

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Winning Side

Is Satan real, or is Satan a name we give to personify evil? Is sin real, or is sin a name the teachers of yester-year gave to the mistakes and poor choices we make in our weaker moments?

In today's gospel, Jesus asks us to confront Satan and take a long hard look at sin. There is one thing about Satan that is fairly certain. He probably won't ever turn up wearing a red cloak and carrying a pitchfork. Satan will meet us with attractive choices in our weakest moments. Satan will play down our sins and help us justify our poor choices. At our poorest and most desperate it might become easy to steal, especially if we dress it up as 'borrowing'. In our loneliest moments it might become easy to give in to an affair, especially if we dress it up as a 'harmless fling' or an 'open relationship'. In our most insecure moments it becomes easy to give in to gossip and malice, after all, what harm can words do? We might be able to make excuses for our poor decisions, but that doesn't make those decisions any less sinful.

The consequences of sin are far reaching. Selling one's soul to the devil might be the stuff of Hollywood films, but sin really does change us. Once we have justified a sin, it becomes easier to sin again. Once we have justified a poor decision our conscience grows mute. Before we know it, we are not the people we once were. We really have sold out to the devil.

The good news is, that by being on Jesus' side, we can overcome Satan's power. Sin doesn't have to define us. The past does not have to equal the future. In fact, remembering how low sin made us feel can give us that all important focus in resisting sin in the future. One day Satan's defeat will be final. In the meantime, we need to ask forgiveness for our sins and make sure we are firmly on the winning side.

Bitesize - "He who doeth evil steals from his own soul." ~ James Lendall Basford



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>
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10th JUNE 2018 – 10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses [<i>Parish Mass Book p92</i>]		Intentions
Saturday, 9 th June	6.00 pm	Paul Hirons
Sunday, 10 th June	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Lily Beatty

Music for Sunday Masses - *Setting: The Belmont Mass*
Entry: 6pm – *Angelus (said)*. Hymn 865 – I, the Lord of sea and sky ...
Psalm R.: (11am sung) – *With the Lord there is mercy and fulness of redemption*
Offertory: Hymn 881 – God of day and God of darkness ...
Communion: *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*
Recessional: 11am – *Angelus (said)*. Hymn 934 – Dear Lord and Father of mankind

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

Weekday Masses [# week of year – Psalter Week #]			Intentions
Mon.	10.00 am	St Barnabas	Donor's Int.
Tues.	No Mass today	Feria	
Weds.	10.00 am	St Anthony of Padua	UCM Int.
Thurs.	10.00 am	Feria	Josephine Goodwin
Fri.	10.00 am	Feria	Ernest Diggory & Peter Barr
Sat.	10.30 am	Feria	Vera Green
	6.00 pm	11 th Sunday in Ord. Time (Day for Life)	Tony Harmer

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

Anniversaries this week: Barry Williams, Francis McCarthy, Arthur & Marguerite Dunkley, Vincent Stewart, Maria Gay, Ellen Whitehead, Thomas Day, Cardinal Basil Hume, Tony Harmer and Claudinette Barbas. *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.

Data Protection: The new **General Data Protection Regulation** under the Data Protection Act has come into force with which the Diocese and all the parishes must comply on how we contact people and how we store information. We need people’s permission to do so. With regard to the Sick List in the bulletin, we must have the people’s permission to include their names on the list. And with regard to the Parish Prayer Request Book, please do not put people’s full name or sign your intention. Christian names or First names only. There will be a new sheet printed for parishioners to fill in to give their consent to be included and all forms for Catechism classes, Marriage and Baptism forms, Gift Aid and also the 130 Club (including consent to publishing winners’ names). In short, a box giving consent for the information to be held must be ticked. Here all our registers are kept in a fireproof strong room and securely. I hope that the U.C.M, and the S.V.P will take care of their own membership. We must also look at Rotas etc. and contact details given there.

Money Matters – Thank you for last week’s collection for the parish, which came to £459.95. **Next weekend** (16th/17th June), there will be a second collection for the work of Life Charities.

130 Club Draw for May 2018 – The May draw has taken place and the winning ticket numbers were: 1st Prize - £20 – No.116; 2nd Prize £15 – No. 51; 3rd Prize £10 – No. 143; 4th Prize £10 – No. 137 and 5th Prize £10 – No. 33. Winners will be notified.

Diary Dates for this week –		
Tues. 12 th June	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group, in Emmaus Room
Weds. 13 th June	11.00am	UCM meets, in Emmaus Room
Sat. 16 th June	11.00am	Saturday Club meets, in Emmaus Room

Parking at the church. It was mentioned at last Sunday’s meeting that there must be enough room for an ambulance to be able to get to the front door of the church during Sunday Masses. With this in mind, it would be greatly appreciated if cars were parked in a more considerate way each Saturday evening and Sunday morning and if cars were parked a bit more closely there would be more room for everyone. Some cars straddle two spaces. Mine is in the garage!

Gift Aid – At the parish meeting last Sunday, it was noted that if a parishioner was not a tax payer but their spouse was, then it was in order for the spouse to make the declaration to gift aid their Sunday offerings. Anyone wishing to join the Parish Gift Aid Scheme is asked to contact the organiser, Rex Baker.

International Lunch, Sunday, 8th July – The Social Committee has realised that the date for our international lunch on Sunday, 8th July is the same date as the First Holy Communion, which was not known when the hall was booked. There is a list at the back of church for this, if you would like to be a part of it. However, if numbers are insufficient, we may either have to choose another date or cancel, so for those not involved with 1st Communion or those who may want to enjoin with us, please put your names down this or next weekend. We are willing to make a joint 1st Communion do for those with smaller families.

Diocesan Summer Camp 2018 – See the poster at the back of church for details. Application forms available. Email: diocesansummercamp@gmail.com

National Grandparents Pilgrimage - Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Sunday, 22nd July 2018, led by Bishop Alan Hopes. See the poster at the back of church for more details.

Step into the Gap (CAFOD Gap Year) - Step into the Gap, CAFOD’s gap year programme, is an opportunity to volunteer in the UK, gain experience, develop leadership skills and visit CAFOD partners and the communities CAFOD works with. Applications are open for a September 2018 start, but places are filling up fast. Please email cjones@cafod.org.uk to register your interest and find out more.

St. Anthony of Padua, 13th June - "The man who is filled with the Holy Spirit speaks in different languages. These different languages are different ways of witnessing to Christ, such as humility, poverty, patience, and obedience; we speak in those languages when we reveal in ourselves these virtues to others." - sermon by St. Anthony

The Angelus

Ÿ. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. **R.** *And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.*
Hail Mary ...

Ÿ. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. **R.** *Be it done unto me according to thy word.*
Hail Mary ...

Ÿ. And the Word was made Flesh. **R.** *And dwelt among us.* Hail Mary ...

Ÿ. 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.*