

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Listen, Reflect, Respond

Today's gospel reading focuses on how we listen, and more importantly how we respond to God's Word. The parable of the sower and the seeds illustrates the different ways in which God's Word is received or not received. The seed sown on the path that grew quickly but was stolen by the birds represents those of us who hear the Word but fail to understand it. The Word eludes us. The seed sown on the rocky ground represents those of us who hear the Word and receive it at once, but because the seed has no roots it is short lived. When trial and tribulation rear their ugly heads our commitment to God's Word is abandoned because our faith wasn't deep rooted to begin with. The seed sown among thorns represents those of us who hear the Word and would like to act upon it, but are so overwhelmed by worldly anxieties and diversions that the Word bears no fruit. Lastly, the seed sown in rich soil represents those of us who hear the Word, act upon it and realise results.

The Bible, and the teaching contained in it, is God's legacy to us, so how do we go about listening? Do we listen to the Sunday readings in a negative state of mind? Are we expecting to be bored by the readings, confused or indifferent before one word is even read? Do we ever take home the Mass sheet to reflect on the readings we have heard at Mass? Do we ever consider how the readings should be impacting our lives? Do we ever leave Mass determining to lead our lives a little differently?

It's obvious that a seed needs fertile ground to grow. Similarly, it's obvious that we need fertile hearts and open minds for God's Word to seed and bear fruit. Today's challenge is to listen with an open mind, reflect and respond.

### Bitesize

"An idea not coupled with action will never get any bigger than the brain cell it occupied." ~ Arnold H. Glasgow

**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: Website <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>  
Daily liturgy website: [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

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## 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017 – 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Sunday Masses – Page 102 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Int. Rev. Ernest Diggory
Sunday	9.00 am	Int. Sidney Gledhill (Perkins)
	11.00 am	People of the Parish

### Music for Sunday Masses - *Setting: Dom Gregory Murray Mass*

**Entry** 6pm – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 725 – Immortal, invisible, God only wise ...

**Offertory** Hymn 732 – Loving Father, from your bounty ...

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

**Recessional** 11am – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 795 – I heard the voice of Jesus say ...

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

Weekday Mass Times	(15 <sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time)	[Psalter Week 3]
Mon.	10.00 am	Feria – Int. Colin Cummings
Tues.	<b>No Mass today</b>	Feria
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds.	<b>No Mass today</b>	Feria
Thurs.	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Confirmation Mass</b>
Fri.	10.00 am	Feria – Int. Sidney Gledhill (Borthwick)
Sat.	<b>No morning Mass</b>	St Mary Magdalene
	6.00 pm	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Int. Emily Thurstance

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

**Anniversaries this week:** Anne Tinney, Peter Lindsay and John Davies. *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, Michelle Smith, Rita Smith, Eileen Brockleby, Pat Howe, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Margaret Leggett, Peter Brown, James Maxwell, Robert Anderson and Carole Whitesides.

**Money Matters** – The collection for the maintenance of the parish last weekend amounted to £450.99. The retiring collection for the Apostleship of the Sea was £192.92. Thank you for your generosity.

**130 Club June Draw** – Quarterly Prize £50 – Donal Hannon; 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £20 – Greta Cummings; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15 – Kathleen McCarthy; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10 – Pauline Organ; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Diane Rosi; 5<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Pamela Evans.

Diary Dates for this week –	
Mon. 17 <sup>th</sup> July	AA Group meeting – 7.30pm in Emmaus Room
Weds. 19 <sup>th</sup> July	SVP Conference meets – 2.00pm in Emmaus Room
Sat. 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Saturday Club is on summer holiday. <i>(NB: No morning Mass)</i>

**Please note the change of Mass times this week.** I will be at the Ministry to Priests at Clare this week and so no Mass on Wednesday and the **Confirmation Mass** on Thursday is at **7.00pm**. Everyone is welcome to come to the Confirmation Mass.

**Congratulations to the children on their reception of their First Holy Communion.** They will receive their certificates this weekend. Many, many thanks to our catechists for all the time and work they have put into preparing the children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. We are really blessed to have them.

**BT 1572.** I have taken up the offer from BT to help block nuisance calls on my landline. Just in case you call from an unlisted number, you may get diverted.

**Norfolk Churches Trust Newsletter & Annual Bike Ride 2017:** “The NCT team write having spent a fantastic time at the Norfolk Show. How lucky we are to have such an event dedicated to all the fabulous things that Norfolk has to offer. It is just incredible. The rain! The rain! We did need it but it just didn’t seem fair to all the hundreds of people who were involved in the setting up, running and manning of the stalls to have so much fall on the first day. However, rather like the Bike Ride of 2016 the rain did not deter the folk of Norfolk! With this in mind we thought it would be a good idea to let everyone know that the paperwork for the Bike Ride 2017 is now with the Area Co-ordinators and

that it will be distributed soon. Please put the date in your diary, **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September**. Once again we have tried to reduce the amount of paperwork to lessen printing costs and waste paper. Less printing costs means more money for the churches and to help us all advertise the event we have put a few more A4 posters and A5 flyers in the pack. They can work both as hand-outs and as posters. The A5 flyers are an ideal size for car windows. One of the main pieces of paper to not appear in the packs is the list of open churches but please don’t despair it is available on our website. We found that even after we had gone to print the list was changing and so now we can try to keep the list up to date and reliable for participants. Don’t forget to refer to the website for more information on the Bike Ride. Have a wonderful summer and fingers crossed that the fine weather continues through July, August and the all important September! Thank you again for your continued support. *The NCT Team.*”

**Operation Noah: Get Involved - Study Guide:** The Operation Noah Study Guide is a new series of Bible study resources ‘Operation Noah’ is developing to help theologically and politically conservative Christians to explore a scriptural basis for creation care. The hope is to launch the resource later this year, and they would love your help promoting and using the study guide. **Operation Noah Champions:** ACT Communities is an exciting scheme which seeks to raise up new champions of creation care all around the country. Alongside Christian Aid, Tearfund and others, Operation Noah will identify and train three to five passionate ACT campaigners from around the UK to promote creation care, political action and sustainability in their local communities. **To learn more about either of these projects, email [stephen.edwards@operationnoah.org](mailto:stephen.edwards@operationnoah.org)**

**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: email [fr.mcjohnstone@gmail.com](mailto:fr.mcjohnstone@gmail.com) or Tel. 01603 664118.

### *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.**