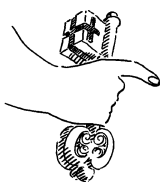


GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Key

Who do you think Jesus is? As small children we are told that Jesus is the Son of God, and we accept it readily. When we are children God is a kindly father figure who lives in Heaven and listens to our night prayers. When we are small, Jesus is the baby we see in the Christmas Nativity scene. When we are a little older, Jesus is the teller of all those intriguing parables. Once we are young adults we see Jesus as a great teacher, a healer, a worker of miracles and a revolutionary. For some of us, doubts creep in. Is Jesus really the Son of God or simply a good man and a great prophet?

In today's gospel Jesus asks his disciples "Who do you say I am?" "You are the Christ," replies Peter promptly, "the Son of the living God." But this wasn't Peter's opinion from the start. Peter and the other disciples first met Jesus as a fellow human being. By working with Jesus and following his ministry daily, Peter and the other disciples gradually came to the extraordinary conviction that God was working through Jesus; speaking, healing, working miracles and offering eternal salvation.

Today we listen again to Jesus' question. "Who do you say I am?" It seems that the question is stretching over the centuries. It seems that the question is aimed not just at the disciples but at us. Jesus doesn't want us to give the answer we've been taught to give ... our answer has to be from the heart. Our answer might be, "I don't know!" Our answer might be, "I'm not very sure right now." Or our answer might be a resounding, "You are Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus knows that faith is a journey and our answer reflects at exactly what stage of that journey we have reached.

It may be that we think of Jesus as little more than a good man and a great prophet. If this is what we believe, the Bible becomes little more than a book filled with good stories and sound philosophy. If like the disciples we are convinced that Jesus is the Son of God, all at once we are opening ourselves to great possibilities.... all at once we have found the key to life's greatest adventure.

Bite Size – "God puts rainbows in the clouds so that each of us — in the dreariest and most dreaded moments — can see a possibility of hope." ~ *Maya Angelou*

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 Information: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/safeguarding/>
Diocesan Website: <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>
Notre Dame High School, Norwich: Website <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>
Daily liturgy website: www.universalis.com

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27TH AUGUST 2017 – 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses – Page 120 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday 6.00 pm Int. Kathleen & Michael Carroll

Sunday 9.00 am Int. People of the Parish

11.00 am Int. Leslie Weldon

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

Entry 6pm – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 467 – Sing, all creation, sing to God in gladness ...

Offertory Hymn 779 – O God, you search me and you know me ...

Communion *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*

Recessional 11am – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 719 – To God be the glory, great things he has done ...

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

| Weekday Mass Times | (21 st week in Ordinary Time) | [Psalter Week 1] |
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| Mon. 10.00 am | | St Augustine – Int. Ron Thurstance (Bussey) |
| Tues. No Mass today | | The Passion of St John the Baptist |
| | 7.30 pm | Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room |
| Weds. 10.00 am | | Feria – Int. Ann Bracken |
| | 4.00 pm | Reception of Ron Thurstance's body |
| Thurs. 11.00 am | | Requiem Mass for Ron Thurstance |
| Fri. 10.00 am | | Feria – Int. Phyllis Thurstance |
| Sat. No morning Mass | | Feria |
| | 6.00 pm | 22 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Int. Ron Thurstance (Monaghan) |

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

Anniversaries this week: Jenetta Elizabeth Smith, Francis Gray, Doris Jarvis, Patrick McMahon, Alfred Chapman, John Power, Charles Victor Mann, Elizabeth Keatley, Norah Greenlee, Conal O'Donnell, Albert Foley and Hector Frosdick. *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, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Margaret Leggett, Peter Brown, Robert Anderson, Carole Whitesides and Stuart Bell.

Funeral arrangements for the late Patricia Margaret Howe. Pat's remains will be received into the Church of Our Lady and St Walstan, Costessey, Norwich on Tuesday, 29th August at 4.00 p.m. and her Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday, 30th August at 2.00 p.m.

Funeral arrangements for the late Ron Thurstance. Ron's remains will be received into the church on Wednesday, 30th August at 4.00pm and his Requiem Mass is on Thursday, 31st August at 11.00 a.m.

Money Matters – The collection last weekend for the day-to-day running of the parish amounted to £495.77. Thank you very much for your generosity.

| Diary Dates for this week – | |
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| Fri. 1 st Sept. | SVP 'First Friday' Coffee Morning in Emmaus Room - after Mass. All welcome. |
| Sat. 2 nd Sept. | Saturday Club is on holiday. <i>NB. There is no morning Mass.</i> |

Welcome to all our visitors during Summer months. It is always lovely to see and hear from our visitors during the Summer. You are very welcome here at Sacred Heart and I hope that you have a truly enjoyable time in Mid Norfolk. So much to see and enjoy!

First Holy Communion 2018 – A reminder that application forms are now available from Fr Brendan or Robbie Meehan for the First Holy Communion classes starting in September 2017 on Saturday mornings 11-11.30am following 10.30am Mass.

Safeguarding Notice: All people in the parish who perform a voluntary role with children, young people or vulnerable adults require a check to be performed by the Disclosures and Barring Service (formerly a CRB check). If you take on a role of this nature, it is essential that a check is performed before you begin your role. The process of renewing the DBS checks that volunteers in our parish have has begun, so if you have had a check before and still perform a voluntary role with children, young people or

vulnerable adults in the parish, then you will receive a letter from Kathleen Edmunds, our Parish Safeguarding Representative, over the coming months asking you to undertake a re-check and renew your DBS certificate. All the necessary instructions will be in the letter.

Norfolk Churches Trust Annual Sponsored Bike Ride – Saturday, 9th September 2017, 9.00am to 5.00pm – Pump up your tyres, dust off your walking boots, pack a picnic and plan a route from your own door to visit as many of the most beautiful churches in Norfolk as you can. Simply get sponsored for each building you visit or make a donation – find out more at www.norfolkchurhestrust.org.uk/bike-ride or pick up a leaflet from the back of church.

Parish Family Barbecue – Sunday, 10th September 2017, 12 noon onwards in Presbytery Garden – Following tradition, entry to the BBQ is free but each family is asked to contribute a sweet or salad dish for a shared table. A collection will be taken and the proceeds given to the *Let The Children Live!* charity. Please see the list at the back of church and sign up for your food contribution, plus how many from your family will be attending.

Walsingham Annual Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life: Sunday, 17th September 2017 – The Rt. Rev. Robert Byrne CO, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham will lead this year's annual pilgrimage to Walsingham or the Sanctity of Life on Sunday, 17th September. All are warmly invited to unite in this day of prayer. For further details see the poster or pick up a flyer from the back of church.

Dereham Churches Fellowship Evening. The next combined fellowship evening will be held on **Tuesday 5th September**, hosted by the Salvation Army at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. Please see the leaflets at the back of the church.

Mission Trip - On 20th September Donal Hannon is flying to Jamaica for 12 days to volunteer with the Missionaries of the Poor. Donal would like to take donations of clothes that they are always in need of. If anyone has lightweight dresses, T-shirts (all sizes) or men's and children's shorts (elastic waist) that they would like to donate, he would be very be very happy to take them out for you.

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**