

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Aspiring to Come Last** - Who do we most admire? Who would we most like to be? Do we admire famous actors, talented singers, glamorous models or courageous athletes? Or do we admire people closer to home... parents, the nurse who cared for us the last time we were in hospital, or the neighbour who is always willing to mind the children in the school holidays.

Today the disciples are having a 'who's the greatest' conversation. When Jesus asks them what they are talking about, they fall silent. Instinctively they know Jesus will not approve of their appetite for greatness and of course, he doesn't. "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then Jesus places a small child in their midst and says, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not me, but the one who sent me."

We are being given another tough lesson in discipleship. We spend most of our lives scrabbling our way to the top of life's heap. In whatever walk-of-life we are working, we strive to be looked up to and respected. We are addicted to greatness and we pass on our addiction to our children. We tell our children that to be high up on life's social ladder is to be applauded. The trouble is our ideas of greatness and God's ideas of greatness aren't the same thing. God doesn't measure success in terms of popularity, glamour, money and power. God measures success in getting the job done by example and servitude. That doesn't mean that we shouldn't aspire to positions of leadership or responsibility, but it does mean that we should use our position for the common good and not to lord it over others. If we want to be part of God's Kingdom we must have the humble and unassuming character of a small child.

**Bitesize** - If you want to know what a man's like, take a good look at how he treats his inferiors, not his equals. ~ *J.K. Rowling*



**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](http://www.universalis.com)

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### 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 - 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B

[25<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year, Weekday Year II, Psalter Week 1]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept.	6.00 pm	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time [Parish Mass Book p135]	Donor's Int.
Sun. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept.	9.00 am		Donor's Int.
	11.00 am		People of the Parish
	<b>2.30 pm</b>	<b>Combined Service at St Nicholas Church</b>	
Mon. 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	10.00 am	Our Lady of Walsingham	Kenneth Gibbs
Tues. 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	-	Feria	<b>No Mass today – PP's day off</b>
Weds. 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	10.00 am	Feria	Michael Moffatt
Thurs. 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	10.00 am	St Vincent de Paul	Donor's Int.
Fri. 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	10.00 am	Feria	Donor's Int.
Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	10.30 am	SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	Donor's Int.
Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	6.00 pm	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time	Donor's Int.
Sun. 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	9.00 am		Donor's Int.
	11.00 am		People of the Parish

**Music for 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time** – *Setting*: New People's Mass

**Entry**: 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 955 – O God, our help in ages past ...

**Psalm**: 11am sung *R.*: *The Lord upholds my life.*

**Offertory**: Hymn 212 – All ye who seek a comfort sure ...

**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:** Colin Keatley, Peter Purcell, Agnes Tyce, Bernadette Buxton, Francis Dunn Soddy, Antony Drury and Pope John Paul I. *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, Mabel (Teddy) O'Donnell and Catherine (Kay) Garrard.

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your offering of £529.70 last weekend for our day-to-day running expenses and for £140.55 for Home Mission Sunday.

**Red Missionary Boxes** - It is time once again for donations to the Red Missionary Boxes to be counted and the money sent off to Missio (formerly known as Association for the Propagation of the Faith). So please will you bring your boxes to church over the next two Sundays, so that there can be another count and the monies sent to Missio. Thank you.

**General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)** - Please fill in and return your form as soon as possible. It is important that the Church complies with the law on the matter of data protection. Forms are available at the back of the church.

Diary Dates for this week -		
Tues. 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room
Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	11.00am	Saturday Club - Emmaus Room

**Saint Vincent de Paul Society, September Awareness Month** - Raise Awareness, Donate, Volunteer, Fundraise, .... The purpose of SVP Awareness Month is simple: to tell people about the SVP so that more people can benefit from the charity's work, and more people can get involved. To find out how you can get involved visit the SVP website. September is chosen as the society's awareness month to coincide with Saint Vincent de Paul's feast day on September 27th. [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk) (England and Wales); [www.svp.ie](http://www.svp.ie) (Eire); [www.ssvpscotland.com](http://www.ssvpscotland.com) (Scotland)

**Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, September 29<sup>th</sup>** - Archangels are believed to be messengers of God sent to direct, guide, defend and protect us. The following is a daily prayer written in honour of the three archangels we remember on this feast day. "Heavenly King, You have given us archangels to assist us during our pilgrimage on earth. Saint Michael is our protector; I ask him to come to my aid, fight for all my loved ones, and protect us from danger. Saint Gabriel is a messenger of the Good News; I ask him to help me clearly hear your voice and to teach me the truth. Saint Raphael is the healing angel; I ask him to take my need for healing and that of everyone I know, lift it up to your throne

of grace and deliver back to us the gift of recovery. Help us O Lord, to realize more fully the reality of the archangels and their desire to serve us. Holy angels, pray for us. Amen."

**Community of Our Lady of Walsingham** - Sisters Gabriela, Theresa, Johanna and Camilla invite you to visit them at their first convent, House of the Divine Will on Neatherd Moor in Dereham (just behind the playground). You are welcome for a tour and cream tea **from 2-7pm on Wednesday 3rd October**. For further directions/details please speak to one of the sisters or contact them on [info@walsinghamcommunity.org](mailto:info@walsinghamcommunity.org) or 01328 801018.

**Walsingham Annual Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life, Led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018.** All are warmly invited to unite in this day of prayer. For further details see poster on noticeboard or pick up a flyer from the porch.

**Diocesan Charismatic Renewal Day** - You are warmly invited to a Day of Renewal on **Saturday, 13th October**, led by Gemma Wildesmith, full time Catholic Lay Evangelist and head of Celebrated youth work. The day includes Holy Mass, prayer ministry and Reconciliation and is at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 322 Woodbridge Road, Ipswich IP4 4BD. Drinks provided. Packed lunch needed. For more information see poster or contact Philip on 07910157584

**The Archbishop of Canterbury** has asked to make a formal visit to St. John's Cathedral while on a Visitation to the Norwich Diocese during November. It will be at **12.00 noon on Wednesday, 7th November**. There will be a brief liturgy and a welcome from Bishop Alan. The theme of the Archbishop's visit will be Reconciliation.

**The Tea/Coffee Bar.** At the time of writing, Wednesday, the tea, coffee bar/servery is nearing completion. Please look in to see how it has changed. We have photographs taken to allow for a before and after contrast and to show the diocese that we have used our Alive in Faith Funds for the project we promoted. It may find its way into the Diocesan News too! Please help keep our renewed space clean and hygienic by not leaving perishable foods behind after events and binning or taking away all rubbish. Please do not leave things that 'Might be Useful' in the future in the Servery. Funds can even stretch to a bigger bin if necessary.

### The Angelus

Ÿ. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. **R.** *And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary ...*

Ÿ. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. **R.** *Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary ...*

Ÿ. And the Word was made flesh. **R.** *And dwelt among us. Hail Mary ...*

Ÿ. 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.