

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Seeds of Faith



In the face of the seemingly impossible demands of discipleship, it is easy for our faith to falter. This is probably how the apostles feel when they approach Jesus and make the plea, "Increase our faith!" Now if we were hearing this story for the first time, how would we expect Jesus to respond? We'd expect Jesus to work a miracle of course. A miracle would certainly have increased the faith of those who could have witnessed it first hand, but would it have had the same impact for the rest of us? Jesus refrains from working a miracle to increase the faith of his apostles, instead he gives a piece of wisdom which is as inspirational and as motivational for us today as it must have been all those years ago.

Jesus tells us that if we only have faith the size of a tiny mustard seed we have enough. In other words, faith is so powerful that we don't need very much of it to do great things. This is good news for all of us who have long felt our faith is flagging. Suddenly the challenge is not to strengthen or develop our faith, but to have faith in the little faith we've already got.

So how can we use our mustard seed of faith to do great things? Jesus tells us that all we have to do is take our mustard seed of faith and act. We should stop worrying about how little or how much faith we have, and get on with God's work. Like the tireless servant who comes in from the field and prepares his masters' evening meal before his own, so we must live our lives faithful to Jesus' teachings. When we live our lives faithful to God how can we fail to see results, and once we begin to see results how can our seeds of faith fail to grow?

Bitesize - 'Doubt is a pain too lonely to know that faith is his twin brother.'

~Khalil Gibran



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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Sunday 2nd October 2022 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

[27th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 3]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 1st October 18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	St Therese of the Child Jesus +Michael Carroll (<i>C. Carroll</i>)
Sunday 2nd October 09.00 MASS 11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time For Patsy Gray For the People of the Parish
Monday 3rd October 10.00 MASS	Feria For Sheeba Antony's intentions
Tuesday 4th October 10.00 MASS	St Francis of Assisi For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory (<i>Sillince – 4/10</i>)
Wednesday 5th October 10.00 MASS	Feria
Thursday 6th October 10.00 MASS & ADORATION <i>Live streamed</i>	Feria For Osyth Hawke's Intentions (<i>Foundation Mass</i>)
Friday 7th October - No Mass today	Our Lady of the Rosary. (HARVEST FAST DAY)
Saturday 8th October 18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Feria
Sunday 9th October 09.00 MASS 11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time For the People of the Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday after 10.00 Mass and Saturday at 17.30
EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Thursday after Mass

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For **Live Streamed Masses** Search for **Dereham Catholic Church** on **YouTube**, or use the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR-qWs-B40VTvbezZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

The parish newsletter is available on the parish website from Friday each week.

Anniversaries this week: Vi (Amelia) Secker, David Peek, Reginald Rayner, Richard Hayter, Josepha Hart, Maud Juby, John Pearson. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Hospital Visits: If you or any member of your family is admitted to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital and would like to have a visit from a Catholic Priest, please inform a nurse on the ward and contact will be made through the Chaplaincy. If you are admitted to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn, please contact Fr. Peter Rollings at the Presbytery on 01553 772220. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick before going into hospital, please contact Fr. Jay either by phone or by email.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for: Shirley Liebenhals, Frances Saville King, Derek Williams, Patsy Gray, Collette Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-Davies, Fr. Brendan, William Dunn, Pauline Buckland, Diana Cater, Gretta Cummings.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £310.47. Thank you.

For those who would like to make their regular offerings by Standing Order, the information you need is: Account name: **Catholic Church of Dereham.** The Sort Code is: **40-20-08** and the Account number is: **11311115.** If you are a tax payer, please also consider **Gift Aid.** **Gift Aid forms** are available at the back of church. This will help to maximize our donations in the Parish.

Mass Count – The second of the Mass counts takes place at all Masses this weekend.

Parish Open Meeting – The Parish meeting takes place this **Wednesday, 5th October at 4.30 p.m.** in the Emmaus Room. Copies of the agenda for the meeting are available at the back of church.

Parish Magazine – Our new Parish Magazine '**The Shack**' has been published. Copies are available at the back of church and can also be found on the parish website. Contributions for the next edition are welcome.

Confirmation Candidates – There is a Confirmation Introduction Session for parents and candidates this **Friday, 7th October at 7.15-8.45pm** in the Emmaus Room.

Diary Dates for this week		
Tues. 4 Oct.	1900-1930	Chess Club – Emmaus Room
Weds. 5 th Oct.	After 1000 Mass	SVP Monthly Coffee Morning. All welcome.
Saturday	1100	Tennis every Saturday at the Dereham Leisure Park
Sunday	After 1100 Mass	Youth Club table tennis – Emmaus Room

Harvest Fast Day: Friday 7th October 2022 – Next Friday is Harvest Fast Day and there will be a retiring collection for CAFOD after all Masses next weekend. There are envelopes for this at the back of church Join together with your parish, friends and family so that families around the world survive today and have food for all their tomorrows. By sharing a simple meal and giving what you save, you'll be standing in solidarity with vulnerable people who are threatened by the global food crisis. No-one deserves to go hungry.

Prisons' Week – Next Sunday is the start of Prisons' Week when we are asked to pray for prisoners and their families.

Visit of the Relics of St Bernadette to the Diocese: 13th-16th October 2022 – In September and October this year, the relics of St. Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland and Wales for the very first time. This very special once-in-a-lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near them. Individuals and groups are warmly invited to register their attendance at their chosen church or cathedral on the Relic Tour website: www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/.

The pilgrimage will take place in this Diocese at the following venues:

- **Norwich** - Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Unthank Road, NR2 2PA
Arr.: 13th October 2022, 11.30 a.m. Dep.: 15th October 2022, 9.00 a.m.
- **Cambridge** – Our Lady of the Assumption and the English Martyrs, Hills Road, CB2 1JR
Arr.: 15th October 2022, 10.30 a.m. Dep.: 16th October 2022, 9.00 a.m.

For the full list of tour dates, go to The Tour website. For general enquiries: E: contact@stbernadette.org.uk www.stbernadette.org.uk

(Please note there will be no Mass in the parish on Thursday, 13th October. A solemn Mass of Welcome will be celebrated at St John's Cathedral at 12 noon for the arrival of the Relics on that day. See the poster at the back of church.)

Parish Website - The current Parish website is under reconfiguration. The new website will be published in the coming weeks. We thank two of our parishioners who allotted time and skills to make this possible.

Parish Christmas Party - The hall is already booked for our Parish Christmas Party on the 11th December at the Scarning Village Hall, 1300 to 1800. It will be 'a bring and share'.

Month of the Holy Rosary - The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

