated. With all good wishes and love from Fr. John.’

Dereham Churches Together – The next Evening of Praise, Prayer and Fellowship will take place on Tuesday, 27th November at 7.30pm, hosted by Wellspring Family Church, Neatherd Road, Dereham. Everyone welcome.

Universal Children’s Day, 20th November - The United Nations' (UN) Universal Children's Day, which was established in 1954, is celebrated on November 20th each year to promote international togetherness and awareness among children worldwide. UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, promotes and coordinates this special day, which also works towards improving children's welfare.

Feast of the Presentation of Mary, 21st November - As with Mary’s birth, we read of Mary’s presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the Protoevangelium of James tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was three years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless. Even though the feast has no basis in history, it stresses the important truth that from the beginning of her life, Mary was dedicated to God.

St Cecilia, 22nd November - We remember St Cecilia not just as patron saint of music, but as a Christian martyr. She was condemned to death by the Roman Governor and is reported to have survived suffocation in a steam bath and immersion in a cauldron of oil. She even lived three days after being struck on the neck with a sword. So, she was definitely a martyred saint, but as for her musical credentials, modern scholars have discovered that her reported interest in music has no foundation other than in a misinterpreted Latin translation. ~ *St Ceciliatide International Festival of Music*

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