

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Change of Heart

“Wanted: Men and women willing to leave behind their old way of life and become fishers men.”

Can you see job applicants queuing round the block? Would we respond to Jesus’ call with the same immediacy as those first disciples? Probably not! Chances are we’d hesitate long and hard. A hundred and one questions would hold us back. What would being a disciple involve? Would we be up to the job? What would we have to leave

behind? What would we have to give up? Would part time discipleship be okay ... after all we’ve got lots else to do! Would candidates be permitted to serve two masters, giving up one’s own agenda is surely too much to ask!

There would be lots of questions we would ask, but sadly no easy answers. There is no one answer that is right for everybody. But the one important message for us today is that discipleship usually means a major shift in direction; a change that involves leaving behind things that get in the way of our relationship with God. It is left to each of us to decide what our particular mode of discipleship might be, and what stands in the path of our new direction. Our new direction has to start with some good hard soul searching, and a change of heart.

**Bite Size** - “Great minds have purposes, others have wishes.” ~ Washington Irving



**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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## 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2018 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Sunday Masses – Page 129 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Donor’s Int.
Sunday	9.00 am	Int. People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Int. Sheila Goodchild (Tinney)

**Music for Sunday Masses** - *Setting: New People’s Mass, incl. Memorial Acclamation A*

**Entry** 6pm – *Angelus (said); Hymn 795 – I heard the voice of Jesus say ...*

**Offertory** Hymn 872 – *My God, accept my heart this day ...*

**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	(3 <sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time)	[Psalter Week 3]
Mon. 10.00 am	Feria – Int. Becky Cummings	
Tues. <b>No Mass today</b>	Feria	
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds. 10.00 am	St Francis de Sales – Donor’s Int.	
Thurs. 10.00 am	The Conversion of St Paul – Donor’s Int.	
Fri. 10.00 am	SS Timothy & Titus – Donor’s Int.	
Sat. 10.30 am	Feria – Donor’s Int.	
	6.00 pm	4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Int. Bill Sibley

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

**Anniversaries this week:** Perpetua Cecine Triggs, Gwen Dawes, Betty McGee, Maisie Aylin, Queenie Minnie Hogan, Laura O'Halloran, Stanley Brocklesby, Bill Sibley, Anne Cairns, George Mayer, Ivor Vincent, Magdolna Toth, Hilda Stearman and William Harrell. *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, Janet Yardley, Josie Myhill, Mary Cawley, Ken Summerford, Patrick McKenna, Anna Thompkins and Andre Hansen.

**The Late Sheila Goodchild** - Many parishioners will remember Sheila Goodchild, a longstanding member of this parish, and very active member of the UCM. Sheila was treasurer and president at Dereham before she and her husband retired to Aldeburgh, and she then became National UCM President. Sheila died after a long illness on 30<sup>th</sup> December and her funeral will be held at Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh on 1<sup>st</sup> February at 12noon. Mass will be offered here for Sheila on 7<sup>th</sup> February. May she rest in peace.

**Money Matters** – The collection last weekend for the maintenance of our parish amounted to £475.35 and the retiring collection for Pax Christi amounted to £104.90. In addition, during December the parish received £397.00 by Direct Debit/Standing Order. Thank you very much for your generous support. **Next weekend**, there will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice (optional).

Diary Dates for this week –	
Sat. 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	11.00am - Saturday Club meets, in Emmaus Room.



**Conversion of St. Paul, 25th January** - The great thing that we learn about God is that forgiveness and conversion are possible for all of us. Paul is portrayed as the greatest enemy of the earliest followers of Christ, but rather than smite him, or demonise him, Jesus instead takes his gifts of zeal and persuasion, and puts them to work for the Gospel. An encounter with the risen Lord can do that for any of us. God doesn't give up on Paul, nor does God give up on us.

**Holocaust Memorial Day, 27th January 2018: The power of words is the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2018** - Words can make a difference – both for good and evil. Consider this theme in the conversations you have, in the blogs you write and in the Facebook messages you send. Words can and do make a difference.

**Share the Journey: Take action on the refugee crisis** - Show your support for people forced to flee their homes by signing our petition to the Prime Minister - which calls on the UK to take a lead during UN negotiations. War, persecution, natural disaster and poverty force millions of people from their homes. Most come from poor countries, and seek safety in poor countries nearby. We cannot turn away. These are human beings with hopes, fears, desires and stories to share, just like each one of us. Pope Francis has declared this time a 'unique opportunity' for us to press our governments to make global commitments which place the human dignity of people on the move at their heart. Add your voice to his. Sign the petition today. To follow the link visit [www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Share-the-journey](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Share-the-journey)

**God Calls App** - The Catholic Church has launched a new app to help let God lead people "on a journey of spiritual adventure and discovery". God Calls, a free app developed for the vocations office of the bishops of England and Wales, promises to "help you explore your ultimate purpose, and discover your unique path to heaven". It is in effect a spiritual tool-kit with snapshots of the lives of the saints, a journal to track spiritual growth and listings of Catholic retreats, study days and other events across the UK. Special resources include prayers for dawn, noon, and night and daily questions to help understand the Gospel. Read more on [www.godcalls.co.uk](http://www.godcalls.co.uk)

**Call for UK Government to sign Nuclear Ban Treaty: Invitation to sign an online petition** - Faith leaders are calling on the UK government to add its support for the United Nations (UN) Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Join in sending a message to the Foreign Secretary asking for the UK to move towards signing the treaty to prohibit nuclear weapons! If you would like to sign up to this letter, calling on Boris Johnson to develop and publish an appropriate transition plan so that the UK is prepared and ready to sign and ratify the treaty at the first opportunity, sign the petition at [www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/nuclearbansigned/](http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/nuclearbansigned/). The petition will be delivered to the UK government in February 2018.

### *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**