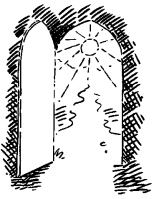


**GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**No Meal Tickets**

How do you imagine the gates of Heaven? Perhaps you imagine a fine set of pearly gates and a welcome committee flanked by all of the relatives who have gone before. Perhaps Saint Peter will be there, and a couple of harp-playing cherubs. Imagine instead a narrow door heavily locked and bolted! Imagine knocking on the door only to be told, "I do not know where you come from," and to be turned away. It wouldn't matter how much we insisted that we were baptised and regular churchgoers, our pleas would be ignored.

So where are we coming from? We're baptised as Christians and we know what we're supposed to be doing, but is that enough? God of course isn't making it difficult on purpose for us to be with him in Heaven. God loves us and wants us to be with him, but he doesn't want us to become complacent. The last thing that God wants is for us to feel that because we are baptised Christians, we have some sort of meal ticket into Heaven. The last thing we should do is opt for comfort over commitment or self-indulgence over self-sacrifice. Life is a testing ground in which we should be continually striving to be better. We should never think that we have achieved all that is expected of us just because we go to church and give to charity now and then.

However well we think we are doing we could be unpleasantly surprised to find ourselves at the back of Heaven's queue when we fondly imagined we might be somewhere near the front.

**Bitesize** - "What a person believes is not as important as how a person believes."  
~*Timothy Virkkala*



**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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**25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2019 – 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C**  
[21<sup>st</sup> Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 1]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time <i>[Parish Mass Book p127]</i>	Kathleen & Michael Carroll The People of the Parish Maria Alexandra Coita Pita
Mon. 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	10.00 am	Feria	Madeleine Lambert (Duffield)
Tues. 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	-	St. Monica	<b>No Mass today – PP's day off</b>
Weds. 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	10.00 am	St. Augustine	Priest's Int.
Thurs. 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	10.00 am	The Passion of St John the Baptist	Priest's Int.
Fri. 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	10.00 am	Feria	Priest's Int.
Sat. 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug. Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time <i>(World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation)</i>	Priest's Int. The People of the Parish Bertram William Flint

**Music for 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time** – *Setting: Belmont Mass (with Memorial Acclam. 3)*  
**Entry:** 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 475 – Here in this place, new light is streaming ...  
**Psalm:** (6pm sung) *R.*: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
(9am & 11am said) *R.*: Go out to the whole world, proclaim the good news.  
**Offertory:** Hymn 609 – In bread we bring you, Lord ...  
**Recessional:** 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 821 – The kingdom of God is justice and joy ...

**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:** Damian Ring-Davies, Mary Hayter, John McGowan, Jack Stearman, Marley Coe, Jenetta Elizabeth Smith, Francis Gray, Doris Jarvis, Patrick McMahon, Alfred Chapman, John Power and Charles Victor Mann. *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:** David Peek, Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Rita Smith, Carol Whitesides, Robert Nicol, Eileen Brocklesby, Shirley Liebenhals, Catherine Carter and Alf Charlton.

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your offering of £378.27 last weekend for the maintenance of our parish and for offertory donations by Standing Order/Direct Debit given in July amounting to £522.00.

Diary Dates for this week -		
Tues. 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room
Weds. 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	6.30pm	Music selection & practice – Presbytery & Church. All volunteers welcome to make a joyful noise to the Lord!
<b>Saturday Club</b> - Please note that Saturday Club is now on summer break. Classes will resume in September. <b>NB.</b> There is no Saturday morning Mass during this time.		

**Welcome** – A warm welcome to our summer visitors here at Sacred Heart. As the summer holiday period draws to a close, we hope that you have enjoyed your stay in this lovely county of Norfolk.

**Dereham Churches Together** invite you to the next **Praise, Prayer and Fellowship evening.** Hosted by **The Baptist Church. Tuesday 3rd September at 7.30pm.** Everyone welcome. Please take a yellow leaflet from the back of the church.

**Diocesan Event: How to Defend your Faith in the Public Square - Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019 from 11am-4pm at the Parish Hall of Our Lady & St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, 1 Norwich Road, Wymondham NR18 0QE.** To find out more or to sign-up, email [evangelisation@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:evangelisation@rcdea.org.uk)

**Confirmation Group 2019** – We will be starting preparation for Confirmation late September/early October this year. Therefore, people interested and eligible for Confirmation, please see either Michael King or Fr. Brendan.

**UCM** – The minutes of the August meeting of the UCM are available for members to collect from the letter rack this weekend.

**The Norfolk Churches Trust Annual Bike, Walk, Drive – Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 9.00am – 5.00pm** – Get ready to pump up your tyres, dust off your walking boots, pack a picnic and plan a route to visit as many of the most beautiful churches in Norfolk as you can and get sponsored for each building you visit, or make a donation – find out more at [www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride](http://www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride) or see the poster at the back of church. The money raised is divided between the church of the participant's choice and The Norfolk Churches Trust, which gives grants to hundreds of churches for repairs, renovation and the conservation of their buildings. More than 600 churches will be open throughout the day for everyone to explore. **Volunteers are needed to greet participants visiting Sacred Heart and to stamp their forms. There is a rota for this placed at the back of church; please sign up if you can help.**



**Retreat at Ampleforth Abbey** – Fr. Michael Johnstone will again be taking a group on a Retreat to Ampleforth, to be conducted by a Monk, from **Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September.** Cost £260-£275. Transport to be co-ordinated between those going. For further information contact Fr. Michael on 01603 664118 (late afternoons/evenings best).

**'Lord, when did we see you sick?'** – Fr. Michael Stack has written a book about his time as a Hospital Chaplain. It is entitled '*Lord, when did we see you sick?*'. It is a series of prayerful meditations based on visits to patients he has made over the years. It is on sale in our parish shop at the back of church. It is priced at £5 and all profits go to the Catholic Nurse Guild. It will be a lovely book for anyone working in the medical profession and looking for inspiration and for any carers or anyone dealing with illness themselves.

**Women's Equality Day, 26<sup>th</sup> August** - Globally, women are less likely to be involved in decision-making, to own land or property or to have access to education and employment than men. Violence against women is one of the most widespread abuses of human rights globally. Confronted with this reality and with a mission to serve the poorest and most disadvantaged, CAFOD has prioritised its work with women and girls. Our vision needs to be of a world where women are safe and respected and where women and men share equally in shaping their societies.

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>
<b>Let us pray:</b> 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.	