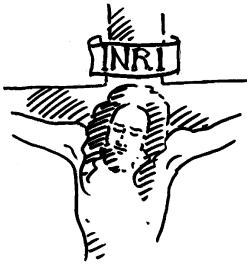


GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



The Truth, the Whole Truth and Nothing But the Truth

A television interviewer tries to elicit the truth from a politician. We recognise of old the politician's strategies for avoiding the interviewer's questions. We are called to do jury service and determine to get to the bottom of the case, but suddenly everyone's version of events is slightly different. We pick up on a charged atmosphere at home, but when we quiz our children or spouse, we are met with evasion and equivocation. The opposite of truth is not always a lie. Truth

can be avoided, twisted, disguised, or simply not recognised. One thing is for sure though; we all have some kind of sixth sense for knowing when we are not getting the truth. That's why it's so refreshing and so powerful when somebody gets up and speaks a simple truth from the heart. The truth makes us sit up and listen. Perhaps this is what Jesus meant when he told Pilate, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Standing in front of Pilate, Jesus doesn't back down or compromise the truth because the truth is too important. The trouble with earthly kingdoms is that the truth is not always of paramount importance. In earthly kingdoms the truth gets in the way of our personal agendas. In our quest for territory, power, resources and a comfortable life style, the truth takes second place. We might think that we are truthful people and that we never tell lies, but it is all too easy to live a lie without admitting it even to ourselves. Pilate was not able to understand the kingdom Jesus alluded to, and he was not able to see Jesus as king. Pilate failed to recognise the truth.

Today's challenge is to recognise truth in all of life's circumstance, to stand up for the truth in all of life's difficulties, and to live by the truth to the best of our ability.

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"The trouble about man is twofold. He cannot learn truths which are too complicated; he forgets truths which are too simple." (Rebecca West)

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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22ND NOVEMBER 2015 – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Sunday Masses – Page 160 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00 am	Thanksgiving for 40 years of Marriage of Stephen & Margaret Smith
	11.00 am	Special Intention (Suman Joy)

Music for Sunday Masses - *Setting: Belmont Mass*

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

Offertory Hymn 883 – Longing for light, we wait in darkness ...

Communion *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*

Recessional 11am – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 320 – Hail, Redeemer, King divine! ...

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION - Saturday at 5.30 - 5.55 pm

Weekday Mass Times (34th week in Ordinary Time) [*Psalter Week 2*]

Mon.	10.00 am	Thanksgiving (Bussey) - Feria
Tues.	No Mass today	- St Andrew Dung-Lac P & Companions
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds.	No Mass Today	- Feria
Thurs.	10.00 am	Donor's Intention - Feria
Fri.	10.00 am	Donor's Intention - Feria
	5.45 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Silent Prayer
	6.15 pm	Evening Prayer of The Church (Vespers)
Sat.	10.30 am	Donor's Intention - Feria
	6.00 pm	1 st Sunday of Advent (Year C) - SVP 25 th Anniversary

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

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Anniversaries this week: Gwen Lovelace, Tom Thorpe, Elsie Smart, Florence Thorpe, Emma Jane Talmadge, Evelyn Goodenough, Winifred Lovesay. Joseph Barker, Madeline Lambert, Mary Lambert, Frederick Shelock and Charles O’Kane. *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: Michelle Redmond, Joan Blakiston, David Peek, Michael Reavey, Sheila Christie, Robert Nicol, Doreen Kanssen, Shirley Liebenhals, Sarah Chaudri, Anne & Derek Williams, David & Anna Thompkins, Michelle Smith, Rhonda Darby, Collette Barrow-Nessian and Eileen Brockleby.

Money Matters – Thank you for your offering of £478.26 in the collection last weekend. Thank you also for the offering given by Direct Debit in October of £442.00. Today there is a retiring collection for the Diocesan Youth Service.

130 Club October Draw - 1st Prize £20 - Anne Williams; 2nd Prize £15 - Myrna Kemp; 3rd Prize £10 - Sarah Chaudri; 4th Prize £10 - Margaret Leggatt; 5th Prize £10 - Patrick Monaghan.

Diary Dates for this week –

- Sat. 28th Nov.. – Saturday Club meets - 11.00am in Emmaus Room

Ministry to Priests - I will be at the Ministry to Priests Programme at Clare Priory on Tuesday and Wednesday, hence no Mass on Wednesday.

National Youth Sunday – 22nd November 2015 - *Who or What Rules My Heart?* - ‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.’ (Matthew 5:7). This year the theme for National Youth Sunday combines this Beatitude with the celebration of Christ the King as we are invited to make Jesus our ‘King of Hearts’. The aim is to provoke thought, conversation and prayer around the question ‘who, or what, rules my heart? Please do take a newsletter from the Diocesan Youth Service, which tells you more about what they do. There is also a second collection for their work – you may like to put your offering in the envelopes provided, either today or you can bring them back next week.



Saint Cecilia - 22nd November - Every November for the last 400 years the name of St Cecilia has been invoked as patron saint of music at festivals around the world. 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. For all we know St Cecilia could have been completely tone deaf! However, every year on this day we

remember how the hymns we sing at Mass are part of the liturgy, and every much a prayer as the spoken word.

Posada: Thank you for signing up to host the Posada Statue during Advent. There are still a few dates vacant. I think that this is a nice way of reclaiming Advent as a Season in the Church’s Liturgical Year.

The Diocesan Year Book will be with us shortly. The Bishop has asked us to promote it a bit by telling us what will be in it. The relevant articles are: Pope Francis reflecting on the meaning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The New Evangelization. The 40th Anniversary of the Diocese. Walsingham and its role in the Year of Mercy. The Cause of Leonard Cheshire. It is also very useful for the Liturgical Calendar and for finding where your favourite priest has moved to!

U.C.M. Cake Stall Update - The cake stall last weekend (14th /15th November) raised £120.90. This will go towards the U.C.M. charities. Many thanks to all concerned - Mary Shutt.

St Vincent de Paul Society – Dereham Conference - 25 years ago on 28th November, Fr Henry McCarthy chaired the inaugural meeting of the SVP in Dereham, he stepped aside following the election of officers, of which Roger Borthwick was elected President, Bernadette Buxton was elected Secretary, Madeline Lambert elected the Treasurer, and Francis Buxton was elected Vice President. In the first year, there were seven members. Today, there are again seven members, two joined earlier this year and are in their early days as members visiting with colleagues. We are always in need of new faces to help us in our work. We meet regularly for prayer and support. If you would like more information, please ask Deacon Martin.

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.