

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Lessons to be Learned

How many people, years after their driving test can still hear their driving instructor loud and clear in their mind's ear every time they take a corner.

"Slower.... Slower.... Slower... Whoa! Slow it right down!"

A good teacher is very powerful. The words of a good teacher are with us forever. A good teacher opens up our eyes and helps us to understand. A good teacher adds something to our world and changes us forever.

Today Mark tells us how Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. He tells us how amazed the people were at how he taught and at the authority in his teachings. His authority was powerful enough to expel demons even. You'll notice that Mark doesn't tell us what Jesus taught but only how he taught and the impression he made. He taught in a way that was to change all our lives. It is testament to his skill as a teacher that news of him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

We do not have the benefit of listening first hand to Jesus' teaching, but it is testament to his authority that we still read his words twenty centuries after he spoke them. There are still demons in our lives, and Jesus' teaching still has the authority to drive them out. There are still lessons to be learned for those who believe Jesus can add something to our world and change us forever.

Bite Size – "A teacher should have maximal authority, and minimal power. "
~ Thomas Szasz



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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28 JANUARY 2018 – 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses – Parish Mass Book p132		Intentions
Saturday	6.00 pm	Bill Sibley
Sunday	9.00 am	Jack & Eva Connolly
	11.00 am	People of the Parish

Music for Sunday Masses - *Setting: New People's Mass*
Entry 6pm – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 456 – Christ is made the sure foundation ...
Offertory Hymn 892 – The Lord hears the cry of the poor ...
Communion *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*
Recessional 11am – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 432 – Lay your hands gently upon us ...

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION: Saturday at 5.30pm, or on request / by appointment

Weekday Masses [4 th wk of the year - Psalter wk 4]			Intentions
Mon.	10.00 am	Feria	Donor's Int.
Tues.	No Mass	Feria	
Weds.	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Elisabeth Brocklehurst	
Thurs.	10.00 am	Feria	Donor's Int.
Fri.	10.00 am	The Presentation of the Lord	Harry Craig
Sat.	10.30 am	Feria	Donor's Int.
	6.00 pm	5 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Vincent & Jean Coleman

The Parish Newsletter (incl. back copies) is available to view on the parish website from Friday onward each week

Anniversaries this week: Kenneth Rayner, Joe Kennedy, Sheila Christie, Mary Hetherington, Marguerite Eastwell, Reginald Walter Bowles, Alice Page, Victor Rawding, Patricia Cox, Patrick Carroll, Alfred Edward Macdonald, George Maguire, Benjamin Wyand, Stanley Snellgrove, George Gay and Mary Hirst. *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 (QEII), King’s Lynn, 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 Fr Peter Rollings (01553 772220) for visits to QEII. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

Sick List - Please pray for: Joan Blakiston, David Peek, Robert Nicol, Shirley Liebenhals, Sarah Chaudri, Anne & Derek Williams, Rita Smith, Eileen Brockleby, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Margaret Leggett, Peter Brown, Robert Anderson, Carole Whitesides, Janet Yardley, Josie Myhill, Mary Cawley, Ken Summerford, Patrick McKenna, Anna Thompkins and Andre Hansen.

Money Matters – The collection for the day-to-day maintenance of our parish last weekend amounted to £441.77. Thank you for your generosity. **Today**, there is a retiring collection (optional) for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice.

Diary Dates for this week –	
Tues. 30 th Jan.	7.30pm – Queen of Peace Prayer Group meets in Emmaus Room
Weds. 31 st Jan.	12.30pm – SVP Conference meeting in Emmaus Room
Fri. 2 nd Feb.	10.30am – SVP ‘First Friday’ coffee morning after Mass. All welcome.
Fri. 2 nd Feb	7.15pm - 8.15pm – Altar Servers meeting in Emmaus Room
Sat. 3 rd Feb.	11.00am – Saturday Club meets in Emmaus Room

Racial Justice Sunday – Today is Racial Justice Sunday. On this day Catholics are called to pray for those who experience unjust discrimination or are marginalised because of their race and ethnicity. We think in particular of those who feel they do not belong within our society or our communities because of this discrimination. As Catholics we are asked to treat all humans with dignity, regardless of their background or circumstance. There are many stories of alienation throughout the Bible with clear calls to “love the stranger”. That the Church is a place where all belong is clearly seen in the recent Feast of the Epiphany, when Christ is revealed not only to the Israelites, but to all of God’s people. All the money raised will go towards supporting the Church’s work on racial justice issues. The theme this year is ‘Belonging’, emphasising that we are called not only to ensure our parishes welcome newcomers, strangers, and those from different backgrounds, but also that all people will know they will find a welcome in our parishes. Please help us continue this good work, by contributing to the collection today.

Parish Open Meeting - It is approaching the time for our Annual Open Parish Meeting. It seems to me that the formula we have works well. Starting with Midday Prayer then lunch and the meeting. I would like to ask the various groups in the parish to write up their reports and submit them to me or to Elaine Wilkes. Items for the agenda can be submitted in the same way. No date yet.

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 on the weekend of 10th / 11th February after all Masses. The proceeds of this sale will go to charity. A member of the UCM will be in the church from 5pm on Saturday 10th February to receive any donations, or you can just bring them before the Mass you attend. Many thanks, in advance, for your kind generosity.

World Youth Day 2019 in Panama - Booking Deadline - Join with thousands of other young Catholics from across the world for a week of pilgrimage, culminating in Mass with Pope Francis. Booking closes at the end of February 2018. Please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth for more information.

Presentation of the Lord, February 2nd - Simeon had waited all his life to see Jesus. The Holy Spirit had promised him that he would live long enough. When Mary and Joseph presented the baby at the temple, Simeon said, "Now, Lord, you have kept your promise, and you may let your servant go in peace. With my own eyes I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples." Seeing Jesus satisfied Simon's life. We are prompted to ask what would satisfy us in our lives. Are the goals we set worth a lifetime of wanting, as Simeon's was?



The Angelus

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

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

V. And the Word was made Flesh. **R. And dwelt among us.** *Hail Mary ...*

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. **R. That we may be made worthy 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**