

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



Making A Stand on Fake News

We tune in to the news to elicit some kind of truth, but we suspect what we are viewing is 'fake news'. 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 the same truth 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.

Bitesize – 'Dare to be true; nothing can need a lie: a fault, which needs it most, grows two thereby.' ~ *George Herbert*



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>
 Daily Liturgy Website – www.universalis.com

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25th NOVEMBER 2018 – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
 – Year B [34th Week of the Year, Weekday Year II, Psalter Week 2]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 24 th Nov.	6.00 pm	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe [Parish Mass Book p160]	Holy Souls
Sun. 25 th Nov.	9.00 am 11.00 am		Donor's Int. People of the Parish
Mon. 26 th Nov.	10.00 am	Feria	Dorothy Ryan (Perkins)
Tues. 27 th Nov.	-	Feria	No Mass today – PP's day off
Weds. 28 th Nov.	10.00 am	Feria	Priest's Int.
Thurs. 29 th Nov.	10.00 am	Feria	Priest's Int.
Fri. 30 th Nov.	10.00 am	ST. ANDREW, Patron of Scotland	Priest's Int.
Sat. 1 st Dec.	10.30 am	Feria	Priest's Int.
Sat. 1 st Dec.	6.00 pm	1st Sunday of Advent (Year C)	Priest's Int.
Sun. 2 nd Dec.	9.00 am 11.00 am		Dorothy Ryan (Morris) People of the Parish

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

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

Psalm is sung at 6pm Mass this week: *R.*: *Shalom, shalom, the peace of God be here; Shalom, shalom, God's justice be ever near.*

Offertory: Hymn 967 – O, the love of my Lord is the essence ...

Recessional: 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 371 – 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: Emma Jane Talmadge, Evelyn Goodenough, Winifred Lovesay, Joseph Barker, Madeline Lambert, Mary Lambert, Frederick Shelock, Charles O’Kane, Mona Murphy, John Lawrence James Hooper and Jean English. *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, Peter Gormans, Sarah Chaudri, Rita Smith, Carol Whitesides, Catherine (Kay) Garrard and Robert Nicol.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering of £424.91 last weekend and for £527.00 given by Standing Order/Direct Debit in October for the day-to-day maintenance of our parish.

Diary Dates for this week -		
Tues. 27 th Nov.	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room
Tues. 27 th Nov.	7.30pm	Dereham Churches Together Evening of Praise, Prayer & Fellowship at Wellspring Family Church, Neatherd Road, Dereham. All welcome.
Weds. 28 th Nov.	7.30pm	Parish Fabric Committee meets – Emmaus Room
Fri. 30 th Nov.	7.15 – 8.15pm	Altar Servers meet – Emmaus Room
Sat. 1 st Dec.	11.00am	Saturday Club - Emmaus Room

Sunday, 25th November 2018 – This Sunday is **National Youth Sunday** and there is a retiring collection after all Masses for the Diocesan Youth Service. There are copies of the Annual Newsletter from the Diocesan Youth Service for you to take home with you. The retiring collection goes towards their budget for all the things the Youth Service promotes for our young people to take part in.

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.

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 as soon as possible before the start of Advent on 2nd December.

Advance Notice of Christmas Mass Times –

- ❖ Christmas Eve – 6.00pm and 10.00pm
- ❖ Christmas Day – 10.00am

Union of Catholic Mothers - The UCM cake stall held last weekend raised £114.02 which goes towards donations to our nominated charities. Grateful thanks to everyone who baked, provided, bought and supported us in any way.

Executive Assistant, Walsingham - The National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham is looking to appoint an Executive Assistant based in the Shrine Office in Houghton St Giles. The Executive Assistant would work with the Rector, Master of Ceremonies and Administrator in the organisation of both day and residential pilgrimages and retreats. This is a demanding position working in a team providing support to senior staff to enable the promotion of pilgrimages to Walsingham and the support needed to organisers to arrange a pilgrimage or retreat. Please email hr@walsingham.org.uk for an Application Form and Job Description. Application Forms and CV must be received by midnight on the 9th December 2018.

The Angelus

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

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

☩. And the Word was made flesh. *℟. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary ...*

☩. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. *℟. 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.