

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Do Something Simple

So how do we best succeed in being people of God in the world? Jesus' advice is "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." Surely this advice is too hard to follow. Does Jesus expect us to abandon our parents our children and our families in favour of some Christian crusade? On closer inspection this is not quite what Jesus may have meant.

The broad advice is that Jesus should come first, and that no worldly matters should get in the way of God. What is the point of becoming obsessed with houses, cars, university results and the best pension deals if we are only to lose our physical lives at the end of the day anyway. The Word of God we are told, will last for eternity. It's not difficult to know where our priorities should lie and yet it is still easier said than done. We are part of the physical world after all, and transcending physical comforts is a tall order. It seems altogether too difficult, and yet would Jesus really ask something of us if we weren't capable of giving it?

The tendency in today's world is to notice and reward the grand gestures. While discipleship certainly includes such great acts as laying down one's life for Christ, it also includes such everyday simple acts as hospitality and charity. Jesus was surely an expert psychologist when he said "....And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple - amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." It's with relief that we learn that God asks no more of us than we are individually capable of. We are all capable of doing something, however simple. Do something simple for God today.

Bitesize

"Character is what emerges from all the little things you were too busy to do yesterday, but did anyway." ~ Mignon McLaughlin

**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 Website: <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>
Notre Dame High School, Norwich: Website <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>
Universalis website: <http://www.universalis.com>

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2ND JULY 2017 - 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses - Page 96 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Int. Rev. Tony Green
Sunday	9.00 am	Donor's Int.
	11.00 am	Int. People of the Parish

Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: Dom Gregory Murray Mass

Entry 6pm - *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 926 - Whatsoever you do ...

Offertory Hymn 608 - Take my hands and make them as your own ...

Communion *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*

Recessional 11am - *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 979 - O the word of my Lord ...

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

Weekday Mass Times	(13th week in Ordinary Time)	[Psalter Week 1]
Mon. 10.00 am	ST. THOMAS, Apostle (Feast) - Donor's Int.	
Tues. No Mass today	Feria	
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - in Emmaus Room
Weds. 10.00 am	Feria - Donor's Int.	
Thurs. 10.00 am	Feria - Donor's Int.	
Fri. 10.00 am	Feria - Int. Ron Thurstance (90 th Birthday)	
Sat. 10.30 am	Feria - Donor's Int.	
	6.00 pm	14 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Int. Rev. Peter Barr

Anniversaries this week: Leslie Neve, Fred Hawkins, Irene Dorothy O'Brien, Mary Costen, Joan Mary Siedlecki, Rosie Hawksbee and Elaine Stephenson. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

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

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 and Robert Anderson.

Money Matters – The collection for the maintenance of the parish last weekend amounted to £413.55 and the retiring collection for Peter’s Pence came to £109.70. Thank you for your generosity.

130 Club May Draw - 1st Prize £20 – Rex Baker; 2nd Prize £15 – Chris Sayer; 3rd Prize £10 – Rosina Charlton; 4th Prize £10 – Myrna Kemp; 5th Prize £10 – Maureen Wilde.

Diary Dates for this week –	
Mon. 3 rd Jul	Mother Teresa’s knitting Group – 2.00pm in Emmaus Room
Mon. 3 rd Jul	AA Group – 7.30pm in Emmaus Room
Weds. 5 th Jul	SVP Conference meeting – 7.30pm in Emmaus Room
Fri. 7 th Jul	SVP ‘First Friday’ Coffee Morning – 10.30am after Mass. All welcome.
Fri. 7 th Jul	Altar Servers meet – 7.15pm in Emmaus Room
Sat. 8 th Jul	Saturday Club meets - 11.00am in Emmaus Room (<i>Preparations for First Holy Communion on Sunday, 9th July</i>)

Sea Sunday: 9th July – Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. For more information about its work, visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Confirmation Mass - Calling all altar servers. You are needed to serve at the Confirmation Mass on **July 20th at 7.00pm**. All servers who are not being confirmed are asked to arrive early for instruction on what is required at the Mass. There are extra jobs to be done!

St Thomas the Apostle, 3rd July - Saint Thomas is best remembered for being absent from the Upper Room the first time Jesus appeared to his disciples after the Resurrection. We will remember Thomas for his nagging doubts and his insistence for physical proof. In all, Thomas has provided wonderful opportunities for Christ to teach us important and eternal truths. “Cast away all disquieting doubts, and learn to triumph over old weaknesses as St Thomas did, who by his ignorance hath instructed the

ignorant, and by his incredulity hath served for the faith of all ages.”

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for July 2017 - All over the world millions of lapsed Christians are feeling the pull to come back to the Church, but for many there are just too many stumbling blocks. The two main stumbling blocks are belief and engagement. A lapsed Christian may want to believe, but there are just too many unanswered questions inhibiting their faith. Engagement is an area where we can all help. A lapsed Christian might have feelings of wanting to return to church but nothing of specific interest is beckoning. This is where the rest of us can help. How well are we promoting our parish activities? When was the last time we set up a new group? How good are our youth opportunities? How good is our outreach? Does the wider community know what we do? This month we are invited to join in Pope Francis’ prayer intention “...**That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.**” Right now, someone who's been lost is hearing God's call. Our job is to help improve the connection.

Ignite - The Diocesan Youth Service wishes to appoint new members of the Ignite Team - These are full-time positions, with accommodation offered, sharing the Gospel Message in schools and parishes, in a way young people can relate to. This includes using music, drama and tech. Ideal as a 'gap' year. Please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth for more information.

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

Universalis.com - This is a very useful link for daily Mass and Sunday readings as well as information on the saints. It is a free service and you can have it on your iphone or your computer. If you sign up, you will receive a daily email and you can cancel it very easily if you wish.

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**