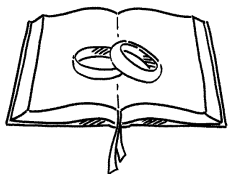


GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



To Love and To Cherish - This week's gospel text is one of the most heatedly debated passages in scriptures. "What God has joined together, no human being must separate." These are tough words for those who cannot make their marriage work. Yet the gospel is more about the hardness in man's heart than an instruction on marriage and divorce.

At the time Jesus spoke these words divorce was permitted. It was a man's prerogative to 'dismiss' his wife for little reason. The wife was very much a disposable possession. It was this attitude that Jesus abhors in his answer to the Pharisees. In a world where marriage was taken lightly because divorce was managed easily, Jesus condemned the hardness in men's hearts and called them to look at God's plan that from the beginning of creation male and female should become one.

Of course, we don't hold the same attitudes today, or do we? Sadly, the answer is yes. We are surrounded by quick fix relationships, couples that only stay together while the going is good; couples that promise nothing and make no commitment; couples that are in it only for what they can get.

Marriages fail for all sorts of reasons, not always anyone's fault - this is a reality. It is hard to imagine that God would want us to stay in a marriage where we were the subject of abuse or real misery, but what we know for sure is that we shouldn't enter into the sacrament of marriage with the attitude that it is simply a contract with a let-out clause if things go wrong. We enter marriage believing it to be a relationship in which we can love and cherish.

Bitesize – "To be wronged is nothing unless you continue to remember it." ~ Confucius



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 Safeguarding – <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/safeguarding/>
 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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7TH OCTOBER 2018 – 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B

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

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 6 th Oct.	6.00 pm	27 th Sunday in Ord. Time [Parish Mass Book p141]	Donor's Int. Osyth Hawke (*Fdn.) People of the Parish
Sun. 7 th Oct.	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Mon. 8 th Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Donor's Int.
Tues. 9 th Oct.	-	Feria	No Mass today – PP's day off
Weds. 10 th Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Donor's Int.
Thurs. 11 th Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Donor's Int.
Fri. 12 th Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Donor's Int.
Sat. 13 th Oct.	-	Feria	No morning Mass
Sat. 13 th Oct.	6.00 pm	28 th Sunday in Ord. Time	Elaine Smith Donor's Int. People of the Parish
Sun. 14 th Oct.	9.00 am 11.00 am		

Music for 27th Sunday in Ord. Time – *Setting: New People's Mass*
Entry: 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 833 – O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray ...
Psalm: 11am sung *R.*: *May the Lord bless us, may the Lord protect us, all the days, all the days of our life.*
Offertory: Hymn 842 – Come back to me with all your heart ...
Recessional: 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 341 – Sing of Mary, pure and lowly ...

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: Reginald Rayner, Richard Hayter, Josepha Hart, Maud Juby, John Pearson, Sheila Flanagan, Joe Stasiorowski, Nellie Pinchbeck, David Jones, Sylvia Remmen and Pat Rushton. *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 01326 694066.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for: David Peek, Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Anna Thompson, Peter Gormans, Sarah Chaudri, Rita Smith, Carol Whitesides, Mabel (Teddy) O'Donnell and Catherine (Kay) Garrard.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering of £470.98 last weekend for the day-to-day maintenance of our parish. There is a **retiring collection** after all Masses this weekend for **the CAFOD Family Fast Day** which took place on Friday, 5th October.

GDPR – Thank you to everyone who has returned the General Data Protection Regulation information/consent form. May I ask those who have yet to do so, to please fill it in and return it to me as soon as you can. More forms are available at the back of the church.

Annual Mass Count – The first of two annual head counts will take place this weekend. The second count will take place next weekend.

Diary Dates for this week -		
Sun. 7 th Oct.	Walsingham Annual Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life, led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald. See the poster at the back of church for more details.	
Tues. 9 th Oct.	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room
Weds. 10 th Oct.	11.00am	UCM monthly meeting – Emmaus Room
Weds. 10 th Oct.	7.30pm	Parish Finance Committee meets - Presbytery
Sat. 13 th Oct.	11.00 - 11.30am	Saturday Club – Emmaus Room

Red Missionary Boxes – A reminder to bring in your red missionary boxes for counting if you have not already done so. Thank you.

Diocesan Charismatic Renewal Day – You are warmly invited to a Day of Renewal on **Saturday, 13th October**, led by Gemma Wildesmith, full time Catholic Lay Evangelist and head of Celebrated youth work. The day includes Holy Mass, prayer ministry and Reconciliation and is **at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 322 Woodbridge Road, Ipswich IP4 4BD**. Drinks provided. Packed lunch needed. For more information see poster or contact Philip on 07910157584

Prisons' Week – Next Sunday is the start of Prisons' Week, during which we are asked to pray for prisoners and their families. There will be a retiring collection for the Prisons Advice and Care Trust.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children – The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children has produced postcards so that you can send a message to your MP urging him/her to vote against a dangerous abortion bill which is coming up in the House of Commons on Tuesday, 23rd October 2018. The bill seeks to decriminalise abortion which would remove any effective legal protection for unborn babies and their mothers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Postcards are on the table at the back of church.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is to make a formal visit to St. John's Cathedral while on a Visitation to the Norwich Diocese during November. It will be at **12.00 noon on Wednesday, 7th November**. There will be a brief liturgy and a welcome from Bishop Alan. The theme of the Archbishop's visit will be Reconciliation. Everybody is welcome to attend.



Month of the Holy Rosary - The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is because the liturgical Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. Pray the Rosary this month for world peace.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for October 2018 - We have lots of wonderful churches filled with faithful disciples who are doing their best to bring Jesus' teaching into a secular world. But there are also very many churches who have no vision outside their doors and no compassion for anyone knocking on those doors. It's the responsibility of all of us, to make sure that the Church is about making Jesus' mission a reality. Sometimes this is just about a shift in agenda. This month Pope Francis invites us to join in his prayer intention "... **That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.**"



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.