

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Job Vacancy

It's at this time of year, when the Christmas holiday is well and truly over and it's time to go back to work, that we wonder what we are really doing with our lives. When we meet the first disciples in today's gospel, they are wondering pretty much the same thing. Were they going to spend out the rest of their lives catching fish, or were they going to follow Jesus and become 'fishers of men'? The early

disciples were unerring in their discipleship. They left their nets and followed Jesus 'at once' 'immediately'. There was no doubt in their minds about how they wanted to live out their lives. Discipleship was a job for life.

Jesus' work is never done and there will always be vacancies for new disciples. Discipleship is something akin to an army. Without active supporters, a cause can grow faint. We are not asked to keep Christ's teaching to ourselves, we are asked to be 'fishers of men' always opening up God's opportunities to others. The world is a dangerous place full of greed and extremism. There are too many people in the world who feel that money and coercion are the way to get what they want. There are not enough people who believe that love and respect for every human being they meet might be a better answer.

We might feel uncomfortable with the idea of being 'fishers of men'. It conjures the idea of notching up conversions like some kind of biblical sales person. Today we are asked to sweep our preconceptions aside. Being a 'fisher of men' needs to be about making a real difference in other people's lives by demonstrating our discipleship. Discipleship is a job for life.

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"Remember, if you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns!"

~ Allison Gappa Bottke

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

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22ND JANUARY 2017 – 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses – Page 127 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Int. Rev. Bernard Warwick
Sunday	9.00 am	Int. Louise Cox O'Flynn
	11.00 am	Int. People of the Parish

Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: Belmont Mass

Entry 6pm – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 821 – The kingdom of God is justice and joy ...

Offertory Hymn 865 – I, the Lord of sea and sky ...

Communion *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*

Recessional 11am – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 876 – Thy hand, O God, has guided ...

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

Weekday Mass Times (3rd Week of the Year) [Psalter Week 3]

Mon.	10.00 am	Feria - Int. Sidney & Mary Gledhill
Tues.	No Mass today	St Francis de Sales
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds.	No Mass today	The Conversion of St Paul
Thurs.	10.00 am	SS Timothy & Titus - Int. Bill Sibley
Fri.	10.00 am	Feria - Int. Elizabeth Kelly
Sat.	10.30 am	St Thomas Aquinas - Int. Jack & Ena Connolly (Fdn. *)
	6.00 pm	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Int. Sister Gillian OCD

*Fdn. = Foundation Mass

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

Anniversaries this week: 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, William Harrell, Kenneth Rayner, Joe Kennedy and Sheila Christie. *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, Michelle Smith, Rita Smith, Eileen Brockleby, Pat Howe, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Margaret Leggett, Peter Brown, James Maxwell and Pamela & Catherine Evans.

Money Matters – The collection for the parish last weekend amounted to £435.13. Thank you very much.

130 Club December Draw – Quarterly Prize £100 – Tom Nally; 1st Prize £20 – Mary Gledhill; 2nd Prize £15 – Barbara Abela; 3rd Prize £10 – Kath Borthwick; 4th Prize £10 – Ann Nicol; 5th Prize £10 – Teresa Kendall.

Diary Dates for this week –

- Fri. 27th Jan. – Confirmation Candidates meet – 7.15pm in Emmaus Room
- Sat. 28th Jan. – Saturday Club meets - 11.00am in Emmaus Room

Clergy Deanery Meeting in Dereham. I was persuaded gently by the clergy of the Norwich Deanery to host our next meeting at Sacred Heart. This usually involves a meal for those attending and coffee before and afterwards. I was informed that it is OK to go out for the meal, but I am wondering if we could manage something here. The ladies of the parishes and some gentlemen often do the needful. The meeting will be in March.

Open Parish meeting. No date yet. Please put your thoughts together and would the U.C.M. be willing to provide the food as last year? Remember the late Bishop Michael's motto was: Faith, Fun and Food.

Come to Flame - March 11th - Flame is the National Catholic Youth event at Wembley Arena aimed at those in Year 10 and above. 10,000 young people will gather to receive faith-filled inspiration from world class speakers interspersed with music from Grammy award winner Matt Redman, and times of prayer. The Diocese is taking a group, offering subsidised tickets and arranging transport. Please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth for more details.

Homeless Sunday, 22nd January 2017 - Each year, churches and Christian ministries unite together to mark Homeless Sunday. This is something which has been going in

excess of 15 years to enable Christians to pray for those in their own community who are homeless as well as to look at how they can commit to new practical action. We are asked to think about how we can help those in danger of becoming homeless by donating to charities who work with and for the homeless, and getting involved in the campaigns they run throughout the year, or helping those sleeping rough by donating food and money to local homeless centres and foodbanks.

The Conversion of Saint Paul, 25th January - When we are struggling to find change in



our lives, we could hardly do better than look to the story of Saul, the great persecutor of Christians, who saw the light on the road to Damascus. The story of the conversion of Saul, from the persecutor of Christians to the zealous and holy instrument of evangelisation, Paul, shows the strength of God's power in our lives, and how he can change anything. For each of us there is a job to do. For God, nothing is impossible.

Holocaust Memorial Day, 27th January: How can life go on? is the theme for Holocaust

Memorial Day 2017 - The aftermath of the Holocaust and of subsequent genocides continues to raise challenging questions for individuals, communities and nations. HMD 2017 asks audiences to think about what happens after genocide and of our own responsibilities in the wake of such a crime. How do we deal with displacement, the rebuilding of communities, facing hate and coming to terms with the past?

Job Vacancy: Chief Executive Officer (CEO) - For the St John the Baptist Catholic MAT - For more information please visit the <http://www.stjohnthebaptist-cmat.org.uk/> or Diocesan Website www.rcdea.org.uk

A Celebration of Our Lady of Lourdes will take place at a Solemn Mass and Anointing of the Sick with Bishop Alan Hopes at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, 11th February 2017, at St John's Cathedral, Norwich.

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**