

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Words of Wisdom

We readily accept words of wisdom if we hear them from the pulpit, from Radio Four's Moral Maze or from a learned lecturer in theology. We are less likely to accept words of wisdom if we hear them from a TV soap, the man in the corner shop, or from our own children. We need to trust our source of information before we trust the information itself. At the end of the day, in

our eyes some people are qualified to dish out words of wisdom and others are not. The danger of this outlook is that we can end up believing absolutely everything from the mouth of someone highly qualified, and nothing from the mouths of those who haven't a qualification to their name. This is sad, because anyone can have an insight to share, and by closing our minds we do not hear the wisdom and an opportunity is lost.

When Jesus returned to his hometown to preach, he was treated with similar disregard. When the Nazarenes heard him speaking; they could not take him seriously because they could remember all too well his humble origins. Wasn't he just a carpenter ... Mary's son? They closed their minds against Jesus, and because their minds were closed, Jesus could not work any great deed that day.

Of course, there is more to this story than Jesus being rejected in his hometown. This is a story about how we too can ignore or reject God. This is a story about the stumbling blocks we encounter in our faith. Perhaps our pet stumbling block might be our unwillingness to listen to others in the belief that we know best. Our stumbling block might be a reluctance to ask for help, fearing that this might be a sign of weakness. Our stumbling block might be the inability to recognise the voice of God in our day-to-day surroundings. Could God be talking to us through a partner, through our children, parents or friends? Where will the next prophet come from, the other side of the globe or the other side of the street? The trick is, not to rule anything out. God is more likely to work wonders in an open mind than a closed one.



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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4TH JULY 2021 – 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B

[14th Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 2]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 3 July	6.00 pm	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Margaret Smith (Bussey) Holy Souls The People of the Parish
Sun. 4 July	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Mon. 5 July	10.00 am	Feria	Barry O'Brien (Gray)
Tues. 6 July	-	Feria	No Mass today
Weds. 7 July	10.00 am	Feria	Colm Lacy
Thurs. 8 July	10.00 am	Feria	Sr. Mary Angelica (Theedom)
Fri. 9 July	10.00 am	Feria	Colin Cummings
Sat. 10 July	-	Feria	No morning Mass
Sun. 11 July	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Holy Souls The People of the Parish Bingham Family

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - from 9.25 a.m. – 9.55 a.m.
before each weekday Mass.**

The Church is open daily until 6:00pm

Anniversaries this week: Fred Hawkins, Andre Kanssen, Irene Dorothy O'Brien, Mary Costen, Joan Mary Siedlecki, Rosie Hawksbee, Elaine Stephenson, Antonio Fernand Marques. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Useful links: Diocesan Safeguarding – <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/safeguarding/>
Diocesan Website – <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>
Notre Dame High School, Norwich – <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>
Daily Liturgy Website – www.universalis.com

ALL MASSES ARE LIVE STREAMED ON YouTube –

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

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. Brendan either by phone or by email.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for: Carol Whitesides, Shirley Liebenhals, Frances Saville King, Derek Williams, Greta Cummings, Patsy Gray, Allan Michael Howard, Collette Barrow-Nessian.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering of £346.30 'on the plate' last weekend for the day-to-day running of our parish.

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**. This is a great way for the parish to get additional funds from the tax reclaim benefits scheme; with this scheme you do not need to commit to a fixed amount as it will just be based on your total annual contribution. Let Fr. Brendan know if you would like to sign up to Gift Aid.



Newsletter by Email - Please let Fr. Brendan know if you would like to receive the parish's weekly bulletin by email. We have a GDPR compliant list of names for this purpose.

Moving forward: A positive sign of life in the parish is the number of people attending Mass each weekend and on weekdays. This means that I have had to restore my regular delivery of altar breads. Up to now I have been ordering them when needed and have come close to running out of supplies! From now on a regular delivery posted from the Carmelite Convent, Thicket Priory in Yorkshire and will include the gluten free altar breads as usual.

Sea Sunday – Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. For an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what StellaMaris does, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday. To donate and for more information, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text 'SEA to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.

Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for July 2021: "A Better Normal" - As we move from lockdown and Covid restrictions we hear a lot people speak of the "new normal" while others want to return to how things were before all this. Will the 'old normal' ever be the same? How will the 'new normal' look? Either way, it's clear that



we all have some rebuilding to do, and in rebuilding, we all have to create a 'better normal'. Pope Francis's challenge for this month is to look for areas of conflict either locally or globally and think how we can approach that conflict in a spirit of friendship and dialogue. We all imagine that we work very hard, but when it comes to making a mark on the world, perhaps we are all a little lazy. Our lives cannot just be about providing for our families. As Christians we have to look to the common good. This month we are asked to join in Pope Francis's prayer intention "... that in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship."

The next online '**Newman Conversations**' event takes place on **Tuesday, 6th July** at 6.00 p.m. with Archbishop Leo Cushley - Archbishop Leo Cushley (St Andrews and Edinburgh) joins Professor John Charmley to talk on the subject of 'Catholic Education: Good for Scotland'. They will discuss why Catholic schools are good for Scotland, why Catholic schools came into the state system (The Education Act (Scotland) 1918) and the role of Catholic education in forming pupils morally and intellectually. To register, go to <https://newmanlectures.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cb04994a4d9f3590687426200&id=29e47b9cec&e=c1130fae6e>. If you missed the first of these new conversations — a recording can be found on the Diocese of East Anglia's website, or you can click on the following link <https://newmanlectures.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cb04994a4d9f3590687426200&id=3b19f78ab5&e=c1130fae6e>.

Inviting Young People and Young Adults on Pilgrimage – Aged 16-30? Come and join a 'Covid Safe' walking and camping pilgrimage to Walsingham in the last week of July. Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service and Radio Maria England. Registration just £50 (plus booking fee). Walk one of the ancient pilgrim routes which will lead from Ely and through a number of our parishes including Brandon, Swaffham and Fakenham. More details at www.englishway.org.

Bitesize – "Learning sleeps and snores in libraries, but wisdom is everywhere, wide awake, on tiptoe." ~ *Josh Billings*

Prayer for the Election of a Bishop

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

St. Felix, Pray for us.

St. Fursey, Pray for us.

St. Edmund, Pray for us.

All Holy Martyrs and Saints of East Anglia, Pray for us.