

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Jealousy Club! It's human instinct to form groups, organisations, sects, clubs, societies, associations, guilds, unions and fellowships. Being in a club is good. Clubs give us a sense of belonging and a sense of purpose. In a club we can draw strength from other like-minded people; we benefit from mutual support, shared ideas and pooled resources. But being in a club is not without pitfalls. Within a club we can begin to behave in an odd way. We can become so loyal to our club that we instinctively set

up barriers between ourselves and outsiders. We can become wary of newcomers to the point of discrimination. As part of a group we can become very competitive towards other groups, even groups that are trying to achieve exactly the same things as us. When we see an outsider on our patch we can feel threatened and indignant, but if that outsider is doing what we have been trying to do all along, and worse, doing it successfully, then we can become quite frankly green with jealousy.

Today Jesus' disciples have had their noses pushed well and truly out of joint. They have witnessed an exorcist unknown to them, working miracles in Jesus' name. Worse, he is doing it very successfully. Maybe the disciples are hoping that Jesus will order the newcomer off their patch, but he doesn't. "Whoever is not against us," he replies, "is for us." In other words, if someone is working towards the same end, it doesn't matter whether or not they are in the same club.

Over the centuries there have been many disputes between different religions. The disputes arise when the followers of a particular religion focus on differences between religions instead of similarities. That isn't to say we should write off our differences as unimportant, but what we should never forget is that God is bigger than any 'club', and by following Jesus' example we are working for each other and not against.

Bitesize - Could Hamlet have been written by a committee, or the Mona Lisa painted by a club? Creative ideas do not spring from groups. They spring from individuals. The divine spark leaps from the finger of God to the finger of Adam. ~ Alfred Whitney Griswold



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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30TH SEPTEMBER 2018 – 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B

[26th Week of the Year, Weekday Year II, Psalter Week 2]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 29 th Sept.	6.00 pm	26 th Sunday in Ord. Time [Parish Mass Book p138]	Donor's Int.
Sun. 30 th Sept.	9.00 am		Donor's Int.
	11.00 am		People of the Parish
Mon. 1 st Oct.	10.00 am	St Therese of the Child Jesus	Donor's Int.
Tues. 2 nd Oct.	-	The Holy Guardian Angels	No Mass today
Weds. 3 rd Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Donor's Int.
Thurs. 4 th Oct.	10.00 am	St Francis of Assisi	Donor's Int.
Fri. 5 th Oct.	10.00 am	Feria – HARVEST FAST DAY	Donor's Int.
Sat. 6 th Oct.	10.30 am	Feria	Donor's Int.
Sat. 6 th Oct.	6.00 pm	27 th Sunday in Ord. Time	Donor's Int.
Sun. 7 th Oct.	9.00 am 11.00 am		Osyth Hawke (*Fdn.) People of the Parish

*Fdn. = Foundation Mass

Music for 26th Sunday in Ord. Time – Setting: New People's Mass

Entry: 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 908 – Blest are the pure in heart ...

Psalm: 11am sung *R.*: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life, have the message of eternal life.

Offertory: Hymn 894 – The gift of the Holy Spirit ...

Recessional: 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 887 – God, whose almighty Word ...

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: Joseph Monks, Grace Brown and Vi (Amelia) Secker. *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 01326 694066.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for: David Peek, Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Anna Thompson, Peter Gormans, Sarah Chaudri, Rita Smith, Carol Whitesides, Mabel (Teddy) O'Donnell, Catherine (Kay) Garrard and Robert Nicol.

Money Matters: Thank you for last Sunday's offering for our parish which amounted to £492.46. If you can, **Gift Aid** it.

GDPR – Please return your completed forms as soon as you can. More forms are available at the back of church.

Diary Dates for this week -		
Mon. 1 st Oct.	2.00pm	Mother Teresa's knitting group – Emmaus Room.
Tues. 2 nd Oct.	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room
Fri. 5 th Oct.	10.30am	SVP 'First Friday' coffee morning – Emmaus Room. After Mass. All welcome.
Fri. 5 th Oct.	7.30 - 8.15 pm	Altar Servers meet – Emmaus Room.
Sat. 6 th Oct.	11.00 – 11.30am	Saturday Club - Emmaus Room

Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels, 2nd October - The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

CAFOD Family Fast Day (England and Wales), Friday 5th October - On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us. CAFOD invites us to eat simply – perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal – and give the money we save to help others. Please pick up a Fast Day envelope for the Family Fast Day collection to take place on the weekend of 6th/7th October.

Damage to the boundary wall on Commercial Road. Just to let you know that the matter is being taken care of and I have been in touch with our insurers.

The Servery - It is now safe to use for tea, coffee etc. There is hot and cold running water. There is an issue, however, with the worktops and these will be replaced. The roller shutter is on order. Could I ask that before we put everything back into the cupboards that all the cutlery and crockery be put through the dishwasher. Please do not leave milk or perishable foods behind following an event. A good sort-out of the stock which has been stored in the Confessional would be appreciated. Let's get rid of odd plates, saucers and bits and pieces.

Red Missionary Boxes – A reminder to bring in your red missionary boxes for counting if you have not already done so. Thank you.

Community of Our Lady of Walsingham - Sisters Gabriela, Theresa, Johanna and Camilla invite you to visit them at their first convent, House of the Divine Will on Neatherd Moor in Dereham (just behind the playground). You are welcome for a tour and cream tea **from 2-7pm on Wednesday 3rd October**. For further directions/details please speak to one of the sisters or contact them on info@walsinghamcommunity.org or 01328 801018.

Walsingham Annual Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life, Led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald, Sunday 7th October 2018. All are warmly invited to unite in this day of prayer. For further details see poster on noticeboard or pick up a flyer from the porch.

Diocesan Charismatic Renewal Day - You are warmly invited to a Day of Renewal on **Saturday, 13th October**, led by Gemma Wildesmith, full time Catholic Lay Evangelist and head of Celebrated youth work. The day includes Holy Mass, prayer ministry and Reconciliation and is at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 322 Woodbridge Road, Ipswich IP4 4BD. Drinks provided. Packed lunch needed. For more information see poster or contact Philip on 07910157584

The Archbishop of Canterbury has asked to make a formal visit to St. John's Cathedral while on a Visitation to the Norwich Diocese during November. It will be at **12.00 noon on Wednesday, 7th November**. There will be a brief liturgy and a welcome from Bishop Alan. The theme of the Archbishop's visit will be Reconciliation.

The Angelus

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

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

Ÿ. And the Word was made flesh. *Ŕ.* *And dwelt among us.* *Hail Mary ...*

Ÿ. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. *Ŕ.* *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.