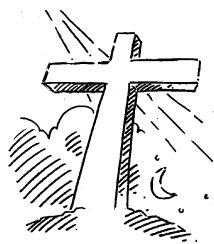


GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Weeding Life's Garden

St. Francis of Assisi was asked one day as he was weeding in the garden, "What would you do if you knew the world was about to end?" St. Francis replied, "Continue weeding my garden of course." The implication was that Francis didn't have to rush around like a headless chicken putting his house in order. Francis was already living his life in a state of readiness, and he had no need to worry himself about the end of the world.

Today we are told what it might be like at the end of time. There might be wars, earthquakes famines plagues and Christian persecution. In fact it doesn't sound too dissimilar to the state of affairs on our daily news programmes. Should we be concerned?

Jesus points to the end of history and declares that the future holds a time of reckoning. Like the disciples in today's reading, we are tempted to ask when that time might be, only to be told that it's something that shouldn't concern us. We mustn't listen to those who claim, "The end is nigh..." instead we must always focus on what there is left to do. The basic premise is that we should keep on doing right, regardless of the circumstances.

Like the people in today's gospel who were so pleased with their temple, we are often pleased with what we build up here on earth. Jesus takes the opportunity to point out that everything man made will come to an end. We would be much better off focusing not on a material agenda but in developing a faith that will endure great adversity.

If we are ready for God's final judgment then we shouldn't be afraid of anything that is ahead of us. Global disaster, wars and earthquakes should hold no terror if we trust completely in God. Our lives are like a garden filled with good things we must nurture, and bad things we must weed out. When the end of time comes, we must face our mortality as Francis suggests, weeding life's garden and living in readiness.

**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>

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**13TH NOVEMBER 2016 – 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Sunday Masses – Page 164 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Int. People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00 am	Int. Maria Giaquinto
	11.00 am	Int. The War Dead (Requiem)

Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: Dom Gregory Murray Mass

	6pm & 9am	11am
Entry	6pm - <i>Angelus (said)</i> ; Hymn 475	Hymn 938
Offertory	Hymn 886	Hymn 941
Recessional	Hymn 853	<i>Angelus (said)</i> ; Hymn 907

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

Weekday Mass Times (33rd week in Ordinary Time) [Psalter Week 1]

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.	No Mass today	Feria
Thurs.	10.00 am	Feria – Int. John Spencer & Family
Fri.	No Mass today	Feria
	5.45 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Silent Prayer
	6.15 pm	Evening Prayer (Vespers)
Sat.	10.30 am	Feria – Int. Michael Reavey
	6.00 pm	CHRIST THE KING – Donor's Int.

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, Andree Whitlam and Renée Howard. *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, Anna Thompkins, Michelle Smith, Rita Smith, Eileen Brockleby, Pat Howe, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Margaret Leggett, Ken May, Muriel Harmer and Peter Brown.

Money Matters – The collection for the parish last weekend was £438.22. The collection for St. Edmund’s Fund was £172.41. Thank you all very much. **Next Sunday** is Youth Day and there will be a retiring collection for the Diocesan Youth Service.

130 Club October Draw – 1st Prize £20 – Betty Reavey; 2nd Prize £15 – Colette Barrow-Nessian; 3rd Prize £10 – Paul Wade; 4th Prize £10 – Catherine Perkins; 5th Prize £10 – Pat Sutton.

Diary Dates for this week –

- Weds. 16th Nov. – UCM meets – 11.00am in Emmaus Room – for a demonstration of Christmas flower arranging.
- Fri. 18th Nov. – Confirmation Candidates meet – 7.15pm in Emmaus Room
- Sat. 19th Nov. – Saturday Club meets - 11.00am in Emmaus Room

Mass Times This Week – Please note the change in the usual schedule this week. This is because I will be attending the Ministry to Priests Programme at Clare Priory on Tuesday and Wednesday, and the Deanery Meeting with Mass for the deceased clergy of the Deanery at North Walsham on Friday.



Remembrance Sunday 2016 - 13th November - Remembrance Sunday is the second Sunday in November, the Sunday nearest to 11th November (13th November in 2016). Various concerts, church services and commemorative events take place across the land on this day to remember the men and women who gave their lives in combat. On this day we are asked to pray for all victims of war.

Inter-Faith Week - 13th-20th November - This week is all about an understanding between people of religious and nonreligious beliefs. Local groups are encouraged to mark the week through a range of activities such as dialogues, debates and talks; joint social action projects; interfaith sporting events; exchange visits between members of different places of worship; and social media interfaith awareness campaigns. A new Inter Faith Week Toolkit is available, which includes suggestions for marking the Week

with examples of the many successful activities held for previous Inter Faith Weeks, practical guidance and links to further information. To find out more about Inter Faith Week 2016 see the website at www.interfaithweek.org

Union of Catholic Mothers - Cake & Produce Stall – An appeal to all UCM members and other generous souls for cakes, jams and other produce to be sold on our stall next weekend – 19th and 20th November – after all Masses. The proceeds of this sale will go to charity. Mary Shutt will be in the Church from 4.45pm on Saturday 19th to receive any donations, or you can just bring them before the Mass you attend. Many thanks, in advance, for your kind generosity. **A reminder** that the UCM is also looking forward to receiving any unwanted gifts or items suitable for our seasonal fundraising stall/raffle. A box will be at the back of the church from this week.

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: fr.mcjohnstone@tesco.net or on 01328 823586.

Posada – Making Room for Jesus this Christmas – Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib. . Modern day Posada uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from place to place. This gives each ‘host’ the chance to create their own celebration in their home or place in the community, worshipping and reaching out to their communities with the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in their lives. Our church has chosen to engage with Posada this year. Will you be a host to Mary and Joseph for a night? To find out what is involved, see the poster at the back of church. The list for hosting the Posada statue during Advent is now at the back of the church. Please fill in your name and address for the date you would like. if you want to be a host, be sure to add your name to the Journey Rota by 26th November.

The Art of Dying Well – “*The Art of Dying Well*” is a new website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. It will launch in November – the traditional month of remembering and praying for the dead. Visit www.artofdyingwell.org. Prayer cards are available at the back of Church – please take one.

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“A man sooner or later discovers that he is the master-gardener of his soul, the director of his life.” ~ James Allen