

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Calculating the Cost

We hear a lot about calculating the cost of discipleship, but how many people actually sit down and do exactly that .... calculate the cost.

We certainly do our calculations if we're paying a visit to the bank manager for a loan. We certainly start calculating if we're down to small change and there are two long weeks left to pay day.

Today Jesus tells us that calculating the cost of discipleship should be no different. "For which of you intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?"

Discipleship means different things to do different people at different stages in their lives. Discipleship might mean deciding how best to use our gifts to help people at home and in the work place. Discipleship might mean coming up with a plan to transform a local community or some kind of global project. Whatever our vision we will need to sit down and plan it. Inevitably this will involve personal cost and if we don't calculate that cost, we are setting ourselves up to fail before we have begun. Will we be able to accomplish our plans alone or will we need help? How will we make time to achieve our goals and will this involve an element of sacrifice? Do we have enough money to realise our ideas or will we need to fundraise? Do we have the necessary skills or will we have to step out of our comfort zones in order to learn something new?

In today's gospel Jesus says, "Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." Discipleship is demanding. Jesus is looking for a full-time commitment. Discipleship is not something that can be slotted easily and comfortably into our existing life styles. Discipleship involves cost, and today's invitation is to sit down and calculate whether that cost is within our means.

**Bitesize** – "My body and spirit are the only things that truly belong to me."  
~ Carrie Latet



**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 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

[23<sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 3]

### MASSES in the PARISH

#### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday* For the People of the Parish  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

09.00 MASS +Hilda Pritchard  
11.00 MASS *Live streamed* +Gonzalo Mausisa

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September

10.00 MASS +Liam Lacey

#### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

10.00 MASS **Feria**

#### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

10.00 MASS **Feria**

#### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September

10.00 MASS & ADORATION **The Nativity of the BVM. Feast.**  
*Live streamed* +John Merrick (*Foundation Mass*)

#### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September

14.00 Funeral Service for +Janice Blows at Breckland Crematorium, Norwich Road, Scoulton, Norwich NR9 4NR **Feria**

#### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday* +Michael Carolan

#### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September

09.00 MASS +Paul Morris  
11.00 MASS *Live streamed* 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:** Evelyn Maguire, James Robins, Eleanor Finnimore, George Hill, Joan Foster, Maurice Finnimore, Michael Carey. *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.

**Money Matters:** Offering for last Sunday: Plate £319.87. 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 the Church. This will help to maximize our donations in the Parish.

**Confirmation Preparation 2023** - If you're 13 by next June and are interested in Confirmation, please take a form from church and return to Fr. Jay by end of September. Sessions begin in October!

**First Holy Communion 2023** - Preparation for children Year 3 and above will commence early October. Enrolment forms for parents to collect are available at the back of church. Sessions will be on Saturday mornings 10.30-11.30.

**Liturgy** – A new setting of the Gloria will be introduced this week. Please pick up a copy of the hymn sheet.

Diary Dates for this week		
Tues. 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	19.00-19.30	Chess Club – Emmaus Room
Sundays	After 11.00 Mass	Youth Club table tennis – Emmaus Room

**Parish BBQ, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September** - There will be a BBQ next Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, after the 1100 o'clock Mass, in the presbytery garden. If you are attending, please bring your own drinks, and a salad or dessert to share. Please sign up on the list provided at the back of the Church, with your name, number of adults and children attending, what food you are bringing and whether you are vegetarian or vegan. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

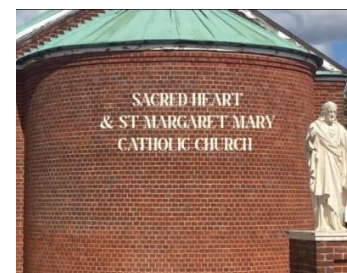
**Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride, Drive or Walk** – The annual bike ride takes



place next **Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September**. If you've not done so already, there is still just time for you to get sponsored. Go to <https://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride/> for more information. More volunteers are needed to provide

hospitality and sign in visiting participants. If you can help, please sign up on the rota at the back of church. This is a fun way to raise funds for your own church, as well as helping others.

**Parish Signboard** - Another suggestion for the Parish sign is the name of the Parish fixed to the round wall of the Church in metal letters for durability. With the same price of £800, this could be seriously considered. So, starting this week, we shall be accepting donations for the Parish sign, with your generosity and support.



**Dereham Town Pastors** would like to invite volunteers to become town and prayer pastors. If you are interested, please contact: **Tricia Waller**, [ptewaller@btinternet.com](mailto:ptewaller@btinternet.com).

**Parish Open Meeting** – The Parish Open Meeting has been fixed for Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 16.30 in the Emmaus Room. The agenda for the meeting will include the charting of the Parish major activities for next year and updates on the Alive in Faith projects.

**Parish Christmas Party** – The hall has already been booked for our Parish Christmas Party to take place on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December at Scarning Village Hall from 13.00-18.00. It will be a 'bring and share' event.

**Parish Magazine** – It is proposed to try and produce a quarterly magazine highlighting our parish life. Fr. Jay would welcome any constructive items for publication from parishioners on items of interest.

**Visit of the Relics of St Bernadette to the Diocese: 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October 2022** – Individuals and groups are warmly invited to register their attendance on the Relic Tour website: [www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/](http://www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/). The pilgrimage will take place in this Diocese at St John's Cathedral, Norwich & OLEM Cambridge. For the full list of tour dates, go to The Tour website. For general enquiries: E: [contact@stbernadette.org.uk](mailto:contact@stbernadette.org.uk) [www.stbernadette.org.uk](http://www.stbernadette.org.uk)