

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Out of the Mouths of Babes

How often do we laughingly say, “...Out of the mouths of babes!” We usually say it when one of the junior members of our family has stated a glaring or embarrassing truth. To children the truth is black and white, but the older we get the more we tend to complicate issues that really ought to be very simple. Perhaps we want to dress up the truth with our own interpretations. Perhaps we want to disguise truths that make us feel uncomfortable. Whatever the reasons, as we get older the truth is harder for us to recognise.

Today Jesus criticizes the religious leaders who over complicate the law. Jesus was concerned for those people at the bottom of the social heap who could not live up to the six hundred and thirteen commandments of the Jewish law. Jesus’ intention was not to do away with the law, but he could not support the lawyers who spent their time manufacturing new and insufferable burdens for broken people. To the broken people Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

The demands of the twenty first century puts many challenges our way, and we spend a lot of our time juggling priorities and trying to live our lives by more than one agenda. Our lives are complicated and overly burdened. We look for the solutions to our problems in lifestyle magazines and in bottles of pills no longer able to recognise simple truths. Why don’t we look more to God for solutions? God wants us all to have peace and fulfilment; all we have to do is to yield to God’s agenda. The smallest child knows the difference between what is important and what is not. Why can’t we?

When Jesus says, “My burden is light,” he does not mean that Christianity is an easy way out ... he simply means that his demands aren’t weighed down with rules and regulations that we aren’t capable of meeting. “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

**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>  
Daily liturgy website: [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

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## 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017 – 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (SEA SUNDAY)

### Sunday Masses – Page 99 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Int. Rev. Peter Barr
Sunday	9.00 am	Int. People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Int. Maria de los Angeles Coto

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

Entry 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 475 – Here in this place ...

Offertory Hymn 862 – He who would valiant be ...

Communion Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...

Recessional 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 963 – Eternal Father, strong to save ...

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

Weekday Mass Times	(14 <sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time)	[Psalter Week 2]
Mon. 10.00 am	Feria – Int. Holy Souls	
Tues. <b>No Mass today</b>	St. Benedict, Patron of Europe	
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds. 10.00 am	Feria – Int. Holy Souls	
Thurs. 10.00 am	Feria – Int. Madeline Lambert	
Fri. 10.00 am	Feria – Donor’s Int.	
Sat. 10.30 am	St. Bonaventure – Donor’s Int.	
	6.00 pm	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Int. Rev. Ernest Diggory

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

**Anniversaries this week:** Edward Clare, Doris Eden, Kay Vincent and Dennis Crossland Mallam. *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, Pat Howe, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Margaret Leggett, Peter Brown, James Maxwell, Robert Anderson and Mrs. Carole Whitesides.

**Money Matters** – The collection for the maintenance of the parish last weekend amounted to £482.63. Thank you for your generosity. **There is a retiring collection today in aid of the Apostleship of the Sea.**

Diary Dates for this week –	
Mon. 10 <sup>th</sup> Jul	AA Group meets – 7.30pm in Emmaus Room
Weds. 12 <sup>th</sup> Jul	UCM meets – * <b>12noon</b> in Emmaus Room, followed by a garden visit to Wendling at 1.30pm. (Members may bring a packed lunch to eat during the meeting if they wish.) * <b>Please note the later start time.</b>
Fri. 14 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Confirmation Candidates meet – 7.15pm in Emmaus Room
Sat. 15 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Saturday Club is now on summer holidays.

**Welcome to our visitors** - Summer is here and a steady stream of visitors have been attending Mass here in the past few weeks. You are very welcome and we all hope that you enjoy celebrating Mass with us here in Dereham and that you enjoy the beautiful county of Norfolk.

**Altar Servers** - please note that you are needed for the Confirmation Mass on July 20th at 7.00 pm. You should be here by 6.30 pm at the latest so that you can be instructed on what you need to do during the Mass.

**Saturday morning Mass during the holidays** - I propose to cancel the Saturday morning Mass at 10.30 am during the holidays as very few, if any, people attend it. I will restore it when the Catechism classes resume in the Autumn. This means that volunteers are needed to prepare the church for Sunday Mass by putting out the chairs, books, etc. Do we need to compose a list? All offers of help will be gratefully welcomed.

**Sea Sunday: 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today’s retiring collection is for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church’s official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and

remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. To donate online please visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

**Social Committee** – Volunteers are sought to join the social committee which is being reformed. Anyone interested please ring Anne Sibley on 01362 692030, who would be happy to chat about what it would involve.

**Ignite** - The Diocesan Youth Service wishes to appoint new members of the Ignite Team - These are full-time positions, with accommodation offered, sharing the Gospel Message in schools and parishes, in a way young people can relate to. This includes using music, drama and tech. Ideal as a 'gap' year. Please see [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth) for more information.

**Youth 2000 Summer Festival! “Inheritance”:** 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2017 – Looking for something to do this summer? Youth 2000 Summer Festival is a 5-day Prayer Festival packed with DYNAMIC TALKS from international speakers, LIVE BAND WORSHIP, powerful prayer times, FUN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, creative workshops, IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS, evening entertainment and LOADS MORE. For more info. Contact: [info@youth2000.org](mailto:info@youth2000.org) ; Tel: 020 7221 2124; or [www.youth2000.org](http://www.youth2000.org)

**Catholic Grandparents Pilgrimage to Walsingham** - The annual Catholic Grandparents Pilgrimage will be held at the National Catholic Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**. For further enquiries regarding the Catholic Grandparents Association please contact us by email: [cga@walsingham.org.uk](mailto:cga@walsingham.org.uk) or call us on Tel: 01328 820 217.

**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: email [fr.mcjohnstone@gmail.com](mailto:fr.mcjohnstone@gmail.com) or Tel. 01603 664118.

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“You are a human being. You have rights inherent in that reality. You have dignity and worth that exists prior to law.” ~ *Lyn Beth Neylon*

#### ***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**