

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



No Pain No Gain - The third servant in today's parable was trying to bury a responsibility that he wished to avoid. The treasure he had been given was an opportunity for him to invest and please his master, but instead of putting himself out, he buried the treasure where he could forget about it and go about his own affairs. Buried deep, the treasure was no longer an uncomfortable reminder of his master's expectations. Meanwhile, the other two servants, realising that there is no gain without pain, risked everything on their master's account. They invested and multiplied their gifts, and their master was pleased by their efforts.

Like the three servants in this story we too have been given talents and gifts, and with those talents comes a responsibility to use those talents as an opportunity to make the world a better place. Our talents are varied, some great some small but we are all gifted in some way. Some have high profile and very obvious talents ... there are those who are great musicians, surgeons, sports people and scientists. The rest of us might have less obvious talents. We might have a talent for caring, listening, speaking, growing things or solving practical problems. Whatever our particular gift we are urged to step out with it ... stick our neck on the line and invest our gifts in God's cause. God will not be so impressed if we are too afraid, embarrassed or lazy to use our talents. Ever heard the expression 'Use it or lose it.' If we ignore our gifts long enough, there will come a time when we can no longer rely upon them. This is what happened to the third servant.

One of the excuses that the third servant made for not investing his gift was that he was fearful of losing it. But the message today is not to be fearful. God never asks us to do something we are not capable of doing, and he is not judging us by our levels of productivity. The master in the story did not judge the third servant for producing nothing from his gift, but rather for being lazy and for his bitter indifference to his master's generosity. The master would not have judged him harshly, if he had tried his best but failed.

Today we are invited to look again at what gifts we have been given and how we are using them for the benefit of all. We are asked to examine what gifts we might be ignoring because we are too embarrassed or afraid, and we are asked to live a little dangerously and invest more of ourselves in God's cause.

**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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19TH NOVEMBER 2017 - 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses - Page 155 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Int. Fr. David Mellor
Sunday	9.00 am	Int. People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Int. Maria Giaquinto

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

Entry 6pm - *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 959 - All my hope on God is founded ...

Offertory Hymn 600 - All that I am, all that I do ...

Communion *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*

Recessional 11am - *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 821 - The kingdom of God is justice and joy ...

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

Weekday Mass Times	(33 rd week in Ordinary Time)	[Psalter Week 1]
Mon. 10.00 am	St Edmund, King & Martyr - Int. John McWilliams (Baker)	
Tues. No Mass today	The Presentation of the BVM	
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - in Emmaus Room
Weds. 10.00 am	St Cecilia - Int. Matilde Fernandes	
Thurs. 10.00 am	Feria - Donor's Int.	
Fri. No Mass today	St Andrew Dúng-Lac & Companions	
Sat. 10.30 am	Feria - Donor's Int.	
	6.00 pm	CHRIST THE KING - Int. Fr. Patrick Cope

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

Anniversaries this week: Renée Howard, Kathleen Burrows, William Goodwin, Gwen Lovelace, Tom Thorpe, Elsie Smart and Florence Thorpe. *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, Doris Hipper, Janet Yardley, Josie Myhill and Mary Cawley.

Money Matters – The collection for the day-to-day running of our parish last weekend amounted to £570.26. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Diary Dates for this week –	
Weds. 22 Nov.	SVP Conference meets – 12 noon in Emmaus Room.
Weds. 22 Nov.	'Red Wednesday' – Mass for persecuted Christians celebrated by Bishop Alan – 7.00pm at St John's Cathedral, Norwich
Sat. 25 th Nov.	Saturday Club meets - 11.00am in Emmaus Room

Friday, 24th November – Please note that there is no Mass here today, as I am concelebrating at the Requiem Mass for Fr. Bill Mason at Bury St. Edmunds.

John McWilliams – Please remember John McWilliams, who died recently, in your prayers, and his grieving family.

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, 19th November 2017 - This year the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church takes place in the UK and Ireland on Sunday, November 19 – and we are called upon to dedicate the whole of November to pray for persecuted believers, using the message 'One Month, One Church, One Prayer'. The IDOP focus this year is on Eritrea. Since 2002 the authoritarian regime of President Isaias Afewerki has closed all Evangelical and Pentecostal churches in Eritrea and imprisoned thousands of believers. We are asked to pray urgently for the immediate release of all Christian prisoners of faith in Eritrea, including the 173 who have been detained in appalling conditions for more than 10 years.

Advent Retreats at Clare Priory – 1st-3rd December 2017: and **8th-10th December 2017:** Cost £145 (residential) each retreat. To book: Tel: Kathy Reddick, 01787 277326, email clarepriory@clarepriory.net. See the poster at the back of church for more information.

Red Missionary Boxes – A reminder to bring in your red missionary boxes for counting if you have not already done so. Thank you.

Posada – Making Room for Jesus this Christmas – Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib. Modern day Posada uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from place to place. This gives each 'host' the chance to create their own celebration in their home or place in the community, worshipping and reaching out to their communities with the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in their lives. Our church has chosen to engage with Posada again this year. Will you be a host to Mary and Joseph for a night? To find out what is involved, see the poster at the back of church and, if you want to be a host, add your name to the Journey Rota.

Still seeking musicians! – If you like to sing, or can play an instrument at any level, or would just like to help, please let us know. It all helps us do so much more with the music liturgy, including singing the psalms, and bringing a richer texture to the Mass. Please contact the Music Leader, Michael, via email address on front of the newsletter.

Dereham Churches Together invite you to the next Praise, Prayer and Fellowship Evening hosted by the Baptist Church, High Street, Dereham on **Tuesday, 28th November at 7.30pm**. Everyone is welcome. Please take one of the leaflets at the back of the church. We are due to host this event on June 5th 2018 please put that date in your new diary.

News from the Alive in Faith Office - Our parish has so far contributed £33,706 to the Alive in Faith Fundraising Project. All of our pledges are on track and at the moment we have £8,427 available for our own projects. Thank you for your outstanding generosity. The Alive in Faith Newsletter is available at the back of the church. Please take a copy and see how this new funding is making a difference. We are supporting 13 seminarians at different colleges for a start!

Bitesize – "It is not the mountain we conquer but ourselves." ~ *Edmund Hillary*

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 ... <<<	Hail Mary ... >>>
> V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. <<<	Hail Mary ... >>>
> 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 <<<	