

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE # SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



What Sort of Union Must God Be In?

In today's parable, the workers who were employed in the vineyard all day are aggrieved to discover that the workers employed late in the afternoon are paid exactly the same generous amount. In our capitalistic twenty-first century society in which we expect our rewards to match our efforts, we can easily understand this seeming injustice. What sort of union would sanction this? If this parable is meant to illustrate the Kingdom of God, what sort of union must God be in? The parable, of course, is nothing to do with employment rights; it's a clue as to how salvation will be dealt at the end of time. God's justice will not be dealt in strict mathematical judgement or apportioned by effort or merit. How could it be, when we are all dealt a different hand to begin with? We have to remember that the workers who worked from early morning were not treated unfairly; in fact to begin with they felt themselves to be lucky and privileged. It was misguided of the workers to resent the latecomers sharing in the same reward, just as it is wrong for us to resent those who live lives of sin and become Christians late in life. That we have lived as Christians from the outset makes us the lucky ones, and we mustn't resent God's generosity in welcoming the latecomers.

This parable isn't a justification for living sloppy lives then becoming more Godly as we approach death. However, the parable is a strong reminder that we are all capable of change, and that at whatever point in our lives we wake up to who we are and what we are about, God is ready to welcome us.

Bitesize – "What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God."

~ Eleanor Powell

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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24TH SEPTEMBER 2017 – 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses – Page 131 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 877 – Will you come and follow me ...

Offertory Hymn 609 – In bread we bring you, Lord ...

Communion *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*

Recessional 11am – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 735 – We plough the fields and scatter ...

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

Weekday Mass Times	(25 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	St Vincent de Paul – Donor's Int.
Thurs.	10.00 am	Feria - Donor's Int.
Fri.	10.00 am	SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels - Donor's Int.
Sat.	10.30 am	St Jerome - Donor's Int.
	6.00 pm	26 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Int. Canon David Mellor

Anniversaries this week: Colin Keatley, Peter Purcell, Agnes Tyce, Bernadette Buxton, Francis Dunn Soddy, Antony Drury and Pope John Paul I. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

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

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 and Stuart Bell.

Money Matters – The collection for the maintenance of our parish last weekend amounted to £366.15. The retiring collection for Home Mission Sunday was £121.09 and during August £467.00 was given to the parish by Direct Debit or Standing Order. Thank you for your generosity.

Diary Dates for this week –	
Weds. 27 th Sept.	Parish Finance Committee meets – 7.30pm in Presbytery
Fri. 29 th Sept.	Altar Servers meet – 7.15pm in Emmaus Room
Sat. 30 th Sept.	Saturday Club meets - 11.00am in Emmaus Room

Bible Alive. Does anyone want to place a firm/regular order for Bible Alive? It is a very useful little publication and costs £2.50 per month. It used to be delivered to the church but no one or very few people took it and so I stopped taking it as it went in the bin and it still had to be paid for. Let me know if you are interested in having a regular copy. Sample for October at the back of the church.

Calling all musicians! - We're looking to expand the music and choir here at Dereham, and so whoever can sing, play an instrument at any level, or want to take part are more than welcome. It all helps us do so much more with the music liturgy, including singing the psalms, cantoring, and bringing a richer texture to the Mass. Please contact the Music Leader, Michael, via email address on front of the newsletter.



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP), "Awareness Month 2017", 27th September - September is a very special month for the Society, as it marks the feast day of St Vincent de Paul, the society's patron. The SVP has therefore decided to use this month as an opportunity to let more people know about its services and work. The core of the society's work

is 'befriending' by one to one visiting. More diverse aspects cover breakfast clubs, holidays, hostels and refuges, shops, furniture donation, youth clubs and housing projects to name just a few. There are plenty of ways to get involved and offer your services as a volunteer. If you cannot volunteer you can be a friend to the society and donate. "Members of the SVP are responsible for the half a million visits made each year: they turn faith into action by sitting side by side with those in need." For more information contact either www.svp.org.uk (England and Wales), or Deacon Martin or

Terri Sanderson of the Dereham Conference of SVP.

St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael, September 29th - Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are called saints because they are holy, but they are different from the rest of the saints because they were not human; they were Archangels. Each Archangel, we are told, has a specific mission or an 'essence'. Archangel Michael is the angel of protection. This powerful being of light, whose name means 'Who is like God', has a purpose to protect as the 'defender of the light and goodness'. Gabriel's name means 'the power of God'. Gabriel is the announcer, the communicator of good news. We can ask for his intercession to be good communicators as he was. Raphael, whose name means 'God heals', is invoked when we need healing, not only for ourselves but for others too.



For The Harvest - Traditionally held on or near the Sunday of the Harvest Moon, Harvest Festival reminds Christians of all the good things God gives them. This makes them want to share with others who are not so fortunate. In schools and in churches, people bring food from home to a Harvest Festival Service. After the service, the food that has been put on display is usually made into parcels and given to people in need. The Church has long celebrated the agricultural harvest, but nowadays our prayer intention has a wider interpretation in that we also include prayers for all human work. At this time of year we remember to pray for a fair and just trade so that all may receive a just wage for the work of their hands. We pray for politicians and all who make decisions that affect the future of the earth. We pray that they may safeguard the planet for future generations. **CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day is on Friday 6th October, 2017. Look out for the Fast Day envelopes at the back of church next weekend.**



Shop Early for Christmas – If you are interested in a coach trip to **Ely Christmas Gift and Food Fayre** on Saturday 19th November, (leaving Norwich at 9am), there will be a pick-up in Dereham en route, probably from Tesco's (time to be confirmed.) If anyone is interested, please let Ken or Brenda May have your payment of £10 each, along with your name and phone number.

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**