

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Cast in Stone

Our identity is shaped by the people we live and work with. Our identity is shaped by how we deal with family and workplace relationships over a space of many years. As a child, loved and cherished, we become strong confident and assertive. As a child who is not loved, we become insecure, secretive and even delinquent. As a spouse or parent, we can become caring supportive and strong, or we can become embittered, devious, angry or fearful. As an employer or an employee, we can become cooperative or competitive, kind or ruthless, sharing or greedy. Before we know it, our identity is cast in stone, and others routinely refer to us as a nag, a bully, bossy, henpecked, stubborn or spineless. If we are very lucky people might label us as 'the salt of the earth' or 'a rock'.

Today Jesus looks at Peter and says, "You will be called Cephas". Jesus sees him as a 'rock'. How his friends must have rolled round laughing. Peter? A rock? Peter was impetuous, naïve and not always the most trusting of Jesus' disciples. If Peter was a rock, he was a very crumbly one! Interestingly, slowly but surely, Peter grows into the rock Jesus believes him to be. We are being taught something very important. Peter's identity is very much rooted in his relationship with Jesus.

We might look at our own identity and not like what we have become. We might wish we could be different but feel trapped by circumstance, or expectation. The good news is that by working on our relationship with God, we can become the people we always knew we could be

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 worth 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.



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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19TH JANUARY 2020 – 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – PEACE DAY

Year A [2nd Week of the Year, Weekday Year II, Psalter Week 2]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 18 th Jan.	6.00 pm	2 nd Sunday in Ord. Time [Parish Mass Book p125]	Annie & James Whillingham
Sun. 19 th Jan.	9.00 am 11.00 am		The People of the Parish Janine Wilde
Mon. 20 th Jan.	10.00 am	Feria	Bridget & William Murphy
Tues. 21 st Jan.	-	S Agnes	No Mass today
Weds. 22 nd Jan.	-	Feria	No Mass today
Thurs. 23 rd Jan.	10.00 am	Feria	William Murphy
Fri. 24 th Jan.	10.00 am	S Francis de Sales	Sue Murray
Sat. 25 th Jan.	10.30 am	Conversion of S Paul - Feast	Tba
Sun. 26 th Jan.	6.00 pm	3 rd Sunday in Ord. Time	Tba
	9.00 am 11.00 am		Paul Morris The People of the Parish

Music for 2nd Sunday in Ord. Time – Setting: New People's Mass

Entry: 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 865 – I, the Lord of sea and sky ...

Psalm: (11am sung) R.: Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

Offertory: Hymn 646 – Welcome all you noble saints of old ...

Memorial Acclamation: A

Recessional: 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 924 – Brother, sister, let me serve you ...

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: Stanley Meadows, Amy Garvey, Arthur Longhurst, Frances Kelly, Joan Blakistone, Perpetua Cecine Triggs, Gwen Dawes, Betty McGee, Maisie Aylin, Queenie Minnie Hogan, Stanley Brocklesby, Anne Cairns, Laura O'Halloran, Bill Sibley, George Mayer, Ivor Vincent and Magdolna Toth. *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, 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 for the maintenance of our parish of: £573.94 on Jan. 5th and for £333.61 on Jan. 12th. Thank you also for your offering by standing order in December amounting to £507. There is an optional retiring collection today for Pax Christi.

Diary Dates for this week -		
Tues. 21 st Jan.	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Emmaus Room
Weds. 22 nd Jan	Ministry to Priests takes place this week at Clare Priory, hence no Mass today.	
Weds. 22 nd Jan.	6.30pm	Music selection & practice – Presbytery & Church. All volunteers welcome to make a joyful noise to the Lord!
Fri. 24 th Jan.	7.15–8.15pm	Altar Servers meeting – Emmaus Room
Sat. 25 th Jan.	11.00am	Saturday Club - Emmaus Room

Peace Sunday, 19th January – The Bishops of England and Wales invite us to keep this Sunday as a day of prayer for world peace and to reflect on the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the annual World Peace Day: *Peace as a Journey of Hope: Dialogue, Reconciliation and Ecological Conversion*. The day has a particular “flavour” this year because we pass so many significant anniversaries in the coming months: the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, marked by Holocaust Memorial Day on 27th January; the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII in Europe (VE Day) – marked by a special Bank Holiday on 8th May; then again, in August, the 75th anniversaries of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the 75th anniversary of Japan's surrender. All a long lifetime ago and yet all events which continue to mark our history; events which show both the human capacity for inflicting evil and the human capacity to resist evil. But these events also invite us all to examine the roots of violence in our culture today and,

especially, in our own hearts. They call us to conversion, to a rejection of the logic of violence and to a commitment to rebuild what has been broken in ways which lead to peace.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18-25 January – This year takes the theme ‘Unusual Kindness’, reflecting on how our Christian faith leads us to see all ‘others’ as sisters and brothers.

Diocesan Retreat Day: Positive Penance for Lent - A deeply personal approach Inspired by The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius at: Our Lady of The Annunciation Church, Poringland beginning in The Thirkettle Room on Saturday 15th February 2020, 10am–4pm. Coffee available from 9.30 am. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on the retreat day. Please bring a packed lunch and a notebook and pen. For further information contact: mmmfadyen@gmail.com, Diocesan Representative for the Bishop's Conference spirituality committee. www.sunflowerseedspirituality.com

Bishop's Visit - Bishop Alan is coming to celebrate the 9.00 & 11.00am Masses on February 23rd.

Caritas Festival - Caritas East Anglia is holding a Festival to celebrate sharing God's love with our neighbour. The venue for Norfolk parishes is St George's, Norwich, on Sat 28th March. If you are involved in social outreach work, e.g. with the poor, homeless, marginalised, please come and celebrate with us! This is an opportunity to celebrate together, to show others what you do and to welcome new volunteers to join you. For more information, or to book a place, please email: caritas@rcdea.org.uk

Use your free time to inspire young people to build a fairer world: CAFOD is looking for volunteers who have a passion for, and experience of, working with young people. We need people who have a commitment to CAFOD's aims and values and an interest in sharing our work in secondary schools through delivering assemblies or workshops. CAFOD will provide training and support, and expenses will be paid. Volunteering assignments will be in local Catholic schools and you can either work on your own or as part of a team. If you are interested, please contact Jane Crone, Community Participation Officer for East Anglia Diocese: jcrone@cafod.org.uk, Tel: 01223 358552 | 07779 804252.

Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Multi Academy Trust - St Louis Catholic Academy, Head of School L8-L14, Full Time - Required for September 2020. Please see diocesan website for more details: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/school-vacancies/>

Holiday – My holiday in Vietnam was wonderful. I attended Mass in Ho Chi Minh City in Cantonese and, apart from the language, everything was so wonderfully familiar. The faith is very strong there and the people have a genuinely spiritual dimension to their lives, whether it is Christian or other religions. It was a wonderful experience.

Bitesize - “The particular human chain we're part of is central to our individual identity.”
~ Elizabeth Stone