

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE CHRIST THE KING



King of Mercy - Our lives are filled with such horrible instances of the abuse of power, that royal imagery seems out of place when talking about Jesus. But the reign of Jesus from the cross is based on a different vision of power altogether. Jesus' authority is nothing about oppression and everything about mercy. His is a power that never seeks to rule or dominate, but rather seeks to serve and lead by example. His is a power that never seeks to rule by causing conflict or division but a power that seeks to unify

the world by promoting understanding, tolerance, justice, sharing and peace. His is a kingdom in which we will all be valued and loved.

This week sees the close of Pope Francis's 'Year of Mercy'. It's apt that the year closes in a week where we consider Christ as a king not of power but of compassion and mercy. What must we learn from the year of mercy, and from the path Jesus chose? It's simple! We might see others as guilty or sinful. Jesus sees those same people as needy and vulnerable. If we have learnt anything this year it should be that there is worth in everyone we meet.

The vision of God's kingdom is a vision we can start living here on earth. We can begin realising it by challenging our own values, in how we treat others and how we respond to the world around us.

In today's gospel, we see a crown of thorns instead of a crown of jewels and a cross instead of a throne. It might seem a bit of a mystery to the non-believers who are governed by self-interest but to those who understand values such as self-sacrifice, love and forgiveness, this is where discipleship begins.

Bitesize - 'Why should man expect his prayer for mercy to be heard by what is above him when he shows no mercy to what is under him?' ~*Sydney Smith*



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>
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24TH NOVEMBER 2019 – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – Year C [34th Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 2]

Mass Times for the Week		Intentions	
Sat. 23 rd Nov.	6.00 pm	Christ the King [Parish Mass Book p167]	<i>Tba</i>
Sun. 24 th Nov.	9.00 am 11.00 am		Don Donaghy The People of the Parish
Mon. 25 th Nov.	1.00pm	Requiem Mass for Filippo Salamone	
Tues. 26 th Nov.	-	Feria	No Mass today – PP's day off
Weds. 27 th Nov.	10.00 am	Feria	Peter Seville King
Thurs. 28 th Nov.	10.00 am	Feria	<i>Tba</i>
Fri. 29 th Nov.	10.00 am	Feria	<i>Tba</i>
Sat. 30 th Nov.	10.30 am	S ANDREW, Patron of Scotland	<i>Tba</i>
Sun. 1 st Nov.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	1st Sunday of Advent	<i>Tba</i> The People of the Parish David Peek (May)

Music for Christ the King – Setting: New People's Mass

Entry: 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 320 – Hail Redeemer, King divine ...

Psalm: (11am sung) R: *I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'*

Offertory: Hymn 749 – From heaven You came, helpless babe ...

Memorial Acclamation A: *We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.*

Recessional: 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 321 – Crown him with many crowns ...

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: Florence Thorpe, Emma Jane Talmadge, Evelyn Goodenough, Winifred Lovesay, Joseph Barker, Madeline Lambert, Mary Lambert, Frederick Shelock, Charles O’Kane, Mona Murphy and John Lawrence. *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 £447.06 for the maintenance of our parish last weekend.

Diary Dates for this week -		
Tues. 26 th Nov.	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room
Tues. 26 th Nov.	7.30pm	Dereham Churches Fellowship Evening – Trinity Methodist Church. All welcome.
Weds. 27 th Nov.	6.30pm	Music selection & practice – Presbytery & Church. All volunteers welcome to make a joyful noise to the Lord!
Fri. 29 th Nov.	7.15-8.45pm	Confirmation Group meeting – Emmaus Room
Sat. 30 th Nov.	11.00am	Saturday Club - Emmaus Room

Parish Reconciliation Service – There has been some positive response to my suggestion. A big question is when to do it? I would like to suggest a Saturday morning at 10.30am in place of the morning Mass.

National Youth Sunday - Today is National Youth Sunday. Please do take a newsletter from the Diocesan Youth Service, which tells you more about what they do. There is also a second collection to help support their valuable ministry with young people.

Saint Andrew the Apostle, November 30th - As one of the twelve apostles, Andrew worked closely with Our Lord during his public life. He was present at the Last Supper, beheld the risen Lord, witnessed the Ascension and shared in the graces and gifts of the first Pentecost. The good deeds and preaching of St. Andrew became known in all parts of the world. According to tradition, a part of the remains of St. Andrew were taken to Scotland,

and he was chosen as the Protector of the Scottish people. The Cross of St. Andrew also adorns the British flag where it was placed after the union of Scotland and England.

UCM – The annual **Christmas Gift Stall and Raffle Sale** will be taking place next weekend, **30th November and 1st December**. Last weekend’s **cake & produce stall** raised a magnificent £116.56, which will go to our nominated charities. Many thanks to all those who baked, bought and donated so generously to make it a success. Finally, members are advised that their **minutes** are available for collection from the letter rack in the porch.

Prepare the Way of the Lord – An Advent meditation with Fr. Bob Eccles OP (Blackfriars, Cambridge) at **Our Lady & St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Wymondham, on Thursday, 5th December 2019 at 7.00pm**. Come and bring a friend!

Creative Arts East – ‘Our Day Out’ is a programme run by Creative Arts East that aims to engage older people with free high-quality music and dance workshops run by professional artists. The sessions are dementia inclusive which have proved to increase well-being and improve people’s social connections. Forthcoming events will offer the chance to try Flamenco dancing and music-making. Please see the flyers at the back of church for more information.

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 which you will find at the back of church.

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