

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### God Provides

As children we were fascinated by the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand. Like a circus audience trying to spot the mechanics behind a woman seemingly being sawn in half, we tried to spot the mechanics of Jesus' miracles. As we grow in faith and maturity we realise that the mechanics of Jesus' miracles are not in question, more important is the lesson they aim to highlight.

The feeding of the five thousand is a lesson in trust and faith. If we hunger for what is right, Jesus tells us that God will provide what we need. This perhaps is hard to believe, especially when we have prayed hard and not had our prayer granted. If God promises to provide, why does he leave many of our prayers unanswered? We are well used to the reply to this question of course. "If our prayers weren't answered," we are told, "then it means God knows a better way for us." Whilst this answer might feel a little frustrating, the truth remains that when we look back at life, we realise what a mercy it was that some of our prayers were not answered. We think we know what is best for us, but we can only make our prayers from our own insular and human agenda and not from God's universal perspective.

God can often provide little miracles in our day-to-day lives that we tend not to appreciate, because they are not necessarily what we have prayed for. Start to notice how God provides in ways we wouldn't expect. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths (Proverbs 3: 5-6)



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

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### 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018 – 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses [Parish Mass Book p112]		Intentions
Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> July	6.00 pm	Dina Pailo
Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 am	John Perkins
	11.00 am	People of the Parish

**Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: The Belmont Mass**  
**Entry:** 6pm – *Angelus (said)*. Hymn 475 – Here in this place ...  
**Psalm R.:** (11am sung) – *You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.*  
**Offertory:** Hymn 656 – *Tantum ergo* ...  
**Communion:** *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence* ...  
**Recessional:** 11am – *Angelus (said)*. Hymn 719 – *To God be the glory* ...

**Confession/Reconciliation: Saturday at 5.30pm - or by request/appointment**

Weekday Masses [17 <sup>th</sup> week of year - Psalter Week 1]			Intentions
Mon.	10.00 am	Feria	Mary Horsburgh
Tues.	<b>No Mass today</b>		
Weds.	10.00 am	St Alphonsus Liguori	Anitta Benny & Family (Sanderson)
Thurs.	10.00 am	Feria	Donor's Int.
Fri.	10.00 am	Feria	Donor's Int.
Sat.	<b>No morning Mass</b>		
	6.00 pm	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time	Fr. John Warrington (Sanderson)

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

**Anniversaries this week:** Ellen Storey, John Perkins, Charles Martin, Winifred Mary Fuller, Anthony Eskdale, Anna Taylor and Joanna Sokalska. *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 [with GDPR Permissions] - Please pray for:** David Peek, Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Anna Thompson, Peter Gormans, Sarah Chaudri, Rita Smith, Carol Whitesides and Teddy O’Donnell.

**Money Matters** – Thank you for your offering for the day-to-day maintenance of our parish which amounted to £407.84 last weekend.

Diary Dates for this week –		
Tues. 31 <sup>st</sup> July	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group, in Emmaus Room
Fri. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug.	10.30am	SVP ‘First Friday’ Coffee Morning, after Mass. All welcome.
Saturday Club is on summer break. <i>NB. No morning Mass</i>		

**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.

**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, 8<sup>th</sup> September**. Last year, the Bike Ride raised £97,817 for Norfolk’s beautiful and historic churches. Amongst various competitions and activities taking place as part of the event is a photographic competition, with a prize of £50. For more information, please see <http://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride/competitions/>. The names of those who bicycle and walk round the most churches each year are recorded on the Wall of Fame on the NCT website <http://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride/wall-of-fame/> and the person who raises the most money each year receives a certificate signed by the Prince of Wales.

**Dereham: Celebration of the Peace 2018** – On the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ceasefire of the first world war, a number of events to mark the occasion are being organised by Dereham’s organisations. The next proposed event in the calendar is on **Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> August**, a 5 km run organised by Dereham Runners at Dereham Recreation Ground. To check for confirmation of the event and for further details, email [celebrationofthepeace@gmail.com](mailto:celebrationofthepeace@gmail.com)

**CAFOD: Adoremus: 7-9 September 2018** – CAFOD is busy preparing for Adoremus in September. Some of its volunteers are part of the Welcome team at the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool. CAFOD has produced some resources to enable people to engage more deeply with different aspects of the Eucharistic Mystery. Its *Eucharist in the World workshops* explore the links between the Eucharist and the call for us, as Catholics, to live out love, compassion and justice in our everyday lives. These resources, plus a prayer inspired by a pastoral letter from Bishop Patrick McKinney of Nottingham are all available at [cafod.org.uk/eucharist](http://cafod.org.uk/eucharist) We hope you find them useful.

**Donating School Uniform** - Our charity shops need a constant flow of stock, and this is the best time of year to donate all that generic school uniform that will no longer fit in September. For uniform with logos the best way to recycle is to ask the school if they will take uniform back and pass it on. If your school doesn't have a scheme it's worth starting one. There are plenty of families for whom the cost of blazers and sports kit is a genuine worry.

**Mary's Meals, Summer Fundraising** - Mary’s Meals provides one good meal to some of the world’s poorest children every school day. Mary’s Meals reaches out to people of all faiths and of none. It costs just £13.90 to feed a child for a whole school year, so even the smallest amounts can have a huge impact. Donate online at [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk) or, better still, start a summer holiday fundraising activity within your own family or workplace.

**Bitesize** – ‘Miracles: You do not have to look for them. They are there, 24-7, beaming like radio waves all around you. Put up the antenna, turn up the volume - snap... crackle... this just in - every person you talk to is a chance to change the world.’ ~ Hugh Elliott

**The Angelus**

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

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

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

☩. 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.*