

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Travelling Light

"Travel light" Jesus tells his missionaries, "No purse, no bag, no sandals." It seems austere advice for missionaries about to embark on an arduous journey, but it makes sense. The less the missionaries had to worry about, the more focussed they would be on the task in hand. The same goes for us tenfold. Think how much our worldly concerns slow us down. We might have some inspirational life changing ideas with which to change the world, but first we have to fix the washing machine, pay the mortgage, fill in a tax return, vacuum the car and bath the dog. The life

changing ideas will just have to wait until tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow. Travelling light goes deeper. Jesus knows how much importance we humans attach to possessions. Jesus knows how easy it is for our possessions to possess us! Do we work to live or live to work? Is the house a roof over our head while we live, or do we live to pay the mortgage? Does the car get us to work in the morning, or do we go to work to pay for the car?

Jesus' second strategy is to stay with those who extend a welcome but not to entertain a town that does not offer a welcome. Today we would call it knowing our audience. We have to know when to promote Jesus' teaching, but we also have to know when the time or the situation is not right.

This gospel speaks to us all and that isn't a comfortable thought. Perhaps we've never imagined ourselves as evangelists. Unlike the evangelists in this story, we have no special powers to cast out evil, but we all have the power to spread goodness and kindness. We might feel small in the face of impacting our beliefs on an unbelieving world, but we've huge advantages over those first missionaries who had to evangelise in completely uncharted territory. Working with small numbers in a hostile climate without the modern advantages of computers or television, those early missionaries spread a message that exists two thousand years later. How much easier it ought to be for each of us today.



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 3rd July 2022 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

[14th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 2]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 2nd July

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday* For the People of the Parish

Sunday 3rd July

09.00 MASS

11.00 MASS *Live streamed*

Monday 4th July

10.00 MASS

Tuesday 5th July

10.00 MASS

Wednesday 6th July

10.00 MASS

Thursday 7th July

10.00 MASS & ADORATION

Live streamed

Friday 8th July

- No Mass today

Saturday 9th July

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

Sunday 10th July

09.00 MASS

11.00 MASS *Live streamed*

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ann Hannon+

Feria

Stuart Conney+

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15th 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

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR-qWs-B40VTvbzezZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

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

Anniversaries this week: Leslie Neve, Fred Hawkins, Andre Kanssen, Irene Dorothy O'Brien, Mary Costen, Joan Mary Siedlecki, Rosie Hawksbee, Elaine Stephenson, Teofila Wiesel. *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.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £483.30. **Peter's Pence** £58.74. Offerings by **Standing order** for May 2022: £1376.00. Thank you.

Next Sunday is Sea Sunday and there will be a retiring collection after all Masses next weekend for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea).

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.** Let Rex Baker know if you would like to sign up to Gift Aid.

Diary Dates for this week		
Weds. 6 th July	10.30 a.m.	SVP monthly coffee morning, after Mass – All welcome.
Weds. 6 th July	7.30 p.m.	Scripture Group - Presbytery
Sundays	After 1100 Mass	Youth Club table tennis – Emmaus Room

Tuesday Chess - Fr Jay is planning to hold a 30-minute chess lessons for kids of any age and for young adults alike in the Narthex every Tuesday at 1900. A limited number of 7 slots only. This will hopefully start on the **12th July 2022.** Parents may email Fr Jay for confirmation and when materialized, the parents of minors must be around while the lessons are taking place. Chess sets are provided.

Altar Servers Mass is at the Cathedral in Norwich on **Saturday 16th July at 12.00 noon** followed by a BBQ.

Refresher Day for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors: This will take place on **30th July 2022 at 1300 in the Emmaus Room.** New volunteers are welcome to join.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 19 to Friday 26 August 2022. For help contact the diocesan director, Deacon John Morrill at john.morrill@rcdea.org.uk or Tel: 07956 536140 or at Catholic Pastoral Centre, 12 Exeter Road, Newmarket, CB8 8LT. More info. can be found on the pilgrimage website: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association#>

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, 26 – 29 August 2022, Ampleforth Abbey, York - Are you wanting to explore faith, improve your relationship with Jesus, and make loads of new friends at the same time? The charity Youth 2000 are preparing to welcome hundreds of young people from all around the UK to pray and praise together over the entire Bank Holiday weekend (Fri 26th - Mon 29th August at Ampleforth College, York). Families and under 18s are welcome! Go to youth2000.org/events/summerfestival to book your tickets before they sell out. Sponsored places are available if money is an issue - just get in touch at events@youth2000.org.uk. ~ Rachel Barry, Youth 2000 Gapper, Youth 2000 | Youth2000.org | Youth 2000 Charitable Trust | Registered Charity: 1000371

Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride – The annual Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride will be taking place on **Saturday, 10th September 2022.** A new Norfolk Churches Trust website has gone live which will make the whole process of registering easier and finding out how to take part. More information is available at <https://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride/>



Visit of the Relics of St Bernadette to the Diocese: 13th-16th October 2022 - The Bishops of England and Wales welcome a pilgrimage of the relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes. The pilgrimage will take place in this Diocese from October 13th – 16th at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Unthank Road, Norwich NR2 2PA commencing at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday, 13th October until 09.00 a.m. on Saturday, 15th October.

Papal Prayer Intention for July 2022: What Can We Learn from the Elderly?
It's easy for young people to imagine there isn't much they can learn from their older relatives. It's easy to imagine that because someone is in a wheelchair or has grown forgetful that they don't have much to offer in a world that favours a technically savvy fast-moving youth. What we might overlook, however, is that there isn't much we live through that our older relatives haven't lived through first. Our older relatives know how we are feeling because they've already 'done it and bought the T-shirt!' Our older relatives have learned resilience. How did they get there? How can we emulate this? What advice could they give us? This month Pope Francis invites us to join his prayer intention ".... **We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.**"



Bitesize: "How am I going to live today in order to create the tomorrow I'm committed to?" ~Anthony Robbins