

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Passion and Purpose

What makes a great orator? What makes them more persuasive? How do they influence people to take action? Great orators have something in common. A great speaker is driven by his or her passion. Passion is infectious. Great speakers keep it simple. They use short sentences. They use everyday language to make complicated topics clear and understandable. A great speech is more than just a clever argument, a great speech comes from a person

that throws their weight and their personality behind their beliefs.

When Jesus is invited to stand up and preach back at his own hometown synagogue, he chooses his reading with care. What Jesus chooses to read is to be a statement about his own mission priorities. He chooses to speak of social injustice. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," he reads, "... because he has anointed me to proclaim glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed." Then Jesus points to himself as the fulfilment of the ancient prophecy before handing back the scroll and sitting down. Jesus has obeyed all the rules of public speaking, he has considered the purpose of his reading, chosen words that will best convey his purpose, and delivered them powerfully and succinctly.

How will Jesus' listeners respond to his claim? What would our own response have been? Would we have been inspired and motivated to hear Jesus speak these words? Would we suddenly see the ancient prophecy as just that, an ancient prophecy, or as mission to be fulfilled under Jesus' leadership? Could we begin to imagine the poetry of these words resonating two thousand years later? Only very few of us have the charisma to communicate in the way Jesus obviously did, but there are other ways to communicate and other ways to evangelise. If we want to influence those around us, we need to take a leaf from Jesus's book and put some passion into our purpose.

Bitesize - 'Great minds have purposes, others have wishes.' ~ *Washington Irving*



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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27TH JANUARY 2019 – 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C

[3rd Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 3]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 26 th Jan.	6.00 pm	3 rd Sunday in Ord. Time [Parish Mass Book p129]	Priest's Int.
Sun. 27 th Jan.	9.00 am		Priest's Int.
	11.00 am		People of the Parish
Mon. 28 th Jan.	10.00 am	St Thomas Aquinas	Drury (fdn)
Tues. 29 th Jan.	-	Feria	No Mass today – PP's day off
Weds. 30 th Jan.	10.00 am	Feria	Seabrooke (fdn)
Thurs. 31 st Jan.	10.00 am	St John Bosco	Stearman (fdn)
Fri. 1 st Feb.	10.00 am	Feria	English (fdn)
Sat. 2 nd Feb.	10.30 am	Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day)	T. & M. O'Donoghue (fdn)
Sat. 2 nd Feb.	6.00 pm	4 th Sunday in Ord. Time	C. Coyne (fdn)
Sun. 3 rd Feb.	9.00 am		E. Maguire (fdn)
	11.00 am		People of the Parish

Music for 3rd Sunday in Ord. Time – Setting: New People's Mass

Entry: 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 456 – Christ is made the sure foundation ...

Psalm \mathcal{R} : 6pm & 9am (said) - *Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.*

11am (sung) - *You, Lord, have the message of eternal life, have the message of eternal life.*

Offertory: Hymn 779 – O God, you search me and you know me ...

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: Hilda Stearman, William Harrell, Kenneth Rayner, Joe Kennedy, Sheila Christie, Mary Hetherington, Marguerite Eastwell, Reginald Walter Bowles, Alice Page, Victor Rawding, Patricia Cox, Patrick Carroll, Alfred Edward Macdonald and George Maguire. *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, Peter Gormans, Sarah Chaudri, Rita Smith, Carol Whitesides, Catherine (Kay) Garrard, Robert Nicol, Eileen Brocklesby, Neville Hibberd, Shirley Liebenhals and Brenda May.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering of £443.52 last weekend for the day-to-day running of our parish.

Diary Dates for this week -		
Tues. 29 th Jan.	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room
Fri. 1 st Feb.	10.30am	Coffee Morning. After Mass. All welcome.
Sat. 2 nd Feb.	11.00am	Saturday Club - Emmaus Room

Foundation Mass Intentions: I have entered the Foundation Masses in my diary and I will try to celebrate them on the requested days. These Mass Intentions will be marked 'fdn' in the bulletin. Please also be aware that one Sunday Mass every week has to be offered for The People of the Parish and that means that there are only two Sunday Masses which can be offered for other intentions. Tuesday is always my day off and there is no Mass on that day. If you would like a specific date for a Mass intention then please give as much notice as possible.

Celebration of Our Lady of Lourdes and Mass for the Sick – The annual celebration of Our Lady of Lourdes will take place on **Saturday, 9th February at 11.30 a.m. Mass with anointing of the sick at St. John's Cathedral, Norwich.** The Narthex will be open for refreshments before and after the Mass – tea and coffee will be provided. This Mass is especially for those who are sick or who are devotees of Lourdes, and all those who are engaged in the care of the sick either in hospitals, at home or in our care homes are also invited to attend as we shall be praying for all who work with or care for the sick.

Confirmation. It is time to think once more about the Sacrament of Confirmation for our young people who feel ready, willing and able to make their commitment to the Faith. I propose to start a course of preparation in September with a possible date for

Confirmation in June/July. There will be more information later, but I want to 'float' the proposal now.

Ordination to the Priesthood of The Revd. Michael Brookes. We have all been invited to this at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday, 6th July. I am willing to order a coach to take us there and back if enough people are interested. Please indicate to me if you are interested.

Diocesan News for February is now available on line. If you would like to read it please go to the Diocesan website. You can also sign up to have it sent regularly to your inbox.

Parish Diaries for 2019 are available now, better late than never! They are free, please take one and distribute also to the sick and housebound.

Settlement Scheme for EU Citizens – The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales has issued a Statement on the Settlement Scheme for EU Citizens. It comments on the Government's proposed scheme and signposts people to the official information channels. Please read the Bishops' Statement which is posted on the notice board at the back of church. More information can be found online at – www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families - and at - www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-community-leaders-toolkit

Holocaust Memorial Day 2019: 27th January: Torn from Home – The theme for HMD 2019 'Torn from home' encourages us to reflect on how the enforced loss of a safe place to call 'home' is part of the trauma faced by anyone experiencing persecution and genocide. 'Home' usually means a place of safety, comfort and security. On HMD 2019 we reflect on what happens when individuals, families and communities are driven out of, or wrenched from their homes, because of persecution or the threat of genocide, alongside the continuing difficulties survivors face as they try to find and build new homes when the genocide is over.



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.