

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Jury's Out

The barristers have presented their case. All the facts are on the table and every bit of evidence has been examined and re-examined. The jury is sent out to make a decision and if the decision is a difficult one, the jury can be out for some considerable time. Difficult decisions have something in common; there will always be a sticking point that will keep us dithering. Even if we know deep down what our answer should be, there is something stopping us from reaching it. Counsellors

have a well-worn phrase that helps clients make decisions. "What," they ask, "would make our decision easier to make?"

In today's gospel Jesus' followers find themselves with decisions to make and sticking points to overcome. Jesus has presented all the evidence. He has healed the sick and worked many miracles. He has taught many lessons and promised everlasting life for those who choose the bread that endures. Now it's decision time, but there's a sticking point. The crowd find it difficult to believe that Jesus has come down from heaven. How will they deal with the sticking point? For some the sticking point is too great and they turn their backs on Jesus' teaching and walk away. Others doubtless would have liked more convincing, but Jesus doesn't seem to offer any. We too might have our sticking points. We too might look for extra evidence, but all the evidence is on the table. Peter employs his own inimitable way of surmounting the difficulty. "Master," he says, "to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life..." In Peter's mind the decision as whether to follow Jesus or not is a bit of a 'no-brainer' because for him there is no alternative. What would it take to make your decision easier to make?

Bitesize – "Character is higher than intellect." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson



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

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26TH AUGUST 2018 - 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- Year B

[21st Week of the Year, Weekday Year II, Psalter Week 1]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 25 th Aug.	6.00 pm	21 st Sunday in Ord. Time [Parish Mass book p123]	Kathleen & Michael Carroll Sr. Theona People of the Parish
Sun. 26 th Aug.	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Mon. 27 th Aug.	10.00 am	St Monica	Donor's Int.
Tues. 28 th Aug.	-	St Augustine	No Mass today – PP's day off
Weds. 29 th Aug.	10.00 am	The Passion of St John the Baptist	Donor's Int.
Thurs. 30 th Aug.	10.00 am	Feria	Donor's Int.
Fri. 31 st Aug.	10.00 am	Feria	Donor's Int.
Sat. 1 st Sept.	6.00 pm	22 nd Sunday in Ord. Time	Albert Foley People of the Parish Gonzalo Mausisa
Sun. 2 nd Sept.	9.00 am 11.00 am		

Music for 21st Sunday in Ord. Time – Setting: The New People's Mass
Entry: 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 779 – O God, you search me and you know me ...
Psalm 11am sung *R.*: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.
Offertory: Hymn 456 – Christ is made the sure foundation ...
Recessional: 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 892 – The Lord hears the cry of the poor ...

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: Jack Stearman, Marley Coe, Jenetta Elizabeth Smith, Francis Gray, Doris Jarvis, Patrick McMahon, Alfred Chapman, John Power, Charles Victor Mann, Elizabeth Keatley, Norah Greenlee and Conal O'Donnell. *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 gift of £511.94 last weekend for the day-to-day maintenance of our parish. If you pay Income Tax, why not **Gift Aid** your donation? It helps a lot.

Diary Dates for this week -		
Tues. 28 th Aug.	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Emmaus Room
Sat. 1 st Sept.	Saturday Club is on Summer holidays. NB. <i>There is no morning Mass.</i>	
Sun. 2 nd Sept.	Parish BBQ. See item below.	

Welcome to our Visitors – It is always wonderful to meet so many people during the Summer months who attend Sunday Mass with us here in Dereham. It is our sincere hope that you feel welcome here and enjoy your holiday in Norfolk

Mass Intentions – Please note: If you would like to have a Mass offered on a specific day, then please give plenty of notice. One of the Sunday Masses each weekend and on a Holy Day must be said for the people of the parish. It is one of the duties of the Parish Priest.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation: Saturday 1st September - "The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

Parish BBQ - Sunday 2nd September, in the parish garden after 11am Mass. Tickets £3.00 per person, £10 per family, to include BBQ, desserts and squash. Please bring anything else you want to drink. Tickets on sale this weekend after all Masses. A raffle will be done

on the day to kickstart the Cambodia twinning which Fr. Brendan mentioned at the Parish Open Meeting.

UCM Cake & Produce Stall - An appeal to all UCM members and other generous souls, for cakes, jams, and other produce to be sold on our stall next weekend, 1st & 2nd September after all Masses. The proceeds of this sale will go to Charity. Mary Shutt will be in the church from 4.45pm on Sat. 1st to receive any donations, or you can just bring them before the Mass you attend. Many thanks, in advance, for your kind generosity.

Aid to the Church in Need – ACN have written to thank the parish for its generous support during the recent appeal and are pleased to announce that the parish raised the total of £618.72. See the poster at the back of church.

Kerala floods: an SVP appeal - As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit www.svp.org.uk, telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.

Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride, Walk or Drive 2018 – This year's annual Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride, Walk or Drive event will take place on **Saturday, 8th September.** See the poster at the back of church for more details.



The Angelus

V̄. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. **R.** *And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.*
Hail Mary ...
 V̄. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. **R.** *Be it done unto me according to thy word.*
Hail Mary ...
 V̄. And the Word was made flesh. **R.** *And dwelt among us.* *Hail Mary ...*
 V̄. 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.