

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Buried Treasure

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure buried in a field; which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all he has and buys it."

In both parables both men appreciate the true value of what they have discovered. Both men are certain about the wisdom of what they must do and are willing to put everything on the line to secure their newfound treasure.

Today Jesus is asking us to determine how much we treasure the Kingdom of Heaven. How valuable is Heaven to us and what are we prepared to do to secure it? Are we prepared to give all we've got and to renounce everything that gets in the way? If the two men in the parables had passed their treasure by or failed to recognise the treasure's value, we would have thought them insane, yet this is how we behave all the time.

All too often we are prepared to let the Kingdom of Heaven slip through our fingers. Perhaps we do this because we have never stopped to reflect on how valuable the Kingdom of Heaven is. Perhaps we have recognised the value of God's Kingdom to us but have forgotten it in the day-to-day distractions of putting meals on the table and paying the bills. Perhaps heaven's rewards seem so distant that we prefer instead to work for more immediate and tangible rewards: home improvements, fame, social acceptance and career development. Perhaps we think we can work on God's agenda and our own agenda simultaneously, recognising the value of God's Kingdom but not quite able to renounce our own self-interest.

Jesus gives us some concrete advice. He tells us that those who study the scriptures and search diligently will find the discernment to recognise God's treasure and the wisdom to secure it.

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 Information: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/safeguarding/>
 Diocesan Website: <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>
 Notre Dame High School, Norwich: Website <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>
 Daily liturgy website: www.universalis.com

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30TH JULY 2017 – 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses – Page 108 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday 6.00 pm Int. Rev. Joseph Cotes

Sunday 9.00 am Int. Bob Duffield

11.00 am Int. People of the Parish

Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: Dom Gregory Murray Mass

Entry 6pm – Angelus (*said*); Hymn 830 – The Church's one foundation ...

Offertory Hymn 609 – In bread we bring you, Lord, ...

Communion Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...

Recessional 11am – Angelus (*said*); Hymn 969 – Lord of all hopefulness, ...

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

Weekday Mass Times		(17 th week in Ordinary Time)	[Psalter Week 1]
Mon.	10.00 am	St Ignatius of Loyola – Int. John Perkins	
Tues.	No Mass today	St Alphonsus Liguori	
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room	
Weds.	10.00 am	Feria – Int. Sidney Gledhill (Mealy)	
Thurs.	10.00 am	Feria – Int. Holy Souls (Sillince)	
Fri.	10.00 am	St John Vianney – Int. Sidney Gledhill (Tinney)	
Sat.	No morning Mass	Feria	
	6.00 pm	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD – Int. Holy Souls (Sillince)	

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

Anniversaries this week: Charles Martin, Winifred Mary Fuller, Anthony Eskdale, Anna Taylor, Joanna Sokalska, Harrington Garrett, Jack Filby and Iris Reavey. *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, Michelle Smith, Rita Smith, Eileen Brockleby, Pat Howe, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Margaret Leggett, Peter Brown, James Maxwell, Robert Anderson, Carole Whitesides and Stuart Bell.

Money Matters – The collection for the parish last weekend was £465.23. Thank you for your generosity.

130 Club Promoter – The Parish 130 Club, which is a superb fundraiser for the parish, has a new Promoter. Marcia Slee has very kindly volunteered to take over the organisation and running of the 130 Club. Marcia can be contacted on 01362 690521. Our grateful thanks go to Patrick for the commitment he has given to this role over very many years and we extend our support to Marcia as she takes over the role of Promoter.

Diary Dates for this week –

Mon. 31 July	AA Group meeting – 7.30pm in Emmaus Room
Fri. 4 August	SVP 'First Friday' Coffee Morning. After Mass. All Welcome.
Sat. 5 August	Saturday Club is on holiday. <i>NB. No morning Mass.</i>

Welcome to all our visitors during Summer months. It is always lovely to see and hear from our visitors during the Summer. You are very welcome here at Sacred Heart and I hope that you have a truly enjoyable time in Mid Norfolk. So much to see and enjoy!

Funeral arrangements for the late Sidney Gledhill. Sidney's remains will be received into St. John's Cathedral on Tuesday, 8th August at 3.00 p.m. and his Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 9th August at 1.00 p.m. followed by cremation. Mary has left a card on the noticeboard with all the information on it and expresses her thanks to you for all your kindness.

Working with Missionaries of the Poor - Fr Michael Johnstone is again taking a group to Kingston, Jamaica in January to work as Volunteers with the Missionaries of the Poor. Anyone age over 18, male or female is welcome to join the group. Further information from Fr. Michael: email fr.mcjohnstone@gmail.com or Tel. 01603 664118.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival! "Inheritance": 24th – 28th August 2017 – Looking for something to do this summer? Youth 2000 Summer Festival is a 5-day Prayer Festival packed with DYNAMIC TALKS from international speakers, live band worship, powerful

prayer times, fun social activities, creative workshops, in-depth discussions, evening entertainment and loads more. For more info. Contact: info@youth2000.org; Tel: 020 7221 2124; or www.youth2000.org

Finding a Church on Holiday: Masstimes.org – It can be difficult for Catholics to find a Mass when travelling or when it is not practical to attend their regular parishes. It is not always easy to find the right diocesan or parish websites. "Mass Times" makes it much easier to search for a Mass by presenting all the possibilities in a geographical area on one web page. This really useful website provides worship times, church locations, contact information, website links and maps. There are 117,000 churches in 201 countries/territories. Visit www.masstimes.org

Summer Retreats 2017 – 'Retreats 2017' is the annual publication of the Retreat Association. This year's guide gives information and programmes for over 230 Christian retreat centre in the UK and beyond. There are retreats with themes such as painting and walking individually guided retreats and quiet days. You can order a copy online at www.retreats.org.uk/retreatshandbook.php

Summer Reading – Bored Again Catholic, By Timothy P. O'Malley, ISBN:9781681920580: We want the Mass to entertain, make us laugh, give us foot tapping music and sound-bite theology, and get it done in under an hour. Yet every Sunday many of us tune out. Author Tim O'Malley, in a series of reflections on every part of the Mass, challenges us to turn the idea of boredom on its head, calling boredom—the "good" boredom that opens us to the quiet interior space where we can encounter God—a "sweet gift." It is there that full participation in the Mass becomes possible—the potential to be transfixed by a ritual, to contemplate the readings, to savour the Eucharist. To be fruitfully "bored again." This book invites us to become a 'Bored Again' Catholic and rediscover the power of the Mass.

Bite Size - "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." ~ Matthew 6.21

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.