

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Love, Love, Love

In that inimitable pop song the Beatles tell us, “All you need is love...,” but is that just a sentimental ideal? Don’t we need other things as well like food, homes, jobs, clothes, education and laws to make a happy and safe society?

In today’s gospel a lawyer employed by the Pharisees asks Jesus a question. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” It’s another ‘loaded’ question. The religious leaders had devised six hundred and thirteen commandments. If Jesus were to pick on one commandment as being more important than another then it would be to negate one of the other six hundred and twelve. But Jesus manages not to invalidate any one of the commandments. Rather, he chooses the commandment that underpins all the others. “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbour as yourself.”

It is difficult to think of a human situation that can’t be remedied by a mutual love. Love in this context is not the warm fuzzy feelings that come in a Valentines card, but a deep empathy and compassion for fellow human beings. “It’s easy.....” sing the Beatles. Well not a first perhaps... It’s sometimes difficult to even like the people we meet let alone love them. Love takes practice. Love is seeing the similarities between ourselves and not the differences. Love sees that everyone wants the same things and needs the same things. Love starts by the little things we do for each other and gradually turns into a permanent state of being. Only then can we really claim to love God. We cannot claim to love God if we dislike or have a deep disdain for those around us.

Love starts in the mind, so start thinking today and every day how best to love and serve our neighbours.

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“Never look down on anybody unless you’re helping him up.” ~ Jesse Jackson

**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> OCTOBER 2017 – 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Sunday Masses – Page 146 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Donor’s Int.
Sunday	9.00 am	Donor’s Int.
	11.00 am	People of the Parish

### Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: New People’s Mass (Dom Gregory Murray)

Entry 6pm – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 801 – Love divine, all loves excelling ...

Offertory Hymn 898 – Make me a channel of your peace ...

Communion *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*

Recessional 11am – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 920 – A new Commandment I give unto you ...

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

Weekday Mass Times	(30 <sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time)	[Psalter Week 2]
Mon.	10.00 am	Feria – Int. Donor’s Int.
Tues.	<b>No Mass today</b>	Feria
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds.	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS. SOLEMNITY</b> –Int. People of the Parish
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Donor’s Int.
Thurs.	10.00 am	ALL SOULS’ DAY – Donor’s Int.
Fri.	10.00 am	Feria – Donor’s Int.
Sat.	<b>No morning Mass</b>	St Charles Borromeo
	6.00 pm	31 <sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Int. Kathleen Carroll

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

**Anniversaries this week:** Thomas Bane and Minnie Andrews. *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 and Carole Whitesides.

**Money Matters** – Thank you very much for last week’s collection for the day-to-day running of the parish which amounted to £377.49, and for the retiring collection for World Mission Sunday, which came to £217.80.

Diary Dates for this week –	
Fri. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov.	SVP ‘First Friday’ Coffee Morning – 10.30am, after Mass. All welcome.
Fri. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov.	Altar Servers meet – 7.15pm – 8.15pm in Emmaus Room.
Sat. 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Please note that there is no morning Mass.
Sat. 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Saturday Club meets - 11.00am in Emmaus Room

**World Mission Sunday** – Thank you very much for your contribution to last week’s World Mission Sunday collection. Your prayers and donations will help missionaries across the world share the Gospel of peace with those in greatest need. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ’s love for all peoples. To continue supporting Missio throughout the year please go to [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk) or call 020 7821 9755.

**All Saints** - Please note that Wednesday next is November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Solemnity of All Saints and a Holy Day of Obligation to attend Mass. Please note the times of Mass. During November we remember to pray for the Holy Souls.

**News from our Rome Correspondent** – “I’ve been back in Rome for three weeks already, and the semester is gathering pace. The induction of the ten new men – one from Australia, two Franciscans from Sweden, two from Ireland and one each from the dioceses of Wrexham, Leeds, Portsmouth, Brentwood and, of course, East Anglia – was almost complete when I arrived, and they are now acclimatising to the daily routine as we live it here in Rome. This year I am editor of the Beda Review, the annual publication of the college (previous editions of the magazine are available online at: <http://www.bedacollege.org/the-beda-review>); the edition which I am preparing will be published in October 2018, but is already generating a lot of work. I am also college infirmarian, meaning that I co-ordinate food and water and spiritual care for seminarians who fall ill during the year; and assist in managing visits from a local doctor as needed.

All of this – as well as my Masters studies, currently in bioethics – keeps me busy, but this academic year is really most critical in terms of my upcoming application for candidacy, meaning that along with the rest of my year group I will be making a formal request for ordination to the transitional diaconate in June 2018 (typically to be followed by ordination as a priest the following year). Nothing is ever certain until it actually happens, and so I ask for your prayers for myself and my colleagues that we may progress to this milestone. In the meantime, the diocese and its people are always in my thoughts, and I wish you well until we meet again. *Yours In Christ, Mike Brookes.*”

**Barnabas Fund Appeal** - The World Food Programme has cut food aid in Uganda and Kenya. Help Barnabas bridge the gap. The World Food Programme significantly reduced their food aid distribution among refugee camps in Uganda and Kenya. There is not enough food for families to survive. Please help Barnabas Fund avert a humanitarian crisis and feed our brothers and sisters. Donate online at [www.barnabasfund.org/East-Africa-urgent-appeal](http://www.barnabasfund.org/East-Africa-urgent-appeal).

**An invitation from Notre Dame High School to their 6<sup>th</sup> Form Open Evening on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.** Students from schools beginning A-H: presentation in the Sports Hall at 6pm. Students from schools beginning I-Z: presentation in the Sports Hall at 7pm. See website for further details: [www.ndhs.org.uk](http://www.ndhs.org.uk).

**Job Vacancy - Sacred Heart School, Swaffham,** are urgently seeking an NVQ LEVEL 3 Learning Support Assistant. See Diocesan Website for more details: [www.rcdea.org.uk](http://www.rcdea.org.uk)

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima** – Bishop Alan will be leading a Diocesan pilgrimage to Fatima from 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September next year. As well as visiting the major sites at Fatima, we will spend a day in Lisbon with Mass at the shrine of St Anthony of Padua. The cost is £850 per person, flying from Stansted. If you would like more details or to book a place, please contact Pilgrimage People by ‘phone on 0800 612 3423, or by email on: [office@pilgrimagepeople.org](mailto:office@pilgrimagepeople.org)

*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**