

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Must Try Harder!

Do we fondly imagine that people ought to love us just the way we are? We are told often enough that God loves us warts and all. But do we carry this belief through life with not much thought of betterment?

In today's parable a king invites guests to his son's wedding. When the guests refuse to turn up, the king extends the invitation to a different set of guests, both good and bad. The guests fill the wedding hall, but as they do so, the king notices one man not wearing a wedding robe and he has him bound hand and foot and thrown out into the darkness! The consequences for not wearing the right outfit seem overly harsh as far as this poor guest is concerned, but of course the parable has not really very much to do with wedding receptions and even less to do with wearing the right tie. The overriding theme in this story is to do with standards.

Jesus explains that the Kingdom of God is open to all but that doesn't mean that anyone and everyone can stroll into heaven. Just as guests make an effort to be correctly dressed for a wedding, so too must we put in the preparation and effort to be accepted into God's Kingdom.

The guest who was thrown out of the wedding feast for his cavalier 'accept me just the way I am' attitude presents a warning for us all. Too often we go about our daily routines not feeling any need to live life better. Far too often we look on our Christianity as making choices between good and evil, and we are confident that we rarely choose evil. But Jesus is asking more of us than simply choosing between right and wrong, he is asking us to choose between good and an even greater good. What we imagine is our 'best' very rarely is.

Just as the guest in today's parable did little more than turn up to the wedding, so we live life going through the motions but not much more. Accepting God's invitation to join him is only the first step, it's how we live out that acceptance that really matters.

**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 Safeguarding - <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/safeguarding/>  
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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## 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017 - 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Sunday Masses - Page 140 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Donor's Int.
Sunday	9.00 am	Int. Michael Reavey
	11.00 am	Int. People of the Parish

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

Entry 6pm - *Angelus* (said); Hymn 475 - Here in this place ...

Offertory Hymn 924 - Brother, sister, let me serve you ...

Communion *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence* ...

Recessional 11am - *Angelus* (said); Hymn 830 - The Church's one foundation ...

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

Weekday Mass Times	(28 <sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time)	[Psalter Week 4]
Mon.	10.00 am	Feria - Int. Joy Bussey (Baker)
Tues.	<b>No Mass today</b>	St Ignatius of Antioch
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - in Emmaus Room
Weds.	<b>No Mass today</b>	ST LUKE, Evangelist
Thurs.	10.00 am	Feria - Donor's Int.
Fri.	10.00 am	Feria - Donor's Int.
Sat.	<b>No morning Mass</b>	Feria
	6.00 pm	29 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Int. Catherine Foley (Carter)

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

**Anniversaries this week:** Elaine Smith, Michael Reavey, James Reavey, Monica Hodac, Michael Hogan, Barbara Kellett, Bertha Credland, Rosina Izzy and Percy Thompson. *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 and Carole Whitesides .

**Money Matters** – The collection for the upkeep of the parish last weekend amounted to £507.26 and the amount received from Standing Orders/Direct Debits in September was £397. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day** – Thank you for your generous support to CAFOD’s Harvest Fast Day last weekend. Our parish raised £582.09 which will mean more farmers around the world will be able to support their families, now and into the future. Please continue to pray for them and for CAFOD’s work with the most vulnerable communities across the world.

**Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride** - £333 was raised by the parish in last month’s Norfolk Churches Trust sponsored bike ride. Half of this amount will come back to the parish and the remainder goes to support the Historic Churches Trust. Our thanks go to our four intrepid volunteer riders and those who sponsored them.

**130 Club September Draw** – Quarterly Prize £50 – Catherine Carroll; 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £20 – Paul Wade; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15 – Greta Cummings; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10 – Katie Honney; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Rose Fenton; 5<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Stephen Smith.

Diary Dates for this week –	
Weds. 18 Oct.	SVP Conference meeting – <b>12 noon</b> in the Emmaus Room
Weds. 18 Oct.	Parish Fabric Committee meeting – 7.30pm in Emmaus Room
Sat. 21 Oct	Saturday Club is on half-term holiday. (Resumes Sat. 4 <sup>th</sup> November) <i>Please note that there will not be a Saturday morning Mass during half-term.</i>

**Annual October Mass Count** – The annual Mass count taking place over four weekends in October continues this weekend (2<sup>nd</sup> count). Volunteers required please.

**Ministry to Priests Programme at Clare Priory** – I will be attending this as usual this week and so there will not be a Mass on Wednesday morning.

**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.

**UCM Cake Stall Update** – The cake stall last weekend raised £90.82. This will go towards UCM charities. Many thanks to the bakers and the consumers.

**Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and all night vigil** - This Diocesan event takes place on **Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>** starting from Norwich Castle Mound at 8.00pm and processing from there to St John’s Cathedral. The theme of the vigil is 'The Dignity and Sanctity of All Human Life'. *See the poster at the back of church for more information.*

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima** – Bishop Alan will be leading a Diocesan pilgrimage to Fatima from 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September next year. As well as visiting the major sites at Fatima, we will spend a day in Lisbon with Mass at the shrine of St Anthony of Padua. The cost is £850 per person, flying from Stansted. If you would like more details or to book a place, please contact Pilgrimage People by ‘phone on 0800 612 3423, or by email on: [office@pilgrimagepeople.org](mailto:office@pilgrimagepeople.org)

**World Mission Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017** - Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday and the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your support on World Mission Sunday will help brave missionaries in proclaiming the Gospel of peace in South Sudan and around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration, and care for the mission of the Church. If you are a UK tax payer, you will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using envelopes provided by Missio. Thank you.

**Bite Size**  
 “Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.” ~ *Will Rogers*

**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**