

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Praying with Persistence - Whether you're a fan or not, few can have avoided tuning into 'The Apprentice', Lord Sugar's quest to make entrepreneurs. In watching the weekly tasks, you will be struck by the candidates' persistence. In an attempt to realise the ambition closest to their hearts, candidates will do almost anything to earn a favourable judgement. Whilst not always applauding their talent we have to give the would-be entrepreneurs top marks for nerve. It appears that success is more about not giving up than anything else. So, what if we adopted the same attitude when it comes to matters of faith and prayer?

All too often we lack persistence when it comes to prayer, sometimes losing faith in it altogether. We give up on prayer for lots of reasons. We give up on prayer because we have stopped believing that God is really listening. We give up on prayer because we think that we are unworthy of God's attention, or that God must be busy doing other things. We give up on prayer because we have an immature expectation, and can't understand why God doesn't pander to it. Whatever reason we have for giving up on prayer we need to re-think, because at worst, giving up on prayer can mean giving up on our relationship with God.

Today Jesus urges us to persist in prayer. However disillusioned we might feel, we are urged not to give up. Just because God hasn't granted a prayer in the past doesn't mean God won't grant a future prayer. The key is to remember that God isn't a magician giving us quick fix answers whenever we're feeling at a loss. God sees the overall picture, and as long as our prayer fits that picture how much more readily will he answer us, than the unjust judge gives in to the widow in today's parable.

We are encouraged to pray with a genuine desire to build our relationship with God. We are encouraged to pray with persistence.

Bitesize – “For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God.”
~ Saint Teresa of Avila



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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20TH OCTOBER 2019 – 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C

[29th Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 1]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 19 th Oct.	6.00 pm	29 th Sunday in Ord. Time	Elaine Smith
Sun. 20 th Oct.	9.00 am	[Parish Mass Book p152]	The People of the Parish
	11.00 am	World Mission Sunday	Maria Alexandria Coita Pita
Mon. 21 st Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Margaret O'Sullivan (Bugeja)
Tues. 22 nd Oct.	-	Feria	No Mass today – PP's day off
Weds. 23 rd Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Margaret O'Sullivan (Eldred)
Thurs. 24 th Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Margaret O'Sullivan (Eldred)
Fri. 25 th Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	<i>Tba</i>
Sat. 26 th Oct.	-	Feria	No morning Mass
	6.00 pm		<i>Tba</i>
Sun. 27 th Oct.	9.00 am	30 th Sunday in Ord. Time	Michael Reavey
	11.00 am		The People of the Parish

Music for 29th Sunday in Ord. Time – Setting: New People's Mass

Entry: 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 934 – Dear Lord and Father of mankind ...

Psalm: (11am sung) *R.*: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Offertory: Hymn 881 – God of day and God of darkness ...

Memorial Acclamation 2: *When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.*

Recessional: 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 960 – Guide me, O thou great Redeemer ...

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: Rosina Izzy, Percy Thompson, Thelma Jones, Catherine Foley, Peter Giles, Winifred King, Bernadette Winstanley, Fr. Harry Wace, Francis Perrin and Marie Jones. *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, Rita Smith, 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 of £443.46 last weekend for the day-to-day maintenance of our parish. Tax payers can increase their donations painlessly by joining the Gift Aid Scheme, which allows the parish to reclaim the tax you have already paid.

There is a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend for Missio (A.P.F.).

Diary Dates for this week -		
Tues. 22 nd Oct.	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room
Weds. 23 rd Oct.	6.30pm	Music selection & practice – Presbytery & Church. All volunteers welcome to make a joyful noise to the Lord!
Fri. 25 th Oct.	10.30am	SVP Monthly Coffee Morning. After Mass. All welcome.
Sat. 26 th Oct.	Saturday Club is on half-term holiday. Classes resume on 2 nd November. NB. <i>There is no Saturday morning Mass during half term.</i>	

World Mission Sunday, 20th October 2019 – World Mission Sunday supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting *Missio*, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sr Clara share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can. If you are a taxpayer, please use the Gift Aid envelopes. For more information, visit www.missio.org.uk. Thank you.

SVP Monthly Coffee Morning – Please note that the SVP monthly coffee morning which was due to be held on Friday, 1st November, has been brought forward to **this Friday, 25th October.**

All Saints – The **Holy Day of Obligation** for All Saints is on **Friday, 1st November** – Mass times will be 10.00am and 7.30pm.

Annual Mission Appeal – The annual Mission Appeal will take place at all Masses on **2nd and 3rd November.** The Appeal will be given by Andy and Mary Clark from Network for a Better World, a lay missionary group, which operates from a rural mission parish in southern Malawi.

The Diocesan Catechist's course (which is for anyone who wants to be confident in talking about Christ and Church teaching) begins at the end of October. This is a distance-learning course spread over two school years. Bishop Alan has asked that every parish in the Diocese should have someone who has completed the course! – if you think you might be interested, visit www.theannunciation.org.uk or email Carol Ann Harnett on catholic1812@gmail.com

Church Cleaning Rota – A revised cleaning rota has been produced and copies are available for the cleaners to collect from the letter rack in the porch.

Working with Missionaries of the Poor - Fr Michael Johnstone is again taking a group to Kingston, Jamaica in January to work as Volunteers with the Missionaries of the Poor. Anyone age over 18, male or female is welcome to join the group. Further information from Fr. Michael, Tel. 01603 664118. Email fr.mcjohnstone@gmail.com

Handbag Project for Homeless Women – UCM members will be taking part in the handbag project for homeless women again this year. We have enough handbags and toiletries this year, but we need warm hats, scarves, gloves and women's socks please. If anyone could donate, we should be very grateful. Thank you. The UCM Ladies.



October: Extraordinary Month of Mission: Baptised and Sent – Pope Francis declared October 2019 to be a special month of prayer and action to strengthen and grow God's mission through the Church. This month aims to encourage Catholics into a deeper relationship with Jesus through prayer; to look to, and learn from, the actions and sacrifices of our saints, martyrs and living missionaries; to financially support overseas mission, through *Missio*; and to rediscover and renew our understanding of overseas mission (*missio ad gentes*). For more information, please visit www.missio.org.uk/emm.

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