

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### What are You Doing with Your One and Only Life?

What if Jesus had asked Peter, Andrew, James and John “How do you see yourself in five years from now?” Do you think they might have replied, “Still fishing for a living, in the same old fishing boats on the same old lake!” Not likely! The early disciples knew exactly where their priorities lay and they understood the urgency of Jesus’ ministry. There was a whole world that needed to hear what

Jesus had to say and not much time to complete the job.

What if Jesus levelled the same question at us? “Where do you see yourself in five years’ time?” Do you see yourself doing the same thing you do right now? Do you see yourself doing the same things day in and day out for the rest of your one and only life? Jesus has a better idea. Jesus asks each of us to be fishers of men. Do we jump to it with the same immediacy as the early disciples or do we hunt for an excuse?

Many of us feel uncomfortable about evangelising. We associate evangelisation with the eccentric or the holier than thou. We associate evangelisation with the man laden with bill boards in the city precinct or the woman handing out leaflets through the crack in the front door. We have a ‘live and let live’ ethos today that doesn’t sit comfortably with trying to persuade others to adopt our own beliefs. Funnily, this wasn’t really Jesus’ style either.

Being a fisher of men doesn’t have to be about notching up conversions. Being a ‘fisher of men’ is more about making a real difference in the lives of others. Being a disciple of Jesus means attracting others to our lifestyle by our shining example. Being a disciple is most certainly not about being overly holy or wearing sackcloth. Discipleship could be about writing a song or a book, it might be about bringing our children up with a conscience or giving an elderly relative somewhere to live. Discipleship might be about starting a meaningful conversation in the local pub, or just being a good friend to someone lonely. Whatever mode of discipleship we choose, we only have one life left to do it.

**Bitesize** - “It seems to me that people have vast potential. Most people can do extraordinary things if they have the confidence or take the risks. Yet most people don’t. They sit in front of the telly and treat life as if it goes on forever.” ~ *Philip Adams*



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

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## 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year A

[3<sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year, Weekday Year II, Psalter Week 3]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	6.00 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time [Parish Mass Book p127]	Sue Murray
Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	9.00 am		Paul Morris
	11.00 am		The People of the Parish
Mon. 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	10.00 am	Feria	Drury Int. (Fdn.)
Tues. 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	-	S Thomas Aquinas	<b>No Mass today</b>
Weds. 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	10.00 am	Feria	Seabrooke Int. (Fdn.)
Thurs. 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	10.00 am	Feria	Stearman Int. (Fdn.)
Fri. 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan.	10.00 am	S John Bosco	Susanna Mary Meeks
Sat. 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb.	10.30 am	Feria	K & M O’Donoghue (Fdn.)
Sun. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day)	Bill Sibley Francis Lynch The People of the Parish

### Music for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time – Setting: New People’s Mass

**Entry:** 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 742 – God has spoken – by his prophets ...

**Psalm: (11am sung) R:** *The Lord is my light and my help.*

**Offertory:** Hymn 608 – Take my hands and make them as your own ...

**Memorial Acclamation: B**

**Recessional:** 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 965 – As the deer pants for the water ...

### 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:** Hilda Stearman, William Harrell, Kenneth Rayner, Joe Kennedy, Sheila Christie, Mary Hetherington, Marguerite Eastwell, Reginald Walter Bowles, Alice Page, Victor Rawding, Patricia Cox and Patrick Carroll. *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, 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 £395.49 last weekend for the day-to-day running of our parish.

**130 Club Draw for December 2019** - Quarterly Prize £100 - Ticket No. 144; 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £20 – Ticket No. 47; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15 – Ticket No. 16; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 88; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 130; 5<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 121.

Diary Dates for this week -		
Tues. 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room
Weds. 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	6.30pm	Music selection & practice – Presbytery & Church. All volunteers welcome to make a joyful noise to the Lord!
Fri. 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan.	7.15-8.45pm	Confirmation Group meeting – Emmaus Room
Sat. 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb.	11.00am	Saturday Club - Emmaus Room



Holocaust Memorial Day, 27 January 2020: 'Stand Together' - "Don't be content in your life just to do no wrong, be prepared every day to try and do some good." ~*Sir Nicholas Winton, who rescued 669 children from Nazi-occupied Europe.* The theme for HMD 2020 is Stand Together.

It explores how genocidal regimes throughout history have deliberately fractured societies by marginalising certain groups, and how these tactics can be challenged by individuals standing together with their neighbours, and speaking out against oppression. In the years leading up to the Holocaust, Nazi policies and propaganda deliberately encouraged divisions within German society – urging 'Aryan' Germans to keep themselves separate from their Jewish neighbours. The Holocaust, Nazi persecution of other groups and each subsequent genocide, was enabled by ordinary citizens not standing with their targeted neighbours. Today there is increasing division in communities across the UK and the world. Now more than ever, we need to stand together with others in our communities in order to stop division and the spread of identity-based hostility in our society. HMD 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz – this is a significant milestone and is

made particularly poignant by the dwindling number of survivors who are able to share their testimony. It also marks the 25th anniversary of the Genocide in Bosnia.

**Candlemas Day** is on Feb 1<sup>st</sup> (Sat. 6.00pm) and Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> (9.00 and 11.00am). It is the official end of the Christmas Season when the Lord is presented in the Temple. This year because of the weekend, we will observe it with the Lighting and Blessing of Candles as Christ is recognised as the 'Light of the World'. Please try to arrive a bit earlier than usual for Mass.

**Foundation Masses.** You will notice that I am now saying the Foundation Mass Intentions (*Fdn.*) for 2020. I have been asked by the Diocese to point out that as interest rates are at an historic low, the interest accruing to these investments is yielding very little towards a stipend. At the moment this amounts to £3 per intention and the Diocese is also using some of the capital to pay this. It may come to a point where there is no longer a stipend yielded. For those who have a Foundation Mass the suggestion is to increase the amount invested in order to continue with the intention being celebrated. I may have put this in a rather clumsy way, but it is meant to clarify things a bit.

**Celebration of Our Lady of Lourdes:** Solemn Mass of the Anointing of the Sick with Bishop Alan on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am at St. John's Cathedral. Prayers will be said for medical staff during Mass. There will be light refreshments in The Narthex following Mass. Please see the poster in the church.

**Diocesan Retreat Day: Positive Penance for Lent** - A deeply personal approach Inspired by The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius at: Our Lady of The Annunciation Church, Poringland beginning in The Thirkettle Room on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 10am –4pm. Coffee available from 9.30 am. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on the retreat day. Please bring a packed lunch and a notebook and pen. For further information contact: [mmmcfadyen@gmail.com](mailto:mmmcfadyen@gmail.com), Diocesan Representative for the Bishop's Conference spirituality committee. [www.sunflowerseedspirituality.com](http://www.sunflowerseedspirituality.com)

**Bishop's Visit** - Bishop Alan is coming to celebrate the 9.00 & 11.00am Masses on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Caritas Festival** - Caritas East Anglia is holding a Festival to celebrate sharing God's love with our neighbour at St George's, Norwich, on Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> March. If you are involved in social outreach work, e.g. with the poor, homeless, marginalised, please come and celebrate with us! For more information, or to book a place, please email: [caritas@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:caritas@rcdea.org.uk)

#### 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.