

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Accepting Our Crosses

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering and death at the hands of the elders, chief priests and scribes. Peter took Jesus aside, "This must never happen to you," he said. Surely Peter only had Jesus' best interests at heart. Imagine how mortified he must have felt to hear Jesus reply, "Get behind me Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

What kind of deal is it to get everything you want in life but lose your soul? So often when we finally get what we want in life, the euphoria is short lived. We might feel elated for a few days at achieving one of our closest held ambitions, but then we are left with that hollow, 'what next?' kind of feeling. Today Jesus is talking about the necessity for suffering and dying. But why does Jesus see accepting the cross as a necessity? Why does he not stop to consider the alternative that Peter suggests?

As Christians we are asked to live life differently from those who struggle to fill life with pleasure and enjoyment. There is a well-known saying that goes, 'It is better to die a meaningful death, than live a meaningless life.' As Christians we have to transcend, self-interest, self-preservation and ego trips. The person who tries to indulge in every enjoyment may find him or herself chasing impossible rainbows. Could this be Satan's favourite trick? By trying to make life perfect by our own human agendas, are we in danger of reaching the end of life only to realise we have not lived life at all?

Bitesize

"The fear of death follows from the fear of life. A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time." ~ *Author unknown*

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

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3RD SEPTEMBER 2017 – 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses – Page 122 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Int. Ron Thurstance (Monaghan)
Sunday	9.00 am	Int. People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Int. William Pritchard

Music for Sunday Masses - *Setting: Dom Gregory Murray Mass*

Entry 6pm – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 877 – Will you come and follow me ...

Offertory Hymn 865 – I, the Lord of sea and sky, ...

Communion *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*

Recessional 11am – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 749 – The Servant King ...

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

Weekday Mass Times	(22 nd week in Ordinary Time)	[Psalter Week 2]
Mon.	10.00 am	Feria – Int. Peggy Brannelly
Tues.	No Mass today	Feria
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds.	10.00 am	St Teresa of Calcutta – Int. Ron Thurstance (Wilkes)
Thurs.	10.00 am	Feria – Int. Ron Thurstance (Tinney)
Fri.	10.00 am	THE NATIVITY OF THE BVM – Int. William Rownan
Sat.	No morning Mass	Feria
	6.00 pm	23 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Education Day) – Int. Albert Foley

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

Anniversaries this week: Doris Evelyn Edith Henderson, Evelyn Maguire, James Robins, Eleanor Finnimore, George Hill, Joan Foster, Maurice Finnimore and Michael Carey. *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, Michelle Smith, Rita Smith, Eileen Brockleby, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Margaret Leggett, Peter Brown, Robert Anderson, Carole Whitesides and Stuart Bell.

Money Matters – The collection last weekend for the day-to-day running of the parish amounted to £387.25. Thank you very much for your generosity. **Next Sunday** is Education Day and there will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Education Service.

Diary Dates for this week –	
Mon. 4 th Sept.	Mother Teresa’s knitting group meets – 2.00pm in Emmaus Room. New members would be most welcome.
Mon. 4 th Sept.	AA group meets – 7.30pm in Emmaus Room
Tues. 5 th Sept.	Dereham Churches Fellowship Evening – 7.30pm, hosted by Salvation Army. All welcome. Please see leaflets at back of church.
Sat. 9 th Sept.	Saturday Club is on holiday. <i>NB. There is no morning Mass. Saturday Club starts again on 16th September at 11.00am.</i>

First Holy Communion 2018 – A reminder that application forms are now available from Fr Brendan or Robbie Meehan for the First Holy Communion classes on Saturday mornings in term time from 11.00am until 11.30am. The new classes start on Saturday, 16th September 2017.

An Afternoon of Renewal on 9th September, 12 noon to 4pm at The Catholic parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel & St Peter in March, Cambridgeshire. There will be praise and worship, a talk, prayer ministry, finishing with Holy Mass. Everyone welcome. Bring a shared lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

Norfolk Churches Trust Annual Sponsored Bike Ride – Saturday, 9th September 2017, 9.00am to 5.00pm – Sponsorship forms available at the back of church. Help with recording visiting riders also needed – please sign up on the list at the back of church if you can spare an hour. Find out more at www.norfolkchurhestrust.org.uk/bike-ride or pick up a leaflet from the back of church.

Parish Family Barbecue – Sunday, 10th September 2017, 12 noon onwards in Presbytery Garden – Following tradition, entry to the BBQ is free but each family is

asked to contribute a sweet or salad dish for a shared table. A collection will be taken and the proceeds given to the *Let The Children Live!* charity. Please see the list at the back of church and sign up for your food contribution, plus how many from your family will be attending.

Union of Catholic Mothers – UCM members are reminded that their next meeting takes place on Wednesday, 13th September at 11.00am, when Mike Brookes will be the guest speaker.

Birthday Thank You – Cate Todd wishes to thank everyone for their kind wishes for her 90th birthday last month. Especial warm thanks go to all those in the UCM who helped her celebrate the day at their annual garden party on 16th August.

Walsingham Annual Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life: Sunday, 17th September 2017 – The Rt. Rev. Robert Byrne CO, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham will lead this year’s annual pilgrimage to Walsingham for the Sanctity of Life on Sunday, 17th September. For further details see the poster or pick up a flyer from the back of church.

Mission Trip - On 20th September Donal Hannon is flying to Jamaica for 12 days to volunteer with the Missionaries of the Poor. Donal would like to take donations of clothes that they are always in need of. Any donations of lightweight dresses, T-shirts (all sizes) or men’s and children’s shorts (elastic waist) can be given to Donal to take out.

Pope Francis’s Prayer Intention for September 2017 - We think of being a missionary as someone who takes the Christian message to far flung parts of the world. But being a missionary begins here at home. Pope Francis suggests that being a missionary starts by demonstrating our faith and charity from within our own parishes. We are asked to join in Pope Francis’s monthly prayer intention, “...**That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen**”



The Diocesan Newspaper: some copies are still available at the back of the church. However, you can receive it by email if you sign up for it on the Diocesan website go to: www.rcdea.org.uk

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**