

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Salvation For All

We are invited to church to worship God but there are huge numbers of people who have never set foot in a church and have no intention of finding God. These are the people that Jesus is determined to seek out and save. Jesus doesn't wait for people to seek him out, he seeks them out first. To Jesus it doesn't matter to what depths someone has sunk, salvation is still an option.

Zacchaeus is an example of the most despised of crooks. He is a chief tax collector who has made great wealth on the back of his oppressed fellow Jews. In Jesus' day, tax collectors were put in the same category as thieves and murderers. Because they were in the employment of the Romans, Jewish tax collectors were regarded as traitors by their own people. Although hugely wealthy, Zacchaeus must have felt lonely and isolated. He certainly makes a good subject for a parable that tells us how Jesus reaches out to the lowliest and most despicable.

On this particular day, Zacchaeus, curious to catch a glimpse of Jesus runs ahead, and being of small stature climbs up into a tree. But although it is Zacchaeus who wants to see Jesus, it is actually Jesus who spots Zacchaeus and tells him that he will be dining at his house that day.

It is disappointing that we don't get to hear what went on between Jesus and Zacchaeus at that meal, but we do know that Zacchaeus was suddenly a changed man. We don't know what was said, but we do know Jesus' intention. Jesus had come to save those who were lost. To be lost means to become disassociated with the person God wants us to be. Jesus has a talent for looking beyond sin to the people we can become. Somehow Jesus was about to show Zacchaeus who he could really be.

The parable of Zacchaeus is a great comfort to us, however low we have sunk, Jesus is determined to seek us out and show us a better way.

**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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### 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016 - 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Sunday Masses - Page 157 of Parish Mass Book

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

#### Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: Belmont Mass

Entry 6pm - *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 720 - Be still, for the presence of the Lord ...

Offertory Hymn 965 - As the deer pants for the water ...

Communion *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*

Recessional 11am - *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 934 - Dear Lord and Father of mankind ...

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

#### Weekday Mass Times (31<sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time) [Psalter Week 3]

Mon.	No Mass today	Feria
Tues.	10.00 am	ALL SAINTS, SOLEMNITY - Int. Joy Bussey
	7.30 pm	Int. People of the Parish
Weds.	10.00 am	ALL SOULS DAY - Int. Peter & Marta
Thurs.	10.00 am	Feria - Int. Michael Reavey (Sanderson)
Fri.	10.00 am	Votive Mass for World Peace
	5.45 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Silent Prayer
	6.15 pm	Evening Prayer (Vespers)
Sat.	10.30 am	Feria - Donor's Int.
	6.00 pm	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Int. Kathleen Carroll

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

**Anniversaries this week:** Thomas Bane, Minnie Andrews and Pam Gayton. *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, Anna Thompkins, Michelle Smith, Rita Smith, Eileen Brockleby, Pat Howe, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Margaret Leggett, Ken May, Muriel Harmer, Joy Bussey and Peter Brown.

**Money Matters** – The collection for the Parish last weekend amounted to £391.28 and the retiring collection for World Mission Sunday was £143.21. Thank you all very much.

**The Sponsored Cycle Ride** has raised £322.50 + £65 in Gift Aid. The portion for Sacred Heart will arrive in the New Year. Thank you to the cyclists and sponsors. It was a pretty miserable day as I remember it.

**Diary Dates for this week –**

- Tues. 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. – Please note that there is no Queen of Peace Prayer Group tonight.
- Fri. 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. – SVP ‘First Friday’ Coffee Morning. After morning Mass. All welcome.
- Fri. 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. – Confirmation Preparation Group meets – 7.15pm - 8.30pm in Emmaus Room – Introductory Session
- Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. – Saturday Club meets - 11.00am in Emmaus Room

**Tuesday next** is a Holy Day of Obligation to attend Mass as it is All Saints Day. Please note the times of Mass on that day.

**Saturday Morning Masses** - From now on there will be a Saturday morning Mass only during term time. During half-term and holidays there will be just the Saturday evening Mass.

**Britain's Got Talent and the X Factor!** We need some new talent or some hidden talent here for music over the Christmas period. William and Michael tell me that are going to be away and we need some new talent to help us at Christmas. If you can help please speak with me.

**Union of Catholic Mothers** – UCM members are asked to note that the meeting for November will be a week later than usual. We will meet on **16<sup>th</sup> November at 11 am**, for a demonstration of flower arranging for Christmas.

**Posada – Making Room for Jesus this Christmas** – Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib. Modern day Posada uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from place to place. This gives each ‘host’ the chance to create their own celebration in their home or place in the community, worshipping and reaching out to their communities with the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in their lives. Our church has chosen to engage with Posada this year. Will you be a host to Mary and Joseph for a night? To find out what is involved, see the poster at the back of church and, if you want to be a host, add your name to the Journey Rota by 26<sup>th</sup> November.

**Working with Missionaries of the Poor** - Fr Michael Johnstone is again taking a group to Kingston, Jamaica in January to work as Volunteers with the Missionaries of the Poor. Anyone age over 18, male or female is welcome to join the group. Further information from Fr. Michael: [fr.mcjohnstone@tesco.net](mailto:fr.mcjohnstone@tesco.net) or on 01328 823586.

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“Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe; to know what he ought to desire; and to know what he ought to do.”

~ *Saint Thomas Aquinas, Two Precepts of Charity*

***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.**