

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Flawed Treasure** - We all know those people who are so crippled inside that they seem incapable of bringing a fair or rational perspective to a situation. Perhaps we are one of those people ourselves but totally fail to see it? Perhaps we are all crippled inside to lesser or greater degrees but would strongly argue it, bringing to bear all those flawed arguments we have stored in our hearts for as long as we can remember. Our hearts are where our treasure is stored. If we have good heart our words and actions will be good. It follows if our hearts are flawed our treasure will be flawed too, and our thoughts and actions will be misguided.

So how should we care for our hearts? Just as in our physical diet, we get out what we put in. If we live on a diet of pulp fiction, pulp fiction is all we will know. If we listen only to those with selfish agendas, greedy and selfish motives are all we will know. If we do only what is comfortable and safe, 'comfortable and safe' is all we will ever know. It is more than easy to become egocentric without ever seeing it coming. To those closest to us, our faults will be screamingly obvious. Sadly, we will be the last to see what other people see.

Today's gospel is an invitation to start challenging the views that blind us to the possibility of becoming better and more productive people. Do we complain or gossip too often? Do we fail to forgive and forget? Do we hold views about groups of people of whom we know nothing at all? Do we spend too much time working and too little time with those we love? Do we have very set or narrow views on religion, politics, money, or society as a whole?

It is hard to change our beliefs, especially if we don't even recognise them as 'planks'. A good starting point might be to open our eyes to someone we hugely admire and model our thinking on theirs. What starts off as an exercise could quickly become a life changing habit.

**Bitesize** - If my heart could do my thinking, and my head begin to feel, I would look upon the world anew, and know what's truly real. ~ *Van Morrison*



**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.

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 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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## 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2019 – 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C

[8h Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 4]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar. Sun. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time [Parish Mass Book p144]	Alberto Gonzalez Carcavilla The People of the Parish Deceased family & friends of the Donor
Mon. 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	10.00 am	Feria	Olive Alston
Tues. 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	-	Feria	<b>No Mass today – PP's day off</b>
Weds. 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	10.00 am 7.30 pm	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	UCM Int. Priest's Int.
Thurs. 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	10.00 am	<b>Requiem Mass for Mary Allison</b>	
Fri. 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	10.00 am 10.30 am	St. Felix (Feast) Stations of the Cross	Fr. Harry Wace
Sat. 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	10.30 am	Lent Feria	Priests' Int.
Sat. 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Sun. 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	Patricia Clarke The People of the Parish Maria Alexandra Coita Pita

**Music for 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time** – *Setting*: New People's Mass (& Mem. Acclam. B)

**Entry**: 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 865 – I, the Lord of sea and sky ...

**Psalm *R.* (11am sung)** – *It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.*

**Offertory**: Hymn 643 – Gifts of bread and wine ...

**Recessional**: 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 910 – Christ be beside me ...

**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:** Thomas Arbuthnot, Billy Reavey, Thomas Donaghue, Francis Langham, John Gaylard, Ernest B. Shaw, Esther Rawe, Robert Patrick, Kenneth Gaylard, Elizabeth Mary O'Donnell, Roy Smith and Michael John Irvine Barty. *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, Peter Gormans, Sarah Chaudri, Rita Smith, Carol Whitesides, Catherine (Kay) Garrard, Robert Nicol, Eileen Brocklesby, Neville Hibberd, Shirley Liebenhals and Brenda May.

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your offering of £441.99 last weekend for the day-to-day running of our parish.

Diary Dates for this week -		
Mon. 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	2.00pm	Mother Teresa's knitting group – Emmaus Room. New members always welcome.
Tues. 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room
Thurs. 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	6.30pm	Music selection & practice – Presbytery & Church. All volunteers welcome to sing or play.
Sat. 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	11.00am	Saturday Club - Emmaus Room



**Ash Wednesday, 6th March 2019** - Lent is upon us. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and abstinence from eating meat. Shrove Tuesday is also known as Pancake Day and also Carnival. It was the day when people used up what ingredients they had which could not be eaten in Lent. And Carnival means 'farewell to meat' for the duration of

Lent. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at each Mass on Wednesday.

**Stations of the Cross** will follow the 10.00am Mass on Friday this week. I invite the groups who usually lead the Stations to contact me with regard to leading Stations during Lent. I will leave a selection of books in the church for people to use for their private devotions during Lent. Please do not remove them from the church.

**Dereham Churches Together** invite you to an evening of praise, prayer and fellowship, hosted by the Salvation Army at St. Nicholas Street, Dereham on **Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**. Everyone welcome. Leaflets are available at the back of church.

**130 Club** – Any members who have not yet done so, are asked to please collect their renewal envelopes from the back of church. Marcia Slee will be on hand at all Masses over the next few weekends. There are still a few unallocated numbers and if anyone would like to take up one or more of these numbers, please see Marcia who can explain about the Club, which is a worthwhile fundraiser for the Parish. Members are kindly asked to ensure that their renewals are returned as quickly as possible and before the end of March at the latest. Thank you.

**Parish Open Meeting** – The date for this has been set for **Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May**, following the 11.00 am Mass. I would like to follow the usual format of Midday Prayer, lunch and then the meeting. I would be grateful if all groups in the parish could now prepare their written reports, to be sent to Elaine Wilkes before the end of April (by email where possible). The Financial Returns for last year have now been completed for submission to the Diocesan Finance Office. Items for the agenda can be sent to me by email. The agenda will be published in advance of the meeting.

**Penitents and Wanderers** – The twin themes of Lent are baptism and penance. Lent is a time of reflection and preparation for Easter. **Prayer:** *God of power and might, we praise you through your Son, Jesus Christ, who comes in your name. He is the Word that brings salvation. He is the hand you stretch out to sinners. He is the way that leads to your peace. God our Father, we had wandered far from you, but through your Son you have brought us back. You gave him up to death so that we might turn again to you and find our way to one another. [Roman Missal: Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II]*

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March 2019** - Today across the earth more than 100 million Christians are suffering for their faith in Jesus Christ. Here at home, Christians may not suffer as much as our fellow believers in other nations. We sometimes face opposition because of our beliefs, but are usually not jailed because of them. But we need to remember to intercede for our persecuted brothers and sisters. This month we are invited to join in Pope Francis's prayer intention "... *That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.*"

### 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.