

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE # SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Something To Live Up To

Have you ever had to live up to someone else's expectations? At first it can feel daunting, but the strange thing about great expectations, is that very often they have the power to transform us. Living up to raised expectations can make us into better people.

In today's gospel, Jesus meets Andrew's brother Simon. He looks at him and says, "You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas, meaning Rock." The new name must have filled Peter's friends with astonishment. "A rock" Peter certainly wasn't. Peter we know was a bit of a hot head. He was impulsive, rash, sometimes misguided and often passionate. To describe him as a 'rock' was surely inappropriate. Yet slowly and surely, Peter starts to live up to Jesus' expectations, and slowly but surely, Peter changes from a hot headed fisherman, into a steadfast leader of the Church. As we see so often in the Bible, Jesus' expectations have the power to transform.

By comparison, we seem to live our lives with fairly banal expectations. Our greatest ambition, as we wake each morning might be to pay off a mortgage or gain a promotion. Are we missing something? Is God calling us to greater things and we simply aren't listening?

For each of us God has a job to do. Of each of us God has great expectations. How do we hear God's calling? Do we listen to the world and the people around us? How do we respond to our calling? What are God's expectations of us? How must we change?

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"You can't go back and make a new start, but you can start right now and make a brand new ending." ~ James R. Sherman



**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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## 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018 – 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (PEACE SUNDAY)

### Sunday Masses – Page 127 of Parish Mass Book

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| Saturday | 6.00 pm  | Int. Bernard Warwick          |
| Sunday   | 9.00 am  | Int. The People of the Parish |
|          | 11.00 am | Int. Jim Tinney               |

**Music for Sunday Masses** - *Setting: New People's Mass, incl. Memorial Acclamation A.*

**Entry** 6pm – *Angelus (said); Hymn 877 – Will you come and follow me ...*

**Offertory** Hymn 865 – *I, the Lord of sea and sky ...*

**Communion** *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*

**Recessional** 11am – *Angelus (said); Hymn 945 – Now thank we all our God ...*

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

| Weekday Mass Times | (2 <sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time) | [Psalter Week 2]                                       |
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| Mon.               | <b>No Mass today</b>                    | Feria  |
| Tues.              | <b>No Mass today</b>                    | St. Furse  |
|                    | 7.30 pm                                 | Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room           |
| Weds.              | <b>No Mass today</b>                    | St. Anthony  |
| Thurs.             | <b>No Mass today</b>                    | Feria  |
| Fri.               | 10.00 am                                | Feria – Priest's Intention                             |
| Sat.               | 10.30 am                                | Feria – Donor's Int.                                   |
|                    | 6.00 pm                                 | 3 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 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:** Cicely Harvey, Louise Bennett, Ellen Carey, Lily Rawding, Nell Jones, Stanley Meadows, Amy Garvey, Arthur Longhurst and Frances Kelly. *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, Janet Yardley, Josie Myhill, Mary Cawley, Ken Summerford, Patrick McKenna, Anna Thompkins and Andre Hansen.

**Money Matters** – The collection for the maintenance of our parish last weekend amounted to £521.73 and the retiring collection for Building Bridges, the twin dioceses of Cambodia and the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem amounted to £140.73. Thank you very much for your generosity.

**130 Club December Draw** – Quarterly Prize £100 – Rose Fenton; 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £20 – Brenda Winandy; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15 – Ron Thurstance; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10 – Liam Dunne; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ian Howard; 5<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Lenny Frost.

| Diary Dates for this week – |  |
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| Weds. 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan. | 7.30pm – SVP Conference meeting in Emmaus Room |
| Sat. 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan.  | 11.00am – Saturday Club meets in Emmaus Room   |

**This Week** – I am on retreat until Friday and the Friday Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Michael Stack.

**Peace Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018: Extract from Pope Francis’ World Peace Day Message 2018 - Migrants and refugees: men and women in search of peace.** - The



wisdom of faith fosters a contemplative gaze that recognizes that all of us “belong to one family, migrants and the local populations that welcome them, and all have the same right to enjoy the goods of the earth.” When we turn that gaze to migrants and refugees, we discover that they do not arrive empty handed. They bring their courage, skills, energy and aspirations, as well as the treasures of their own cultures; and in this way, they enrich the lives of the nations that receive them. We also come to see the creativity, tenacity and spirit of sacrifice of the countless individuals, families and communities around the world who open their doors and hearts to migrants and refugees, even where resources are scarce.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18th-25th January - Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power** - The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. Christian Unity

is not only Jesus’ prayer for his disciples in the Church, it is his plan for the completion of his creation and the redemption of all humanity. So the barriers between Christians stand in the way of Christ’s will. This week is an invitation to involve ourselves in joint projects and campaigns in order to realise God’s ultimate plan for us.



**Music** – If you like to sing, or can play an instrument at any level, or would just like to help, please let us know. It all helps us do so much more with the music liturgy, including singing the psalms, and bringing a richer texture to the Mass. Please contact the Music Leader, Michael, via email address on front of the newsletter.

**Union of Catholic Mothers: Handbags for Homeless Women** - The members of the UCM would be very pleased if any ladies in the parish have handbags they could donate to a very worthy cause for homeless women. We were involved with this last Christmas together handbags with lots of useful items with a local lady who fills the items. We would like to collect as many bags to give her this year, then nearer Christmas we shall hope to be able to donate some money to fill them. So ladies, the larger the handbag the better. There will be a box under the table at the back of Church to where you can leave any bags throughout the year. Eventually the filled handbags will form part of Open Norwich Christmas. Thank you for your continued support.



**Repository** – A reminder that the church shop has a variety of religious items for sale – missals & bibles, mass cards, occasion cards and gifts, rosaries, statues, children’s books, candles, etc. The shop is open after weekend Masses and weekdays. Contact Peggy Mealy on 01362 288499 for any help.



**Lent 2018** – Lent begins on February 14<sup>th</sup>. During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be led by the various groups as usual. I have ordered the new Paschal Candle for this year already!

### 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** >