

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Choosing Your Crosses

We like stories about Peter because he's a flawed character. He gets himself into trouble on numerous occasions by saying rash things. We like Peter because in a lot of ways he is just like each and every one of us.

Today Peter recognises Jesus as the Son of God, but he completely fails to grasp the implications. He certainly doesn't understand the necessity for Jesus to die on the cross and he tells him so. Jesus puts Peter straight. "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel will save it."

Many would-be-disciples misunderstand the concept of taking up crosses. We often hear people in general conversation sighing "... Ah well, we all have our crosses to bear." There are difficulties in all of our lives that cannot be avoided. To try and avoid problems would be foolish. Life is just one long series of problems and challenges, and each problem overcome makes us a stronger character. However, this is not the same thing as picking up our crosses and following Christ. Living with unavoidable problems isn't the same as choosing to tackle a problem that we could easily avoid. Jesus didn't need to choose the road to Jerusalem and crucifixion, but he did. In the same way, Christians need to be proactive about choosing their crosses. Do we choose to care for an elderly parent, or do we leave it to one of our siblings? Do we tackle racism in our street, or do we leave it to our neighbours? Do we fundraise for local charities or do we leave it to those we deem cleverer, or more articulate or more energetic?

There are an estimated 2.1 billion Christians on our planet. How different the world would be if each and every one of us chose to pick up our cross.

Bitesize – 'They gave him a manger for a cradle, a carpenter's bench for a pulpit, thorns for a crown, and a cross for a throne. He took them and made them the very glory of his career.' ~ W.E. Orchard



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

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16TH SEPTEMBER 2018 - 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B

[24th Week of the Year, Weekday Year II, Psalter Week 4]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 15 th Sept.	6.00 pm	24 th Sunday in Ord. Time	Donor's Int.
Sun. 16 th Sept.	9.00 am 11.00 am	Home Mission Sunday [Parish Mass Book p132]	Donor's Int. People of the Parish
Mon. 17 th Sept.	10.00 am	Feria	Peter Bussey
Tues. 18 th Sept.	-	Feria	No Mass today – PP's day off
Weds. 19 th Sept.	-	Feria	No Mass today
Thurs. 20 th Sept.	10.00 am	SS Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions	Jimmy Dunne
Fri. 21 st Sept.	10.00 am	ST. MATTHEW	Donor's Int.
Sat. 22 nd Sept.	10.30 am	Feria	Donor's Int.
Sat. 22 nd Sept.	6.00 pm		Donor's Int.
Sun. 23 rd Sept.	9.00 am 11.00 am	25 th Sunday in Ord. Time	Donor's Int. People of the Parish

Music for 24th Sunday in Ord. Time – Setting: The New People's Mass

Entry: 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 962 – Firmly I believe and truly ...

Psalm: 11am sung *R.*: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Offertory: Hymn 862 – He who would valiant be ...

Recessional: 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 749 – From heaven you came, helpless babe, ..

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.

Anniversaries this week: Paul Hodak, Stewart Aylin, Peter John Bussey, Gerald Reeder and Helen Browne. *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, 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 01326 694066.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for: David Peek, Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Anna Thompson, Peter Gormans, Sarah Chaudri, Rita Smith, Carol Whitesides, Mabel (Teddy) O'Donnell and Catherine (Kay) Garrard.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering of £390.79 last weekend and for £437.00 by Direct Debit/Standing Order in August for the day-to-day maintenance of our parish. Thank you also for £89.99 for the Catholic Education Service. There is a retiring collection at all Masses this weekend for **Home Mission Day**.

Annual Mass Count – This year, the annual head count will take place on the first two weekends of October. It is important for diocesan and national statistics to know what the Mass attendance is.

GDPR: General Data Protection Regulations. Please help us to conform to the law; keep the parish legal by filling in and returning the GDPR information sheet which is at the back of the church. The parish holds information (data) about parishioners i.e. Baptismal, Marriage, Confirmation, Register of Reception and First Holy Communion Registers. We also have information about names and addresses and telephone numbers and some email addresses. We have lists for Readers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Flower Arrangers and Church Cleaners, Counters, Gift Aid and Alive in Faith, as well as names of people on committees and the various parish groups, viz. Finance, Fabric, Social, Catechists, Readers, Musicians, Lay Eucharist Ministers, 130 Club, Safeguarding, Union of Catholic Mothers, etc. We do not have a mailing list. In order to comply with the new law regarding data we need the permission of parishioners to hold the information. We do not share information except where it is necessary that is to inform a parish of Baptism of the Confirmation or Marriage of a former parishioner so that it can be entered into the Baptismal Register there. All information is held securely in a locked, fireproof room. Please return your completed forms for GDPR Permission as soon as you can. Forms are always available at the back of the church.

Diary Dates for this week -

Tues. 18 th Sept.	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room
<i>Please note that I will be away overnight on Tuesday at Clare Priory for the Ministry to Priests Programme and there is no Mass on Wednesday.</i>		

Weds. 19 th Sept.	7.30pm	SVP Conference meeting – Emmaus Room
Fri. 21 st Sept.	7.15pm	Altar Servers meet – Emmaus Room
Sat. 22 nd Sept.	11.00am	Saturday Club resumes - Emmaus Room

First Holy Communion Summer 2019 – Application forms are now available from Fr Brendan or Robbie Meehan for the First Holy Communion classes starting on 22nd September 2018 on Saturday mornings 11.00-11.30am following 10.30am Mass. Children must be in school year 3 or above.

Home Mission Sunday, 16th September 2018 – In today's Gospel, Jesus presents us, as disciples, with a challenging question, 'Who do you say I am?' For some the most challenging element of this question is about whether we talk about Him at all. Today on Home Mission Sunday we have been praying for the spread of the Gospel and in the retiring collection we have the opportunity to support it financially by giving what we can. The money you give to this collection does not go abroad but is used to help Catholics in England and Wales become more confident in sharing their faith. For more information about the Home Mission Office please visit www.homemission.org.uk

Community of Our Lady of Walsingham - Sisters Gabriela, Theresa, Johanna and Camilla invite you to visit them at their first convent, House of the Divine Will on Neatherd Moor in Dereham (just behind the playground). You are welcome for a tour and cream tea **from 2-7pm on Wednesday 3rd October**. For further directions/details please speak to one of the sisters or contact them on info@walsinghamcommunity.org or 01328 801018.

The Servery (formerly the kitchen) - Work is now well under way and a new, clean safe space will be available for serving teas and coffee etc. quite soon. A roller shutter will eventually replace the wooden hatch doors.

Some information from our Deanery Meeting on Wednesday last week - After official consultation with all necessary authorities, the Sunday Mass at St. Mark's, Lakenham will cease on the Feast of Christ the King and in its place, there will be an evening Mass at 5.30pm at the Cathedral starting on Advent Sunday.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has asked to make a formal visit to St. John's Cathedral while on a Visitation to the Norwich Diocese during November. It will be at **12.00 noon on Wednesday, 7th November**. There will be a brief liturgy and a welcome from Bishop Alan. The theme of the Archbishop's visit will be Reconciliation.

Diocesan Charismatic Renewal Day - You are warmly invited to a Day of Renewal on **Saturday, 13th October**, led by Gemma Wildesmith, full time Catholic Lay Evangelist and head of Celebrated youth work. The day includes Holy Mass, prayer ministry and Reconciliation and is at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 322 Woodbridge Road, Ipswich IP4 4BD. Drinks provided. Packed lunch needed. For more information see poster or contact Philip on 07910157584