

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### Jesus' Prayer for Us

Today we hear of Jesus' prayer for us. As Jesus was sent, so too we are sent to continue his mission and spread his love. Key to continuing Jesus' mission we are told that although we are of this world we must not to be possessed or tied down by worldly concerns.

How should it feel to be entrusted with such an important job? Well for most of us, it is something we don't think about nearly enough. We are told not to let the world tie us down, but that's most definitely easier said than done. In truth we are very much of this world. We spend most of our lives worrying about work, money, illness, relationships and commitments. It's very hard to rise above worldly concerns. In fact, for most of us it just seems impossible.

On this Sunday we celebrate World Communication Day, and it feels a timely opportunity to consider the task we have been set. The first disciples continued Jesus' mission without planes, trains, without a postal service, without TV or radio and without the internet. Yet thanks to these early disciples we know Jesus' name throughout the entire globe two thousand years down the line. We have a much easier job than the early disciples had. Now all we need is a little bit of their drive and passion. So how can we capture some of that motivation?

For most of us, the day to day job of putting meals on the table takes up more of our time than the vital job of continuing Jesus' mission. Yet we all know someone who manages to strike that all important balance. We all know at least one person who sets a shining example. Perhaps it's here that we will find our motivation. Perhaps the people we most admire provide us with a model of who we ourselves would like to be. With a good example to emulate and our twenty first century means to spread God's love, change is not beyond any of us.



**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](http://www.universalis.com)

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### 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018 - 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday Masses [Parish Mass Book p273]		Intentions
Saturday, 12 <sup>th</sup> May	6.00 pm	Mona Murphy (Fdn.)
Sunday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00 am	Donor's Int.
	11.00 am	People of the Parish

**Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: New People's Mass (Dom Gregory Murray)**  
**Entry:** 6pm – Regina Coeli (said). Hymn 271 – Battle is o'er, hell's armies flee ...  
**Psalm Response:** (11am sung) – The Lord has set his sway in heaven.  
**Offertory:** Hymn 627 – This is my body, broken for you ...  
**Recessional:** 11am – Regina Coeli (said). Hymn 764 – Colours of day dawn into the mind ...

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

Weekday Masses [7 <sup>th</sup> week of Easter - Psalter Week 3]		Intentions
Mon.	10.00 am	ST. MATTHIAS, Apostle Albert Foley (Fdn.)
Tues.	<b>No Mass today</b>	Easter Feria
Weds.	10.00 am	Easter Feria Bridget Murphy
Thurs.	10.00 am	Easter Feria Helen Coyne (Fdn.)
Fri.	10.00 am	Easter Feria Donor's Int.
Sat.	10.30 am	Easter Feria Donor's Int.
	6.00 pm	PENTECOST. Solemnity Josephine Goodwin

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:** Margaret Kingsbury, Paul Theocleous, Henry Westcott, Noel Kenneth Daly, John Conway and Esther Power. *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:** David Peek, Robert Nicol, Shirley Liebenhals, Sarah Chaudri, Anne & Derek Williams, Rita Smith, Eileen Brockleby, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Margaret Leggett, Robert Anderson, Carole Whitesides, Janet Yardley, Mary Cawley, Ken Summerford, Anna Thompkins, Andre Kanssen and Francis Buxton.

**Money Matters** – Thank you for last Sunday's collection for the maintenance of our parish which amounted to £540.99. This weekend there is a retiring collection for the Catholic Communications Network.

The **Lenten Alms** from the Diocese this year amounted to £6,224.53 for Aid to the Church in Need and the Medaille Trust each.

**130 Club Draw for March 2018** – Quarterly Prize £25 – Joy Bussey; 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £20 – Michelle Salter; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize 15 – Kathleen Edmunds; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10 – Edna Perrin; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Liam Dunne; 5<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Penny Howell.

Diary Dates for this week –		
Mon. 14 <sup>th</sup> May	2.00pm	Mother Teresa’s Knitting Group, in Emmaus Room. New members always welcome.
Tues. 15 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group, in Emmaus Room
Fri. 18 <sup>th</sup> May	7.15pm – 8.15pm	Altar Servers meet, in Emmaus Room
Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am	Saturday Club meets, in Emmaus Room

**Open Parish Meeting: Sunday, June 3rd following the 11.00am Mass.** We will follow the usual format of Midday Prayer, Lunch and Meeting. The agenda will include the Financial report and all the other reports will be available to read. Items for the agenda should be sent to me or, if you prefer, to Elaine Wilkes. The list for lunch is at the back of the church.


**World Communications Day 2018** – The Catholic Church celebrates World Communications Day on 13 May 2018. It's a day when we pray for those who work in the media and have a second collection after Mass to support the Church's important work in this area. Pope Francis, in his message for communications day, focuses on **'Fake News and Journalism for Peace'**. *Peace is the true news:* "The best antidotes to

falsehoods are not strategies, but people: people who are not greedy but ready to listen, people who make the effort to engage in sincere dialogue so that the truth can emerge; people who are attracted by goodness and take responsibility for how they use language. If responsibility is the answer to the spread of fake news, then a weighty responsibility rests on the shoulders of those whose job is to provide information, namely, journalists, the protectors of news." *From Pope Francis' World Communications Day Message*

**Children’s Pilgrimage to Walsingham** – Our annual Children’s Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on **Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018**, which is during the school half-term holiday. The day will begin with a procession from the village at 10.45am, walking to the Shrine along the safe path (formerly the railway line), with pauses for prayer and hymns along the way. Mass will be celebrated at the Chapel of Reconciliation at 12 noon. Servers and musicians from the parish would be welcome. After a picnic at the shrine, we hope to finish the day on the beach at nearby Wells-next-the-Sea. It will be nice to see as many of our families as possible celebrating Mass together in this special place, with Bishop Alan, whose wish it is that as many parishes as possible will be represented. If you have not been involved in this wonderful event previously – this could be The Year! Our theme for the day is The Eucharist, so of extra significance to our First Communicants. Further details from Christine Storman, Tel: 01493 717121 or email: [chrissies18@hotmail.com](mailto:chrissies18@hotmail.com). Parishes are asked to advise if they are bringing a group as this enables them to be included in the Welcome and possibly involve them more in the day.

**For Our Younger Parishioners** - Remember our younger parishioners this week who are revising for exams. Remember to ask God for some help with those pre-exam nerves.

**Bitesize** – ‘You are not here merely to make a living. You are here to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, and with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world. You impoverish yourself if you forget this errand.’ ~ *Woodrow Wilson*

<b>In Eastertide, we recite REGINA COELI in place of the ANGELUS</b>	
 <p><i>Christ is Risen!</i></p>	Queen of heaven, rejoice, Alleluia. For he, whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia, Has risen as he said, Alleluia. Pray for us to God, Alleluia Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia. For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia.
	Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech you, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.