

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Who Is NOT My Neighbour? - Today a law student asks Jesus “Who is my neighbour?” he might just as well have asked, “Who is NOT my neighbour.” The law student was a Jew, and as such would only have considered fellow Jews as worthy of his neighbourly love. His loyalty to his own community would in itself have excluded those outside it. By asking Jesus “Who is my neighbour?” the lawyer is looking for excuses to withhold his love.



Are we sometimes guilty of the same transgression? We all agree in principle to Jesus’ commandment to love our neighbours, but then we rule all sorts of people out. How can we love and respect those who don’t show us any love or respect in return? How can we have sympathy for the benefit fraud, the drunk or the drug addict? How can we find any common ground with the refugee or the teenager upstairs who plays his music too loudly and at all times of the day? Jesus responds to the law student by telling the story of the ‘Good Samaritan’. That he chooses a Samaritan to be the hero of the story is no coincidence, since Jews had ongoing grievances against the Samaritans and their hostilities had long set them apart. The parable condemns non-involvement. How often do we refuse to be a ‘Good Samaritan’ because we fear for our own safety, or we are loath to spend money or time?

Regardless of who we perceive as our neighbours, and regardless of any excuses, today we are asked, “Can we truly keep the commandment that leads to eternal life?”

Bitesize - “If you want to make peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies.” ~ *Moshe Dayan, Israeli general & politician (1915 - 1981)*



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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14TH JULY 2019 – 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C

[15th Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 3]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 13 th July	6.00 pm	15 th Sunday in Ord. Time	Holy Souls
Sun. 14 th July	9.00 am	(Sea Sunday)	Peter Casey (Fahy)
	11.00 am	[Parish Mass Book p108]	The People of the Parish
Mon. 15 th July	10.00 am	St. Bonaventure	Priest's Int.
Tues. 16 th July	-	Feria	No Mass today – PP's day off
Weds. 17 th July	-	Feria	No Mass today
Thurs. 18 th July	10.00 am	Feria	Priest's Int.
Fri. 19 th July	10.00 am	Feria	Priest's Int.
Sat. 20 th July	6.00 pm		Priest's Int.
Sun. 21 st July	9.00 am	16 th Sunday in Ord. Time	The People of the Parish
	11.00 am		Maria Alexandra Coita Pita

Music for 15th Sunday in Ord. Time – Setting: Belmont Mass (with Memorial Acclam. 1)

Entry: 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 833 – O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray ...

Psalm: (6pm sung) *R.*: Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

Offertory: Hymn 955 – O God, our help in ages past ...

Recessional: 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 963 – Eternal Father, strong to save ...

Anniversaries this week: Anne Tinney. *May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

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

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

Hospital Visits: If you or family members are admitted to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital (NNUH) or Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, King's Lynn (QEII), 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 call the NNUH Hospital Chaplaincy direct on 01603 287470 for people needing urgent spiritual attention, or for visits to QEII Hospital, call Fr. Peter Rollings on 01553 772220. If you would like to receive the Sacrament or Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – **Please pray for:** David Peek, Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Rita Smith, Carol Whitesides, Robert Nicol, Eileen Brocklesby, Neville Hibberd, Shirley Liebenhals and Catherine Carter.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering of £562.03 last weekend and for £342.00 given in June by standing order/direct debit for the day-to-day running of our parish. **This weekend** there is a retiring collection for the **Apostleship of the Sea** after all Masses.

Diary Dates for this week -		
Tues. 16 th July	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Emmaus Room
Weds. 17 th July	6.30pm	Music selection & practice – Presbytery & Church. All volunteers welcome to sing or play.
Weds. 17 th July	7.30pm	SVP Conference meeting – Emmaus Room
Fri. 19 th July	7.15-8.15pm	Altar Servers meeting – Emmaus Room
Saturday Club - Please note that Saturday Club is now on summer break. Classes will resume in September. NB. There is no Saturday morning Mass during this time.		

Mass Times - Please note the change to Mass times this week. I will be at the Ministry to Priests Programme at Clare Priory this week.

Sea Sunday, 14th July 2019 – Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's retiring collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. To donate online please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Ordinations last Saturday - Please go to <http://www.rcdea.org.uk> to view the photographs of the ordinations last weekend. There is one of me laying hands on Mike Brookes. The photographs are of a very good quality.

Last Sunday was First Communion Sunday when it was also my very great pleasure to present Mrs. Marion Ring-Davies with the Diocesan Medal in recognition of 32 years' service as a catechist. And she's not finished yet!

UCM – Members are advised that the minutes from their July meeting will either have been sent by email or can be collected from the letter rack in church this weekend.

Forthcoming Events –

- **Community of Christ the Prince: New Dawn Conference** – This annual Catholic family event is taking place at Walsingham from **Monday 5th – Friday 9th August 2019** – see the poster at the back of church for details. www.princeofpeace.org.uk
- **EA Diocesan Summer Camp 2019, Friday 23rd-Monday 26th August** – Come and join in a weekend of Faith, Food and Fun for children aged 8-14 years, at Moreton Hall School, Bury St. Edmunds. For more information please email diocesansummercamps@gmail.com or go to www.facebook/diocesansummercamps. Any parent/guardian needing assistance with costs, is encouraged to contact a member of the Planning Team. Similarly, if anyone would like to sponsor a child to attend camp or make a contribution towards costs, then please get in touch.
- **The Norfolk Churches Trust Annual Bike, Walk, Drive ... in the Norfolk Countryside – Saturday, 14th September 2019, 9.00am – 5.00pm** - Many historic churches, chapels and meeting houses are battling to survive. Roofs leak, lead roofs are stolen, ancient timbers rot and medieval stonework crumbles. Now you can help by joining a sponsored bike ride or walk discovering beautiful churches, which also raises money for their repair and preservation. So, pump up your tyres, dust off your walking boots, pack a picnic and plan a route from your own door to visit as many of the most beautiful churches in Norfolk you can. **Plus**, you can join with others in your parish to win £1000 for your church by becoming the parish with the most improved amount of money raised. *Simply get sponsored for each building you visit, or make a donation* – find out more at www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride or see the poster at the back of church.

Confirmations in July 2020 - There has been some interest expressed in joining this programme. It will be led by Michael King who led the programme last time. Michael has been doing a course for catechists at St. John's Cathedral in order to equip himself even more thoroughly for the next Confirmation group's preparation. We will begin in the Autumn with a Mass of enrolment.

The Angelus

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

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

☩. And the Word was made flesh. *R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary ...*

☩. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. *R. That we may be made worth 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.