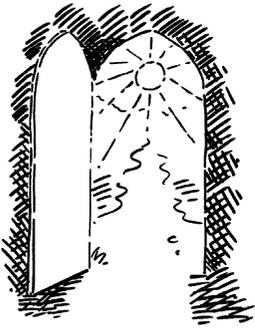


## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### No Meal Tickets

How do you imagine the gates of Heaven? Perhaps you imagine a fine set of pearly gates and a welcome committee flanked by all of the relatives who have gone before. Perhaps Saint Peter will be there, and a couple of harp playing cherubs. Imagine instead a narrow door heavily locked and bolted! Imagine knocking on the door only to be told, "I do not know where you come from," and to be turned away. It wouldn't matter how much we insisted that we were baptised and regular churchgoers, our pleas would be ignored.

So where are we coming from? We're baptised as Christians and we know what we're supposed to be doing, but is that enough? God of course isn't making it difficult on purpose for us to be with him in Heaven. God loves us and wants us to be with him, but he doesn't want us to become complacent. The last thing that God wants is for us to feel that because we are baptised Christians we have some sort of meal ticket into Heaven. The last thing we should do is opt for comfort over commitment or self-indulgence over self-sacrifice. Life is a testing ground in which we should be continually striving to be better. We should never think that we have achieved all that is expected of us just because we go to church and give to charity now and then.

However well we think we are doing, we could be unpleasantly surprised to find ourselves at the back of Heaven's queue when we fondly imagined we might be somewhere near the front.

**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**

### 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 Mar.**  
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**

Useful links: Diocesan Website: <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>  
Notre Dame High School, Norwich: Website <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>

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## 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2016 - 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Sunday Masses - Page 127 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Donor's Int.
Sunday	9.00 am	Donor's Int.
	11.00 am	People of the Parish

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

**Entry** 6pm - *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 475 - Gather us in ...

**Offertory** Hymn 644 - Alleluia, sing to Jesus ...

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

**Recessional** 11am - *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 721 - O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder ...

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

### Weekday Mass Times (21<sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time) [Psalter Week 1]

Mon.	10.00 am	Michael Murphy - The Queenship of the BVM
Tues.	<b>No Mass today</b>	- Feria
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - in Emmaus Room
Weds.	10.00 am	Donor's Int. - St Bartholomew
Thurs.	10.00 am	Donor's Int. - Feria
Fri.	10.00 am	Donor's Int. - Feria
	5.45 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Silent Prayer
	6.15 pm	Evening Prayer (Vespers)
Sat.	<b>No morning Mass</b>	- St Monica
	6.00 pm	Kathleen & Michael Carroll - 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Anniversaries this week:** Mary Porter, Richard Burrows, Adrian Sheath, Damian Ring-Davies, Mary Hayter, John McGowan, Jack Stearman, Marley Coe, Jenetta Elizabeth Smith, Francis Gray and Doris Jarvis. *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, Michael Reavey, Robert Nicol, Shirley Liebenhals, Sarah Chaudri, Anne & Derek Williams, Anna Thompkins, Michelle Smith, Rita Smith, Eileen Brockleby, Pat Howe, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Patrick Monaghan, Margaret Leggett, Diana Cater, Ken May and Muriel Harmer.

**Money Matters** – The collection last weekend was £444.59. Thank you all very much.

**Upcoming Diary Dates –**

- Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. – Parish BBQ – *see details in the item below*
- Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. – Churches Together - Dereham Churches Quarterly Fellowship Evening & Joint Worship here at Sacred Heart at 7.30pm
- Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. – Norfolk Churches Trust Annual Bike, Ride or Walk Event – see leaflets at the back of church
- Saturday Club is on holiday until 10<sup>th</sup> September.

**Visitors:** Welcome to our visitors who have joined us for Mass this weekend. We hope that you enjoy your stay with us at Sacred Heart and that your time in Norfolk is a refreshing experience for you. The fact that you found us is very heartening.

**Parish BBQ – Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> September** - The parish barbeque will take place on Sunday 4th September, starting around midday, just after the 11 o'clock mass. As with previous years, there is no charge for the barbeque, but you do need to sign the list on the noticeboard so we know how much food to buy. As always, we ask those coming along to bring a salad or a dessert to share. Squash will be provided, but if you want other drinks, please bring them with you. A collection will be taken for a charity during the event.

**First Communion** – Preparation classes will be starting in September for First Holy Communion in July 2017. Children must be in Year 3 or above and be aged 8 in July 2017. Classes take place on Saturday morning from 10.30am until 11.30am.

**Confirmation** – We are hoping to start preparation sessions for candidates who are aged 13 and above in September 2016 for Confirmation in 2017, and I would like to invite expressions of interest for candidates who feel they are ready to prepare for the Sacrament, which completes their initiation as members of the Church.

**Application forms for First Holy Communion and Confirmation preparation are available from Fr Brendan or Robbie Meehan (Catechist).**

**Exam Results** - Many of our young parishioners will have received or are about to receive their exam results this week. Some of our young parishioners will be happy and excited about their results, some will be feeling a little disappointed perhaps. What we should all remember at this time of year is that exams results do not define us. Exam results measure how well we have worked at school, they don’t measure how intuitive we are, how energetic we might be, how kind we are, how practical or how entrepreneurial we might be. A time to take stock and to know what we are about.

**International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition - 23<sup>rd</sup> August** - International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition, August 23 of each year, the day designated by UNESCO to memorialize the transatlantic slave trade. The date is not just an invitation to remember the transatlantic slave trade, but to learn lessons and combat modern day slavery.

**St Bartholomew and the Honey Bees - 24th August** - Amongst other saints Bartholomew is patron saint of bees. His feast day falls in the same week as 'National Honey Bee Day' (20th August). Globally there are more honey bees than other types of bee and pollinating insects, so it is the world's most important pollinator of food crops. It is estimated that one third of the food that we consume each day relies on pollination mainly by bees. Yet the bees are under threat, and given how important they are, it is essential we prevent their decline. **To do:-**

- Plant bee friendly flowers in your garden or yard.
- Bees are thirsty. If you have lots of bees visiting your garden, leave out a little basin of fresh water.

**Women’s Equality Day - 26<sup>th</sup> August** - Globally, women are less likely to be involved in decision-making, to own land or property or to have access to education and employment than men. Violence against women is one of the most widespread abuses of human rights globally. Confronted with this reality and with a mission to serve the poorest and most disadvantaged, CAFOD has prioritised its work with women and girls. Our vision needs to be of a world where women are safe and respected and where women and men share equally in shaping their societies.

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“What a person believes is not as important as how a person believes.”

~ Timothy Virkkala