

**GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**God's Round Table** - It's hard to admit to, but most of us live on a bit of a moral high ground and it's not a good place to be. Moral high grounds are littered with treacherous pitfalls. The worst pitfall of all is to assume superiority. It's a human failing. We assume superiority over all sorts of other people. We decide we are superior to those with less money or lesser jobs. We decide we are superior to those who are less intellectual, whose tastes differ, whose accents are alien or whose values don't match ours. We decide we are better than those who have fallen foul of the law or

who have succumbed to an addiction. Why is superiority a pitfall? It's a pitfall because once we imagine ourselves superior, we start to dismiss people. We start to rule out huge numbers of our neighbours as unworthy of our attention.

Today we see Jesus at a wedding banquet where the guests are jostling for places of honour at the dinner table. It's a simple occasion that raises a big question. Why are we all so anxious to be seated at the top of life's table? Jesus gives the guests a piece of life changing advice. "A person who exalts himself will be humbled, but a person who humbles himself will be exalted."

Humility doesn't sit easily in our fame driven society, that's because we associate being humble with being "walked all over". Jesus' brand of humility however, is very different. Humility does not mean trading feelings of superiority for feelings of inferiority. Being humble doesn't mean being timid or falsely modest. Humility means that understanding that everything you have is a gift from God, and that everything you have is for the service of others.

In the tales of King Arthur and his knights, Arthur ordered a round table so that no one could assume a greater or lesser position. As Christians we are asked to adopt a 'round table' approach to life.

**Bitesize** – "It is always the secure who are humble." ~ Gilbert Keith Chesterton



**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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**1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019 – 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C**

**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

[22<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 2]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug.	6.00 pm	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time [Parish Mass Book p130]	Priest's Int. (to be announced) The People of the Parish Bertram William Flint
Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept.	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Mon. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept.	10.00 am	Feria	Hilda Pritchard
Tues. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept.	-	St Gregory the Great	<b>No Mass today – PP's day off</b>
Weds. 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	10.00 am	Feria	Priest's Int. (tba)
Thurs. 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	10.00 am	Feria	(tba)
Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	10.00 am	Feria	(tba)
Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	6.00 pm	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time (Education Day)	Ron & Phyllis Thurstance The People of the Parish Gonzalo Mausisa
Sun. 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	9.00 am 11.00 am		

**Music for 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time – Setting: Belmont Mass (with Memorial Acclam.3)**

**Entry:** 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 795 – I heard the voice of Jesus say ...

**Psalm:** (11am sung) *R.*: In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

**Offertory:** Hymn 604 – Lord, accept the gifts we offer ...

**Recessional:** 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 846 – Amazing grace! ...

**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:** Elizabeth Keatley, Norah Greenlee, Conal O'Donnell, Albert Foley, Hector Frosdick, Doris Evelyn Edith Henderson, Evelyn Maguire, James Robins, Eleanor Finnimore, George Hill and Joan Foster. *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 01362 694066.

**Sick & Housebound** [with GDPR Permissions] – **Please pray for:** David Peek, Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Rita Smith, Carol Whitesides, Robert Nicol, Eileen Brocklesby, Shirley Liebenhals, Catherine Carter and Alf Charlton.

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your offering to the parish last weekend of £524.26.

Diary Dates for this week -		
Mon. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept.	2.00pm	Mother Teresa's knitting circle – Emmaus Room. New members always welcome.
Tues. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept.	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room
Tues. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept.	7.30pm	Dereham Churches Together. Hosted by The Baptist Church. Everyone welcome.
4 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	6.30pm	Music selection & practice – Presbytery & Church. All volunteers welcome to make a joyful noise to the Lord!
Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	10.30am	SVP 'First Friday' Coffee Morning. After morning Mass. All welcome.
<b>Saturday Club</b> – Classes will resume on <b>Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September</b> . <b>NB.</b> There is no Saturday morning Mass during this time.		

**Please Note** – When I have no particular intention for Mass, I put in 'Priest's Intention' or 'To be Announced' (*tba*). They can be changed if someone requests a Mass Intention on one of those days.

**First Holy Communion Summer 2020** – Application forms are now available from Fr Brendan or Robbie Meehan for the First Holy Communion classes starting on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019 on Saturday mornings 11.00-11.30am, following 10.30am Mass. Children must be in school year 3 or above.

**Confirmation Group 2019** – We will be starting preparation for Confirmation in late September/early October this year. Therefore, people interested and eligible for Confirmation, please see either Michael King or Fr. Brendan.

**New Mass Setting starting in Advent** – The music group is delighted to announce a third, new Mass setting will be introduced in Advent: "The Mass of the Sacred Heart". We hope you look forward to it!

**'Lord, when did we see you sick?'** – Fr. Michael Stack has written a book about his time as a Hospital Chaplain. It is entitled '*Lord, when did we see you sick?*'. It is a series of prayerful meditations based on visits to patients he has made over the years. It is on sale in our parish shop at the back of church. It is priced at £5 and all profits go to the Catholic Nurse Guild.

**The Norfolk Churches Trust Annual Bike, Walk, Drive – Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 9.00am – 5.00pm** – find out more at [www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride](http://www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride) or see the poster at the back of church. **Volunteers are needed to greet participants visiting Sacred Heart and to stamp their forms. There is a rota on the notice board; please sign up if you can help.**



**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019** – This day "will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live." ~ *Pope Francis, Letter inaugurating World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.* The Church has long celebrated the agricultural harvest. This intention also includes all human work. In all circumstances of human life there are choices to be made regarding the environment and our reverent stewardship of God's gift of creation. **Prayer:** *O Lord, good Father, who in your providence have entrusted the earth to the human race, grant, we pray, that with the fruits harvested from it we may be able to sustain life and, with your help, always use them to promote your praise and the well-being of all. (Roman Missal)*

**Retreat at Ampleforth Abbey** – Fr. Michael Johnstone will again be taking a group on a Retreat to Ampleforth, to be conducted by a Monk, from **Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**. Cost £260-£275. Transport to be co-ordinated between those going. For further information contact Fr. Michael on 01603 664118 (late afternoons/evenings best).

#### 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 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.