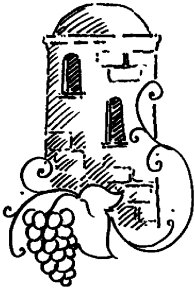


GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Cornerstone - What happens when we forget that our lives are a gift from God? What happens when we forget that human-kind is God's creation? What happens when we forget that the planet we live on belongs to God?

Today's parable describes a land owner who leaves tenants in charge of his vineyard. But at harvest time the tenants refuse to pay their rent, failing to recognise the landowner's authority and killing the servants and even the son who are sent for the rent. The tenants appear to have forgotten that the vineyard belongs to the landowner. The tenants had come to believe that they could make up their own rules. They had forgotten that they were accountable. They had certainly forgotten that they had been given responsibilities and entrusted with stewardship.

God is still master of the 'vineyard', and we are the new tenants to whom the welfare of the vineyard has been passed on. The parable was originally targeted at the Pharisees, but for us too, the parable demands some degree of self-examination. We might think of ourselves as good people, but like the first tenants, do we constantly fight shy of accountability? Over the years we each develop our own individual code of conduct. Perhaps we begin to feel that as long as we are living by some kind of moral code we no longer need to be accountable. We begin to imagine that 'being accountable', is just for those who go round getting things wrong. Living by self-made standards is all well and good, but if we do this are we in danger of forgetting about the very high standards that God has set for us.

What happens when we forget that Christ is our cornerstone? When we make up our own rules with little thought for Jesus' teachings, the chances are we will fall a long way short of what God expects. Today's invitation is to raise the bar, step up to the mark, and recognise Christ as our cornerstone.

Bite Size – "Accountability separates the wishers in life from the action-takers that care enough about their future to account for their daily actions." ~ *John Di Lemme*

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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8TH OCTOBER 2017 – 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses – Page 137 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Donor's Int.
Sunday	9.00 am	Int. John Merrick (*Fdn.)
	11.00 am	Int. People of the Parish

Music for Sunday Masses - *Setting: New People's Mass (Dom Gregory Murray)*

Entry 6pm – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 764 – Colours of day dawn into the mind ...

Offertory Hymn 708 – Holy God, we praise thy name ...

Communion *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*

Recessional 11am – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 767 – Majesty, worship his Majesty ...

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

Weekday Mass Times (27th week in Ordinary Time) [*Psalter Week 3*]

Mon.	10.00 am	Feria – Int. Elaine Smith
Tues.	No Mass today	Feria
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds.	10.00 am	Feria – Int. Una O'Dwyer
Thurs.	10.00 am	Feria – Donor's Int.
Fri.	10.00 am	Feria – Donor's Int.
Sat.	10.30 am	Feria – Donor's Int.
	6.00 pm	28 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Donor's Int.

*Fdn. = Foundation Mass

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

Anniversaries this week: Maud Juby, John Pearson, Sheila Flanagan, Joe Stasiowski, 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 (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, Rita Smith, Eileen Brockleby, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Margaret Leggett, Peter Brown, Robert Anderson and Carole Whitesides .

Money Matters – The collection for the day-to-day running of the parish last weekend amounted to: £497.89. Thank you for your generosity.

Diary Dates for this week –	
Weds. 11 Oct.	UCM monthly meeting – 11.00am in Emmaus Room
Fri. 13 Oct.	Altar Servers meet – 7.15-8.15pm in Emmaus Room
Sat. 14 Oct.	Saturday Club meets – 11.00am in Emmaus Room

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Collection - There is a retiring collection today in aid of CAFOD’s Harvest Fast Day, which took place on Friday, 6th October. There are envelopes available at the back of church for your use and if you are a UK tax payer, don’t forget to fill out the Gift Aid section and enclose it with your gift.

Annual October Mass Count – The annual Mass count takes place over four weekends in October beginning this weekend. Volunteers required.

Calling all musicians! - We’re looking to expand the music and choir here at Dereham, and so whoever can sing, play an instrument at any level, or want to take part are more than welcome. It all helps us do so much more with the music liturgy, including singing the psalms, cantoring, and bringing a richer texture to the Mass. Please contact the Music Leader, Michael, via email address on front of the newsletter.

Prisoners’ Week – Prisoners’ Week begins this Sunday, 8th October, during which we are asked to pray for prisoners and their families.

Day of Renewal on Saturday, 14th October at Bowthorpe Church Centre, Norwich NR5 9AA – Led by a team from the Little Way Healing Ministries based at Clare Priory. Drinks provided. Bring a packed lunch. See the poster for more details.

For sale at £1 each, retractable ball point pens with the Parish name on them. They also have a very useful silicone stylus for use with your mobile phone or tablet.

Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and all night vigil - This Diocesan event takes place on **Friday October 27th** starting from Norwich Castle Mound at 8.00pm and processing from there to St John’s Cathedral. The theme of the vigil is 'The Dignity and Sanctity of All Human Life'. Groups of young people (secondary school age and upwards) from different parishes across the diocese are invited to lead reflections on the hour throughout the night. After the procession, the prayer vigil will begin with a short liturgy and the vigil will end at 8.00am the following morning. In the Narthex there will be activities which will be designed so young people can 'come and go' between prayer and activities. If they want to find a corner and have a little sleep, that's fine. There will also be refreshments available in the Narthex throughout the night. Any youth group wishing to take part is asked to contact the Diocesan Youth Service (Hamish MacQueen) at dys@east-angliadiocese.org.uk. **See the poster at the back of church.**



Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for October 2017 - As Christians and as workers, we are reminded on this day that we have an obligation to treat our brothers and sisters in Christ as true brothers and sisters. God did not create us in this world to be tyrants or thieves. He created us to love one another as Jesus loved us, to support one another, to encourage one another and to spiritually grow together. Each one of us needs to be valued in our workplace, in our homes and in our communities. Each one of us needs to have our efforts acknowledged whether paid or unpaid. This month we are invited to join in Pope Francis’ prayer intention, “**...That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.**”

Pope Francis’ Call to Support Myanmar’s Rohingya Muslims - Catholics have been urged to take up Pope Francis’ call for prayer and action to support Myanmar’s Rohingya Muslims. The Rohingya are a predominantly Muslim minority in Western Myanmar (Burma) who have experienced decades of persecution. Violence in recent weeks has killed hundreds and driven more than 300,000 from their homes. The hope is that Catholics will take up Pope Francis’ call for solidarity with the Rohingya, both through prayer and supporting initiatives such as the **emergency UNHCR appeal** to help the hundreds of thousands who have been forced to flee their homes.

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**