

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God of the Living



Those of you who have tuned into political debate lately will have noticed that whilst some questions demand a genuine answer, others are simply posed to trip up the opponent and cause maximum embarrassment. Can we really hope to get answers if we are asking questions loaded with ridicule and cynicism?

Today, the Sadducees, who did not believe in resurrection, try to ridicule the belief in life after death by posing Jesus with an argument that verges on the ludicrous. Their only interest in quizzing Jesus was to confound him and to ridicule the whole notion of resurrection and of Heaven. The Sadducees flag a warning to us all. There is nothing wrong with having a lively theological debate, but when we start to raise questions we have to be very honest about our motivation. Are we really seeking answers, or are we simply kicking an intellectual football? Are we, like the Sadducees, guilty of bringing our own convictions to an argument with an arrogant refusal to see a different point of view?

It is surprising that Jesus dignifies the Sadducees' question with an answer at all, but he does. The circumstances that surround us in our day-to-day living, Jesus explains, will not apply in Heaven, and therefore we need not trouble ourselves with worldly conventions. No longer able to die, let alone resume a marriage we forged in life, those who are deemed worthy will be like the angels - children of God. The Sadducees are thinking of an eternity as something linked to earthly life. How boring that would be!

All we can know about death and resurrection is that it is a journey that starts in the here and now. It is the 'now' that determines our eternity, and as Jesus said, 'God is not God of the dead, but of the living.' To God, we are all alive.

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"Whether we are remembering the saints, our loved ones or those who died in the service of the country, the way we remember is crucial. Our remembering can enslave us in the past – or liberate us into the future." ~ *Brian Castle*

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>

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6TH NOVEMBER 2016 – 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses – Page 161 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Int. Kathleen Carroll
Sunday	9.00 am	Int. April Hutton
	11.00 am	Int. People of the Parish

Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: Dom Gregory Murray Mass

Entry 6pm – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 721 – O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder ...

Offertory Hymn 719 – To God be the glory, great things he has done! ...

Communion *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*

Recessional 11am – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 713 – Sing of the Lord's goodness ...

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

Weekday Mass Times (32nd week in Ordinary Time) [Psalter Week 4]

Mon.	10.00 am	Feria - Int. Michael Reavey
Tues.	No Mass today	Feria
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds.	10.00 am	Requiem Mass & funeral for Michael Reavey
Thurs.	10.00 am	St Leo the Great – Int. Harry Wilkes
Fri.	10.00 am	St Martin of Tours – Int. Michael Reavey
	5.45 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Silent Prayer
	6.15 pm	Evening Prayer (Vespers)
Sat.	10.30 am	St Josaphat – Donor's Int.
	6.00 pm	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Donor's Int.

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

Anniversaries this week: Fr. Brian Nightingale, Patricia Hawkins, Kathleen Carroll, Bill Bell, Maria Gee, Iris Scott, Doreen Edith Derere, Eileen Monaghan, Edith Howard and Delia Shelley. *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, Anna Thompkins, Michelle Smith, Rita Smith, Eileen Brockleby, Pat Howe, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Margaret Leggett, Ken May, Muriel Harmer, Joy Bussey and Peter Brown.

Money Matters – The collection last weekend was £511.54. Thank you all very much. Today, there is a retiring collection for St. Edmund’s Fund.

The St Edmund’s Fund - The St Edmund’s Fund continues, as in the past, as a Fund that provides assistance to relieve poverty and distress and to enhance the quality of life of any disadvantaged person or group. Monies from the Fund can only be given, under Charity Law, to organisations with charitable objects or to parishes, for them to distribute for the alleviation of individual and family needs and other emergencies; monies from the Fund cannot be given directly to individuals (see Diocese of East Anglia Year Book 2016 page 101). The St Edmund’s Fund is now administered by the newly formed ‘Caritas East Anglia’, which is the successor to the Diocesan Commission for Social Concern. ‘Caritas East Anglia’ also has the responsibility of distributing funds raised by the ‘Alive in Faith’ Campaign for ‘Social Outreach Projects’ that have received approval by the relevant Diocesan authorities. Applications for assistance for ‘crisis grants’, which will continue to be funded from the St Edmund’s Fund, can be made to Michael McMahon, Chairman of Caritas East Anglia: e-mail: caritas@rcdea.org.uk.

Diary Dates for this week –

- Fri. 11th Nov. – Altar Servers meet – 7.15- 8.15pm in Emmaus Room
- Sat. 12th Nov. – Saturday Club meets - 11.00am in Emmaus Room

Remembrance Sunday (13th November 2016) - The 11.00 am Mass on Remembrance Sunday will be a Requiem Mass for the deceased members of the armed forces. We will keep the Silence before Mass begins. The procession will arrive at the sanctuary just before 11.00 am and wait. Then there will be the Silence followed by the Opening Hymn. Just like last year.

Musicians for Christmas - I would be very glad to hear from anyone who could help with music during Christmas. We could be very shorthanded this year.

Posada – Making Room for Jesus this Christmas – Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib. Modern day Posada uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from place to place. This gives each ‘host’ the chance to create their own celebration in their home or place in the community, worshipping and reaching out to their communities with the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in their lives. Our church has chosen to engage with Posada this year. Will you be a host to Mary and Joseph for a night? To find out what is involved, see the poster at the back of church. The list for hosting the Posada statue during Advent is now at the back of the church. Please fill in your name and address for the date you would like. If you want to be a host, be sure to add your name to the Journey Rota by 26th November.

Union of Catholic Mothers - The time has come for us to prepare for our seasonal stalls and raffle, which the parish has always supported with generosity. We would be very pleased to receive any unwanted gifts or items suitable for sale or the raffle. We shall have gift and craft stalls, and a cake stall nearer the time. A box will be placed at the back of the church to receive your kind donations. Many thanks, from the Union of Catholic Mothers.

Working with Missionaries of the Poor - Fr Michael Johnstone is again taking a group to Kingston, Jamaica in January to work as Volunteers with the Missionaries of the Poor. Anyone age over 18, male or female, is welcome to join the group. Further information from Fr. Michael: fr.mcjohnstone@tesco.net or on 01328 823586.

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