

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Torn? - We live our lives torn in many directions. From the moment we wake up there are a hundred and one claims on our time. We have to look after our homes and our families. We have to go to work and deal with a whole range of tasks from the very important to the totally banal. We have to fill in forms, pay bills, make calls, answer emails, maintain the car, and pick up the shopping. If we're very lucky we might just squeeze in a bit of leisure time.

The Pharisees and the Herodians in today's gospel decided to set a trap for Jesus. "Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor," they asked, "or not?" They were confident that they had put Jesus in a 'no win' situation. If Jesus said "taxes should be paid to Caesar, then this was something akin to treason. If however Jesus said that the taxes should be paid, he would be denounced to the strict Jews. Jesus replied, "Give to the emperor, the things that are the emperor's and to God the things that are God's."

It is tempting to imagine that Jesus might have been talking about compartments. We imagine a compartment for things belonging to Caesar, and a compartment for things belonging to God. Of course there could be no such compartments, because as we know everything comes from God, so everything must belong to God. So had Jesus really answered the question, or merely sidestepped it?

Perhaps today we struggle with Jesus' answer as much as the Pharisees and Herodians must have done. Perhaps we see life as a conflict between God's claim on us and all life's other claims in just the way God's enemies were suggesting. Perhaps we try to put God into a Sunday morning compartment and even that will conflict with the children's football and the D.I.Y. What Jesus tells us today is liberating. Once we learn to allow God into every corner of our lives our lives become whole instead of torn and fragmented. Once we know that our only loyalty is to God there can be no conflict.

**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

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22ND OCTOBER 2017 – 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses – Page 143 of Parish Mass Book

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

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

Entry 6pm – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 952 – You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord ...

Offertory Hymn 683 – O worship the King ...

Communion *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*

Recessional 11am – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 366 – Holy Virgin by God's decree ...

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

Weekday Mass Times	(29 th week in Ordinary Time)	[Psalter Week 1]
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.	10.00 am	Feria – Int. Francis Perrin
Thurs.	10.00 am	Feria – Donor's Int.
Fri.	10.00 am	Feria – Donor's Int.
Sat.	No morning Mass	SS Simon & Jude, Apostles
	6.00 pm	30 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: Catherine Foley, Peter Giles, Winifred King, Bernadette Winstanley, Fr. Harry Wace, Francis Perrin, Marie Jones and George Marshall. *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 and Carole Whitesides .

Money Matters – The collection for the day-to-day running of the parish last weekend amounted to £406.21. Thank you very much. **There is a retiring collection today for World Mission Sunday.**

Diary Dates for this week –	
Sat. 29 th Oct.	Saturday Club is on half-term holiday. <i>(Resumes Sat. 4th November)</i> NB. No Saturday morning Mass during half-term.

Annual October Mass Count – The annual Mass count taking place over four weekends in October continues this weekend (3rd count). Volunteers required please.

World Mission Sunday, 22nd October 2017 - Today is World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday is your chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel of peace to those who suffer around the world. By supporting Mission, the Pope’s official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the peace and love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. Today, your prayers and your donation will help a spirit of peace spread across South Sudan and around the world. Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a UK taxpayer. Thank you.

Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and all night vigil - This Diocesan event takes place on **Friday October 27th** starting from Norwich Castle Mound at 8.00pm and processing from there to St John’s Cathedral. The theme of the vigil is 'The Dignity and Sanctity of All Human Life'. *See the poster at the back of church for more information.*

An invitation to all young people of secondary school age upwards - Come and join the procession of the Blessed Sacrament in Norwich on the evening of Friday 27th October followed by an all night vigil. Activities, led by the Ignite Team will be running in the Narthex throughout the night. More information at www.rcdea.org.uk



St Jude and St Simon, 28th October - Praying For A Desperate Cause? - Jude is often, in popular usage, referred to as the patron of desperate causes, the "saint of last resort", the one you ask for help when all else fails. Jude's feast day is linked with St Simon because tradition has it that Simon preached in Egypt and then went to Persia with St. Jude, where both suffered martyrdom.

One World Week 2017, 22nd-29th October: ‘ Good Neighbours. My World Depends On Us.’ - The strapline, “My World Depends On Us” reminds us that our personal world is directly affected by what we do, purchase, read, say, consume, vote, ... and that these do not happen in isolation. Our life depends on how we impact on and influence others in our common experience at home and in the world. Active citizenship, media literacy and critical thinking are vital tools in acknowledging our interdependence with others, locally as well as farther afield, while countering populism, extremism and hate. One World Week invites us to create or become a part of local OWW events to explore what we need to do to be a good neighbour locally and globally in our 21st century.

An invitation from Notre Dame High School to their 6th Form Open Evening on Thursday 2nd November. Students from schools beginning A-H: presentation in the Sports Hall at 6pm. Students from schools beginning I-Z: presentation in the Sports Hall at 7pm. See website for further details: www.ndhs.org.uk.

Job Vacancy - Sacred Heart School, Swaffham, are urgently seeking an NVQ LEVEL 3 Learning Support Assistant. See Diocesan Website for more details: www.rcdea.org.uk

Bitesize

“Some people think only intellect counts: knowing how to solve problems, knowing how to get by, knowing how to identify an advantage and seize it. But the functions of intellect are insufficient without courage, love, friendship, compassion and empathy.”
~ *Dean Koontz*

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**