

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Having Faith in Faith

In the face of the seemingly impossible demands of discipleship, it is easy for our faith to falter. This is probably how the apostles felt when they approached Jesus and made the plea, "Increase our faith!" Now if we were hearing this story for the first time, how would we expect Jesus to respond? We'd expect Jesus to work a miracle of course. A miracle would certainly have increased the faith of those who could have witnessed it first hand, but would it have had the same impact for the rest of us? Jesus refrains from working a miracle to increase the faith of his apostles, instead he gives a piece of wisdom which is as inspirational and as motivational for us today as it must have been all those years ago.

Jesus tells us that if we only have faith the size of a tiny mustard seed we have enough. In other words, faith is so powerful that we don't need very much of it to do great things. This is good news for all of us who have long felt our faith is flagging. Suddenly the challenge is not to strengthen or develop our faith, but to have faith in the little faith we've already got.

So how can we use our mustard seed of faith to do great things? Jesus tells us that all we have to do is take our mustard seed of faith and act. We should stop worrying about how little or how much faith we have, and get on with God's work. Like the tireless servant who comes in from the field and prepares his masters' evening meal before his own, so we must live our lives faithful to Jesus' teachings. When we live our lives faithful to God how can we fail to see results, and once we begin to see results how can our seeds of faith fail to grow?

Bitesize - "Start by doing what's necessary, then do what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible." ~ *St Francis of Assisi*



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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6TH OCTOBER 2019 – 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C

[27th Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 3]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 5 th Oct.	6.00 pm	27 th Sunday in Ord. Time [Parish Mass Book p146]	S.V.P.
Sun. 6 th Oct.	9.00 am 11.00 am		Paul Morris (Baker) The People of the Parish
Mon. 7 th Oct.	10.00 am	Our Lady of the Rosary	Osyth Hawke (Fdn.)
Tues. 8 th Oct.	-	Feria	No Mass today – PP's day off
Weds. 9 th Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Paul Morris (Bussey)
Thurs. 10 th Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Brian & Shirley Liebenhals (Sanderson)
Fri. 11 th Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Elizabeth Geoghan (Mealy)
Sat. 12 th Oct.	10.30 am	Feria	Tba
Sun. 13 th Oct.	6.00 pm	28 th Sunday in Ord. Time	Tba
	9.00 am 11.00 am		The People of the Parish Joao Lobo & Thanksgiving

Music for 27th Sunday in Ord. Time – Setting: New People's Mass (& Mem. Acclam. B)

Entry: 6pm – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 708 – Holy God, we praise thy name ...

Psalm: (11am sung) *R.*: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

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

Recessional: 11am – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 961 – Lead, kindly light amid th' encircling gloom ...

Confession/Reconciliation: Saturday at 5.30pm, or by request/appointment

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