

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Branching Out - There's a lot of work to do in today's world. Almost daily, the TV and Radio brings terrible news of atrocities and disasters around the planet. It's easy to feel overwhelmed by all the bad news and to feel powerless to do anything. We do not consider that we can individually instigate change for lots of reasons. We do not feel clever enough, or brave enough or rich enough. In short, it's hard to know where to begin and even whether change is possible. The inspirational message in today's gospel is that we can make changes as long as we work together.



We are already familiar with the ethos of trade unions. Trade unions operate on one powerful principle. Individually we can be easily overlooked but together we have the power to bring the whole country to a stand-still and sway governments. If a trade union wanted to promote solidarity and unity, the vine would make an ideal logo. The vine itself is the heart of the union, the part that determines the ethos. The branches do the work of the vine and the fruit they bear is the outcome, the final result.

Today we are told that with Christ as our vine we can do great things. All too often we become wrapped up in developing our own spirituality, trying to work out what God means to us as an individual, striving to find our niche. It's easy to forget that we are part of a huge family of people the biggest union on the planet. With Christ's teaching and pruning, we as a body, have the ability to transform the world by putting faith into action. Our individual responsibility is to look for ways in which we can become part of the overall plan. We don't have to branch out alone, we branch out as a team.

Bitesize – 'A snowflake is one of God's most fragile creations but look what they can do when they stick together!' ~ *Author Unknown*



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*

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 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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29TH APRIL 2018 – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday Masses [<i>Parish Mass Book p264</i>]		Intentions
Saturday,	6.00 pm	Donor's Int.
Sunday,	9.00 am	Jack Smith
	11.00 am	People of the Parish

Music for Sunday Masses - *Setting: New People's Mass (Dom Gregory Murray), incl. Memorial Acclamation A.*
Entry: 6pm – *Regina Coeli (said)*. Hymn 269 – At the Lamb's high feast we sing ...
Psalm Response: (11am sung) – You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.
Offertory: Hymn 952 – You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord (On eagle's wings)
Recessional: 11am – *Regina Coeli (said)*. Hymn 768 – How lovely on the mountains

Confession/Reconciliation: Saturday at 5.30pm - or by request/appointment

Weekday Masses [5 th week of Easter - Psalter Week 1]		Intentions
Mon.	10.00 am	Easter Feria Harry Wace (<i>Fdn.</i>)
Tues.	No Mass today	Easter Feria
Weds.	10.00 am	St Athanasius T. & M. O'Donoghue
Thurs.	10.00 am	SS PHILIP & JAMES C. Coyne (<i>Fdn.</i>)
Fri.	10.00 am	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS E. Maguire (<i>Fdn.</i>)
Sat.	10.30 am	Easter Feria G. Maguire (<i>Fdn.</i>)
	6.00 pm	6 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER Tim Salter(<i>Fdn.</i>)

Fdn. = Foundation Mass

Anniversaries this week: Eddie Wilde, Roger Gerald Clancy, James Tinney, Mary Gatt,

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Sarah Courtney, Irene Barnes, David Horsburgh, Thomas Delahunt, Philomena Hutton, Hubert Barker and Winifred Gaylard. *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: David Peek, Robert Nicol, Shirley Liebenhals, Sarah Chaudri, Anne & Derek Williams, Rita Smith, Eileen Brockleby, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Margaret Leggett, Robert Anderson, Carole Whitesides, Janet Yardley, Mary Cawley, Ken Summerford, Patrick McKenna, Anna Thompkins, Andre Kanssen and Francis Buxton.

Money Matters – Thank you for last weekend's collection for the parish which amounted to £534.43 and for £331.54 for the Priests' Training Fund.

Diary Dates for this week –		
Tues. 1 st May	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group, in Emmaus Room
Fri. 4 th May	10.30am	SVP monthly Coffee Morning, after Mass. All welcome.
Fri. 4 th May	7.15pm – 8.15pm	Altar Servers meet in Emmaus Room.
Sat. 5 th May	11.00am	Saturday Club meets, in Emmaus Room

Parish Open Meeting - The date is set for **Sunday, 3rd June**, with the usual format. There is a list at the back of the church for those who wish to attend and for catering for lunch. Items for the agenda to be sent to Fr. Brendan. Most of the reports are now in with the exception of the Social Committee. I have asked if the altar servers could design a cover for the reports as they did last year.

Mother Teresa’s Knitting Group – Advance notice: Our monthly meeting will be taking place on Monday, 14th May this month because of the Bank Holiday on the 7th.

Parish Archive – Our parish website now has an updated Parish Archive link. There are many interesting articles and photos showing the history of our parish. Our website address is <http://www.sacredheartdereham.org.uk>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, Monday, 7th May 2018 – From 11:00am - Arrivals at the Shrine & Confessions available; at 12:00 noon - Pilgrimage Mass; then at 3:00pm – Procession of Our Lady to The Priory Grounds, followed by Benediction and prayers on the site of the original Holy House; 4:30pm – Depart.


The Message of Walsingham – There are a few booklets available about the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, including the Shrine Programme. The National Shrine has produced a high-quality 200-page Pilgrim Handbook. More details are available by email to: PilgrimHandbook@walsingham.org.uk. For details of Pilgrimages and Retreats, see the Shrine’s website: www.DowryHouse.org.uk. For details about the Dowry Tour 2018-2020, see the website www.DowryTour.org.uk.

Interested in joining the Ignite Team? – Are you leaving school or university this summer, in between jobs or would like to do something 'different'? The Diocesan Youth Service is looking for people age 18 - 30 to join the Ignite Team from September 2018 - August 2019 (full time). The team share the Gospel Message with young people in a way they can relate to including using music, drama and tech. Accommodation, food, and a monthly allowance are provided. For more information email: igniteteam@rcdea.org.uk

Inviting ALL Young People in Year 8 upwards to the Ignite Festival, May 5th – 6th: Come and experience your faith in a new and dynamic way at the Ignite Festival. The weekend will include powerful talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff, including sumo suit wrestling! We are particularly pleased to welcome Gabby and Paige from the TV show *Bad Habits, Holy Orders*. Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service. See www.ignitefestival.co.uk for more information.

Altar Servers' Annual Mass at St, John's Cathedral: Saturday, 26th May - It would be great if as many as possible could attend the Mass. There will be a B-B-Q in the Cathedral House garden after the Mass.

Newman Lectures 2018 – The last of his year’s lectures taking place at UEA’s Julian Study Centre is on **Monday, 30th April at 6.30pm**, with a lecture Sr Anne Swailes. Parking at UEA is free from 6.00pm.

In Eastertide, we recite REGINA COELI in place of the ANGELUS:	
	Queen of heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.
	For he, whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia,
	Has risen as he said, Alleluia.
	Pray for us to God, Alleluia
	Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.
	For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia.
Christ is Risen!	<i>Let us pray:</i> O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech you, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.