

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“But First.....”

“Follow me!” says, Jesus, but if you think to bury your dead first, or go and bid farewell to your family you are not fit for the kingdom of God. Radical words! Is Jesus’ request for us to drop everything and follow him unrealistic, un-do-able... irresponsible even? Most of us want to be disciples, but at the same time we have children to bring up, elderly relatives to care for, jobs to do and bills to pay. Does Jesus want us to turn our back on all of this?

When we look at today’s gospel reading in context we understand that Jesus isn’t so much painting a black and white ‘either or’ scenario so much as challenging our priorities. We all know what we should be doing, but we are dab hands at saying “Yes.... but first...” “Yes I will sponsor a child in the third world, but first I must pay off my credit card bills.” “Yes, I will go and visit that friend in hospital, but first I must finish off the housework.” “Yes, I will do a year’s voluntary work but first I must better my qualifications... get on the housing ladder wait until my family has grown up and left home.”

The call to Christianity is a radical call with no room for lukewarm commitment. The call to Christianity is urgent. When Jesus was journeying to Jerusalem his call for discipleship demanded an immediate response. Jesus was on his way to meet suffering and death and he couldn’t wait around for his would-be disciples to go through the lengthy funeral rites or farewell parties of the day.

The call to discipleship is no less urgent today as it was then. War, abuse and injustice won’t go away by themselves. Malnutrition and crippling poverty can’t be put on hold until our personal circumstances are better.

Being a good disciple means seizing daily opportunities, because today’s opportunities will never come round again.

**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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26TH JUNE 2016 – 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses – Page 102 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Donor’s Int.
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Freda Wilkes

Music for Sunday Masses - *Setting: Belmont Mass*

Entry 6pm – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 865 – I, the Lord of sea and sky ...

Offertory Hymn 610 – Take our bread, we ask you ...

Communion *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*

Recessional 11am – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 898 – Make me a channel of your peace ...

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION - Saturday at 5.30 - 5.55 pm

Weekday Mass Times (# week in Ordinary Time)	[Psalter Week #]	
Mon. 10.00 am	Donor’s Int. - Feria	
Tues. No Mass today	- St Irenaeus	
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds. 10.00 am and 7.30 pm	Josie Waring - SS PETER & PAUL (Holy Day of Obligation) People of the Parish	
Thurs. 10.00 am	Rita Bumpstead - 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. 10.30 am	Donor’s Int. - Feria	
	6.00 pm	Donor’s Int. - 14 th 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: Maureen Jacobs, John Zuhlke, Barry McGrath, Fernando Sentieriro, Anthony Joseph O'Connor and Richard Downing. *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 and Pat Grout.

Please remember Doreen Kanssen in your prayers. Doreen died during the week.

Money Matters – The collection last weekend was £430.55 and the retiring collection for Day for Life charities was £184.82. Thank you very much for your generosity. Today there is the annual retiring collection for Peter's Pence.

Diary Dates for this week –

- Fri. 1st July – SVP 'First Friday' Coffee Morning – After Mass. All welcome.
- Sat. 2nd July – Saturday Club meets - 11.00am in Emmaus Room

Please note that Wednesday, June 29th is the Feast Day of Sts Peter and Paul and a Holy Day of Obligation.



Ss Peter and Paul - June 29th - Peter and Paul represent two strikingly different approaches to discipleship. Peter had to learn slowly, making many mistakes along the way. Paul, on the other hand, came to the Faith immediately and never backed away from his zeal for Christ after that. We aim to imitate these two great apostles in our own lives. Like Peter, we know we are likely to fail

and to get things wrong, yet like Peter we aim to persevere. Like Paul, we must always fight for what is right, no matter how difficult that might be.

Day of Prayer for Victims of Torture – June 26th - The UN International Day of Support for Victims of Torture is on 26th June. Many European ACATs (Action by Christians Against Torture) will be holding prayer vigils. You don't need to be part of an ACAT to join in the prayer. These prayers of supplication and intercession for the tortured takes into account the perpetrators, as well as victims, and the monstrous systems that dehumanize the victims.

Sea Sunday: 3rd July – Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is wholly dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. For more information about its work, visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

Diocesan Mass for all Altar Servers – Gold, Silver and Bronze medal holders and new servers are invited to attend the Mass at the Cathedral on **Saturday, July 16th at 12 noon**. Mass will be followed by a BBQ and is expected to end at 3pm. Please take your cassock and cotta along with you. There will be a group photograph.

Clare Priory Craft Fair – 9th & 10th July - This is one of the best events of this kind in the region. I've been there! It takes place between 10.00am and 5.00pm. Please see the poster and leaflets at the back of the church. It is a lovely drive over to Clare through wonderful countryside and the Priory and grounds and the new church are wonderful too!

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" – An exhibition of vestments and treasures to be held at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Sheringham, commencing with a private viewing and reception from 8pm to 9.30pm on Saturday, 30th July (limited number of tickets available at £5 each), followed by opening to the public (free entry, donations welcome) at 2pm on Sunday, 31st July (until 5pm) and then daily opening from Monday, 1st August to Friday, 5th August, 10am to 6pm. Most of the items on display come from the personal collection of Fr Tim Bugby, Priest in residence in the parish of Cromer & Sheringham. See the poster & and pick up a leaflet at the back of church.

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'You have to decide what your highest priorities are and have the courage — pleasantly, smilingly, non-apologetically — to say "no" to other things. And the way to do that is by having a bigger "yes" burning inside. The enemy of the "best" is often the "good."

~Stephen Covey

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.