

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Turn to Forgive

Forgiveness is difficult. We read about the victims of horrendous crimes and wonder how those people could ever begin to forgive - we even question why they should have to. Most of us know how hard it is to forgive even a small grudge once it has been left to fester. Many of us know what it is like to excuse ourselves with "...Well she started it so she should really apologise first," or, "It's his problem not mine." There are limits on our forgiveness. Why should we accept the apology of someone who has let us down repeatedly? Why if we have given someone every last chance should we be expected to forgive yet again? Yet Jesus tells us that we must forgive "...not seven times, but seventy seven times."

If there should be no limits to our forgiveness perhaps we should begin by looking at what makes it so difficult to grant genuine forgiveness. Anger probably comes top of the list. We don't want people to get away with hurting us. Pride often stands in our way too. Forgiving someone often involves an element of 'climbing down'. Also close to the top of the list of obstacles comes a lack of understanding. When we hear of a crime, whether it is small or large, we always ask "Why?" It seems that in order to forgive, we must first understand what has made the other person do what they have done.

Today's readings suggest that in order to make it easier to forgive others, we should look at how often we have asked God to forgive us, often for the same failing. This is the lesson in today's gospel, Jesus is reminding the servant who was unable to forgive that he himself was forgiven. How could the servant expect his master's forgiveness if he could not forgive others? Remembering how we have been forgiven makes us more compassionate when it is our turn to forgive.

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"To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you."

Lewis B. Smedes

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

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17TH SEPTEMBER 2017 - 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses - Page 128 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Int. Ron Thurstance (Perkins)
Sunday	9.00 am	Int. People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Int. Sidney Gledhill (Bell)

Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: Dom Gregory Murray Mass

Entry 6pm - *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 810 - There's a wideness in God's mercy ...

Offertory Hymn 212 - All ye who seek a comfort sure ...

Communion *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*

Recessional 11am - *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 965 - As the deer pants for the water ...

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

Weekday Mass Times	(24 th week in Ordinary Time)	[Psalter Week 4]
Mon.	10.00 am	Feria - Donor's Int.
Tues.	No Mass today	Feria
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - in Emmaus Room
Weds.	No Mass today	SS Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions
Thurs.	No Mass today	St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
Fri.	10.00 am	Feria - Int. Ron Thurstance (Borthwick)
Sat.	10.30 am	St Pius of Pietrelcina - Donor's Int.
	6.00 pm	25 TH 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: 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 (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 and Stuart Bell.

Money Matters – The collection for the day-to-day maintenance of the parish last weekend amounted to £465.15 and the retiring collection for Catholic Education Services amounted to £169.81. Thank you very much for your generosity. **Today, there is a retiring collection for Home Missions.**

130 Club August Draw 2017 – 1st Prize £20 – (No.162) Andrew Cwiczek; 2nd Prize £15 – (No.130) Ellen Brocklesby; 3rd Prize £10 – (No.95) Freddie Raker; 4th Prize £10 – (No.29) Richard Grout; 5th Prize £10 – (No.15) Gloria Clarke.

Diary Dates for this week –	
Mon. 18 Sept.	AA Group meeting – 7.30pm in Emmaus Room
Weds. 20 Sept.	SVP Conference meets – 2.00pm in Emmaus Room
Sat. 23 Sept.	Saturday Club meets - 11.00am in Emmaus Room

Please note the Mass times for this coming week. On Tuesday/Wednesday I will be at the Ministry to Priests Programme at Clare Priory and on Thursday our Deanery Meeting is in Costessey.

Welcome to Fr. Luke Goymour who is concelebrating at the 11.00am Mass this weekend. Fr. Luke is here with some of the Ignite Youth Team. Ignite support youth ministry and faith and spiritual development of young people across the diocese. I am sure that we will see and hear more from them in the coming years.

Home Mission Sunday, 17th September 2017 – The Home Mission Office exists to help the Church throughout England and Wales to share the joy of the Gospel. It can seem daunting to share such a personal part of our lives as our faith in Jesus Christ. However, we could pray for the people we carry in our hearts to encounter him for themselves. Prayer cards are available at the back of church, or can be ordered from www.homemission.org.uk. If you would like to pray for the spread of the Good News on a regular basis, please sign up to our newsletter via www.homemission.org.uk. Please consider contributing to today's second collection. The money received from this

collection ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced and is able to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith. It is possible to donate online at www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Donate.

Parish BBQ - Despite the cold weather, good food and camaraderie was the order of the day. Thank you to all came and helped to make this a memorable occasion for the Parish. Thanks also to all those who donated to *Let the Children Live!* charity; £100 was raised which will be passed on in the next two weeks.

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.

Day of Renewal – A team from the Little Way Healing Ministries, based at Clare Priory, will be leading a Day of Renewal on **Saturday, 14th October**. The day includes Holy Mass and Reconciliation and is at Bowthorpe Church Centre, Norwich NR5 9AA. Drinks provided. Bring a packed lunch. For more details see the poster at the back of church or contact Philip on 07910157584.

St Matthew, 21st September - One day, as Our Lord was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw, seated in his customs bureau, Levi the publican, whose business it was to collect the taxes from the people for their Roman masters. Jesus said to him: "Follow me," Leaving all behind, Matthew arose and did so, thereby giving us all an example of the way in which we should respond to grace. The humble Matthew, as he was thereafter called, tells us himself in his Gospel that he was Levi, one of those publicans abhorred by the Jews as enemies of their country, outcasts and notorious sinners, who enriched themselves by extortion and fraud. Other than this, we know little about St. Matthew as a person, but we know for certain that he was a worthy and faithful disciple, unquestionably a gifted writer and one of the better educated of the apostles.

The Angelus

- > V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. **R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**
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/> *Hail Mary ...*
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> V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. **R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.**
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/> *Hail Mary ...*
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> V. And the Word was made Flesh. **R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary ...**
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> V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. **R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**
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> 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**
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