

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow - We 'know not the hour nor the day', and when death finally catches us out we can all too often be filled with regrets and 'if-onlys'. "If only," we say after the death of a loved one if only we'd spared our ageing parents more time. If only we'd made up that old family rift. If only we'd told our children

that we loved them. And what of the deceased themselves? Every day people die unexpectedly. Every day people die in road accidents, as the result of violent crime, sudden illness or as the result of natural disaster. Thousands of people wake up every morning not suspecting that this day might be their last. Death is the final curtain by which time we must be prepared to meet our maker. It's a message we've heard over and over so why don't we heed it?

Life is full of deadlines. We have deadlines by which we must finish essays, complete projects, submit job applications, apply for loans or make payments. Life is always demanding we make preparations Preparations for work, for exams, for holidays, for visitors, for weddings, birthdays and a hundred and one other occasions. But for the greatest test of all, that of meeting our maker we are curiously unprepared. Deep down we all know that we could be better Christians. Deep down we know there are things that we should be getting round to, but somehow we never do. Those great deeds we are planning can always wait until tomorrow, after all, unexpected death is only something that happens to other people isn't it?

The five foolish virgins in today's gospel were caught wanting. When the bridegroom they were awaiting arrived unexcitedly in the middle of the night, they were caught unprepared their lamps empty. In a panic they tried to borrow oil from the five wise virgins, but the five wise virgins were unable to help. The message here is that we cannot borrow our way into heaven; we can only enter the kingdom by our own merits. Not to be caught out in the same way, today's gospel promotes urgency. We must not put off until tomorrow what we can do today. If we are making the most of opportunities to do good as and when they arise if we are making the right choices and living our lives conscientiously on a daily basis if we are living every day as though it were our last, then we have no need to fear the unexpected.

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>
Daily liturgy website: www.universalis.com

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12TH NOVEMBER 2017 – 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses – Page 152 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Int. Thelma Jones (Kendall)
Sunday	9.00 am	Int. People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Requiem Mass for the dead of the two World Wars and subsequent conflicts, preceded by two minutes silence at the beginning of Mass

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

Entry 6pm – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 969 – Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy ...

Offertory Hymn 643 – Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered ...

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	(32 nd week in Ordinary Time)	[Psalter Week 4]
Mon. 10.00 am	Feria - Int. Eileen Monaghan	
Tues. No Mass today	Feria	
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds. 10.00 am	Feria – Int. Fr. Bill Mason	
Thurs. 10.00 am	Feria – Int. Brendan Seal	
Fri. 12.00 noon	Requiem Mass for deceased Deanery clergy at St John's Cathedral, Norwich	
Sat. 10.30 am	Feria – Int. Kathleen Meehan	
	6.00 pm	33 rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Int. Fr David Mellor

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

Anniversaries this week: Nora Teresa Holliday, Fred Moorcroft, Harry Dyer, Hilda Baldry, Pat Westall, Pamela O’Kane, Tommy Durkan and Andree Whitlam. *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, Carole Whitesides, Doris Hipper, Janet Yardley, Josie Myhill, John McWilliams and Mary Cawley.

Money Matters – The collection for the day-to-day maintenance of the parish last weekend amounted to £434.93 and during October £537.00 was donated by standing order. The collection for St. Edmunds Fund came to £115.66. Thank you for your generosity. **NB. Anyone with a collection box at home for the St Edmunds Fund, could you please bag up your donations and bring them in for sending off to the Diocese but retain your collection boxes.**

Diary Dates for this week –	
Fri. 17 th Nov.	Altar Servers meeting – 7.15 – 8.15pm in Emmaus Room.
Sat. 18 th Nov.	Saturday Club meets - 11.00am in Emmaus Room

Deanery Meeting. The Norwich Deanery Meeting takes place at St. John's on Friday, hence no Mass here. There is a concelebrated Mass at 12.00 noon at the Cathedral for all the deceased clergy of the Deanery. The names of the deceased clergy are read at the Mass.

Mass Intentions. Please note that all Sunday Masses till the end of the year have now been booked. Any new Mass intentions will have to be said at weekday Mass. Some of these intentions have been requested months ago. I apologise to anyone who may be disappointed.

Red Missionary Boxes - It is time once again for donations to the Red Missionary Boxes to be counted and the money sent off to Missio (APF). So please will you bring your boxes to church over the next two Sundays, so that there can be another count and the monies sent to Missio. Thank you.

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.

World Youth Day 2019 - The Diocese is taking a group from East Anglia, joining with thousands of other young Catholics from across the world, for a week of pilgrimage culminating in Mass with Pope Francis. Come and find out more at our launch in Newmarket Parish Centre (14 Exeter Rd., CB8 8LT) on Youth Sunday 26th November starting at 1pm (please bring a packed lunch) and ending at 4:30pm after Mass. You need to be 17+ by September 1st 2018 to be eligible to come. Warning, World Youth Day has changed people’s lives and could change yours!

Red Wednesday: 22nd November – Red Wednesday is a national initiative to highlight the persecution of Christians and to raise the profile of religious freedom. Churches and cathedrals across the country will be lit in red as a sign of solidarity with Christian martyrs, including Westminster Cathedral. Masses will be celebrated and prayers said for the persecuted church. In Norwich, our own Catholic cathedral will be lit up in red and Bishop Alan Hopes will be celebrating Mass at 7.00pm. In addition, the Catholic National Shrine in Walsingham will also be lit up in red. *See the poster at the back of church for more information.*

Advent Retreats at Clare Priory – 1st-3rd December 2017: An opportunity to prepare for Christmas through prayer and reflection, led by Sr Frances More; and **8th-10th December 2017:** God has spoken to us through his Son (Hebrews 1: 1-6). On this weekend we explore the humanity of Jesus, reading the letter to the Hebrews, led by Dr Kieran O’Mahony OSA. Cost £145 (residential) each retreat. To book: Tel: Kathy Reddick, 01787 277326, email clarepriory@clarepriory.net. *See the poster at the back of church.*

Annual UCM Christmas Fayre will be held over three weekends, beginning on the 18th/19th November. We would be most grateful to have items donated such as unwanted gifts or anything that is saleable, craft works, preserves, toys in good condition, etc. Please place your donations in the boxes provided at the back of church.

Bite Size – “You may delay, but time will not.” ~ Benjamin Franklin

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**