

**GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**Never too late to Change** - A father asks two sons to go and work in the vineyard. The first son says that he won't but changes his mind and does. The second son says that he will but somehow doesn't get round to it. Which son do we identify with? The first son speaks to those of us who have embraced Christ's teaching late in life. Yet gain Jesus is telling us that those

who have managed a change of heart are as important to him if not more important than those who think they've got everything right. The second son speaks to those of us who have lots of good intentions, but at the end of the day the evidence of discipleship amounts to little more than lip service.

Originally this parable was aimed at the Pharisees who didn't feel they needed to change how they lived. Like the Pharisees we might feel that we are upright church going people, but that doesn't mean there isn't plenty left that we need to address. We still live in a world where there's plenty to put right. God's vineyard needs workers who will say 'yes' to God's plan, and more importantly, roll up their sleeves and get stuck into the job. Like the second son, we might mean well but constantly fail to make a difference. Today's gospel is an invitation for us to look at what holds us back and what drives us forward, only when we can really understand and address what holds us back can we get stuck into God's work. The first son shows us that it's never too late to change.

**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**

**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**

*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> OCTOBER 2017 – 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday Masses – Page 134 of Parish Mass Book**

Saturday	6.00 pm	Int. Canon David Mellor
Sunday	9.00 am	Int. People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Int. Ron Thurstance (Bell)

**Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: The People's Mass (Dom Gregory Murray)**  
**Entry 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 725 – Immortal, invisible, God only wise ...**  
**Offertory** Hymn 892 – The cry of the poor ...  
**Communion** *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*  
**Recessional 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 842 – Come back to me with all your heart ...**

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

<b>Weekday Mass Times</b>	(26 <sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time)	<i>[Psalter Week 2]</i>
Mon.	10.00 am	The Holy Guardian Angels – Donor's Int.
Tues.	<b>No Mass today</b>	Feria
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds.	10.00 am	St Francis of Assisi – Int. Joseph Wilson
Thurs.	10.00 am	Feria – Donor's Int.
Fri.	10.00 am	Feria - Donor's Int.
Sat.	10.30 am	Our Lady of the Rosary – Int. Osythe Hawke (*Fdn.)
	6.00 pm	27 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Donor's Int.

*\*Fdn. = Foundation Mass*

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, Vi (Amelia) Secker, Reginald Rayner, Richard Hayter and Josepha Hart. *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** – The collection for the maintenance of the parish last weekend amounted to £428.12. Thank you for your generosity.

Diary Dates for this week –	
Mon. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct.	Mother Teresa’s Knitting Group – 2.00pm in the Emmaus Room. <i>New members welcome. Just come along.</i>
Weds. 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	SVP Conference meets – 7.30pm in Emmaus Room
Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	SVP ‘First Friday’ Coffee Morning – After Mass. All welcome.
Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Saturday Club meets - 11.00am in Emmaus Room

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October** – Friday is Harvest Fast Day and there will be a retiring collection for CAFOD next weekend after all Masses. Envelopes for donations are available at the back of church. This Harvest Fast Day we are standing with Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to sustain her family with good crops and harvests. With your help, CAFOD is giving her fruit trees, training, and strong seeds. Please pick up a Fast Day envelope, fast this Friday and give what you can.

**Annual October Mass Count** – The annual Mass count takes place over four weekends in October beginning this weekend. Volunteers required.

**Prisoners’ Week** – Prisoners’ Week begins next Sunday (8<sup>th</sup> October) during which we are asked to pray for prisoners and their families.

**UCM Cake & Produce Stall** – An appeal to all UCM members and other generous souls for cakes, jams and other produce to be sold on our stall next weekend, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> October, after all Masses. The proceeds of this sale will go to charity. Mary Shutt will be in Church from 4.45pm on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> to receive donations, or you can just bring them before the Mss you attend. Many thanks in advance for your kind generosity

**Day of Renewal on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October at Bowthorpe Church Centre, Norwich NR5 9AA** – Led by a team from the Little Way Healing Ministries based at Clare Priory. Drinks provided. Bring a packed lunch. See the poster for more details.

**Calling all musicians!** - We’re looking to expand the music and choir here at Dereham, and so whoever can sing, play an instrument at any level, or want to take part are more than welcome. It all helps us do so much more with the music liturgy, including singing the psalms, cantoring, and bringing a richer texture to the Mass. Please contact the Music Leader, Michael, via email address on front of the newsletter.

**Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and all night vigil** - This Diocesan event takes place on **Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>** starting from Norwich Castle Mound at 8.00pm and processing from there to St John’s Cathedral. The theme of the vigil is 'The Dignity and Sanctity of All Human Life'. Groups of young people (secondary school age and upwards) from different parishes across the diocese are invited to lead reflections on the hour throughout the night. After the procession, the prayer vigil will begin with a short liturgy and the vigil will end at 8.00am the following morning. In the Narthex there will be activities which will be designed so young people can 'come and go' between prayer and activities. If they want to find a corner and have a little sleep, that's fine. There will also be refreshments available in the Narthex throughout the night. Any youth group wishing to take part is asked to contact the Diocesan Youth Service (Hamish MacQueen) at [dys@east-angliadiocese.org.uk](mailto:dys@east-angliadiocese.org.uk). **See the poster at the back of church.**

**The Balfour Project, Methodist Central Hall, Westminster, Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017, 6.30pm-8.30pm** - This unique event marks the centenary of the Balfour Declaration. In words, film and music, it will acknowledge Britain’s historic responsibilities in the Middle East. It will offer an opportunity to commit ourselves to support Palestinians and Israelis in building a peaceful future based on equal rights for all. Spread the word among your friends and networks. Speakers include: Baroness Helena Kennedy QC, Principal, Mansfield College, Oxford University; Rt Hon Tom Brake MP; Dr Philippa Whitford MP; Sir Vincent Fean, former UK Consul-General, Jerusalem; Rabbi Danny Rich, Senior Rabbi, Liberal Judaism; Dr Imad Karam, award-winning film-maker. Music by Chai for All, seven-piece band and Tibah Saad, cellist. Tickets are available through [balfourproject.org](http://balfourproject.org) or [eventbrite.co.uk](http://eventbrite.co.uk). (£12; £8 for over 60s; £5 for students, unemployed). Tickets cannot be bought at Central Hall. *See the poster at the back of church.*

**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)

**Bite Size** - “Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein.” ~ *Life's Little Instruction Book, compiled by H. Jackson Brown, Jr.*