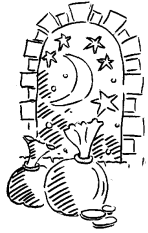


GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Everlasting Purse

There are no two ways about it; human beings are materialistic by nature. Even as very small children we have to be taught to share our toys and it doesn't come easily to us. Our possessions become a part of us. Anyone who has tried to declutter the attic only to find possessions they can't possibly be parted from will be only too aware of this. Worse than that, our possessions start to possess us. We think twice about visiting a friend who lives in the rough end of town.

Will our car still be there when it's time to go home? We are trapped in jobs we hate simply because we are committed to buying that dream house. Suddenly our possessions are dictating how we live our lives. Then when we die, somebody will come along and give everything we owned to a charity shop, because at the end of the day, our possessions mean very little.

Today we are told, "Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Salvation doesn't depend on which church we go to, or how many prayers we say. Salvation is determined by what we do with what we have, and how much love we have in our hearts for others.

How much we help others of course depends very much on what we have in the first place. "To who much is given much is required." Jesus tells us. If we have talents, a well-paid job and the good fortune to be born into an affluent society, we are expected to help those who have never had the opportunity to develop their talents or who own very little. Oh yes, and there's a time limit! "But know this," says Jesus, "if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into." The Son of Man will return at an unexpected hour.

When we buy our possessions, we think about how we would like to be defined. Do we want the brand trainers or the non-brand trainers, a top of the range car or a mid-range car? But at the end of life how would we like to be remembered? Do we want to be remembered as someone with a house full of possessions, or as someone who left a lasting mark on the world... an everlasting purse?

Bitesize – "You can never get enough of what you don't need to make you happy."
~ Eric Hoffer



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Sunday 7th August 2022 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C
[19th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 3]

MASSES in the PARISH		
Saturday 6th August		
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Bridget Murphy+
Sunday 7th August		19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
09.00	MASS	William Murphy+
11.00	<i>MASS Live streamed</i>	Frances+
Monday 8th August		St Dominic
10.00	MASS	Anna Easton+
Tuesday 9th August		ST TERESA BENEDICTA of the CROSS - Feast
10.00	MASS	Elizabeth Langley+
Wednesday 10th August		ST LAWRENCE – Feast
10.00	MASS	UCM's Intentions.
Thursday 11th August		St Clare
10.00	MASS & ADORATION <i>Live streamed</i>	Barry Head+
Friday 12th August		Feria
-	No Mass today	-
Saturday 13th August		Feria
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For Peggy Mealy
Sunday 14th August		THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM – Solemnity
09.00	MASS	Norah & Jeremiah Ryan+
11.00	<i>MASS Live streamed</i>	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: Sybilla Hopkins, Peggy Malone, Agnes Harmer, Andrew Browne, Frederick Faulkner, Betty Evans, Barbara Abela, Mark Blows, Roland Leslie Hutchinson, Gavin Wiggins Gemmell. *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 £198.12. 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.** Let Rex Baker know if you would like to sign up to Gift Aid.

Diary Dates for this week		
Mon. 8 th Aug.	14.00-16.00	Afternoon Tea. Come for a social cuppa & chat. And if you wish, bring your knitting/sewing, or play a game – we can offer you cards, dominoes, cribbage, scrabble – or table tennis if you're feeling fit! All welcome. Emmaus Room. Every second Monday of the month.
Tues. 9 th Aug.	19.00-19.30	Chess Club – Emmaus Room
Weds. 10 th Aug.	After 10.00 Mass	UCM meeting – Emmaus Room
Weds. 10 th Aug.	1930	Scripture Study Group - Presbytery
Sundays	After 11.00 Mass	Youth Club table tennis – Emmaus Room

Catholic Charismatic Renewal in East Anglia invite you to *A Day of Prayer and Renewal in the Holy Spirit.* Led by Fr Stefan Park OSA and Fr Gladson Dabre OSA. Theme: Do you believe that I am able to do this? *Matt. 9:28.* Praise and Worship, Holy Mass, Reconciliation, Healing Service, Teaching. **Saturday, 20th August 2022, 10.30am-4.30pm at Clare Priory, Ashen Road, Clare CO10 8NX.** Tea & coffee provided. Bring a packed lunch. For more information, contact: Clare Fox 07906 523496. www.renewaleastanglia.org/future-events

Anniversaries of Hiroshima and Nagasaki: 6th & 9th August - Whether the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki constituted a needless tragedy or a prudent military decision will always be debated. As Christians we pray that those who now wield the tools of Armageddon will remember the lessons of Hiroshima and Nagasaki for a long time to come. **"To remember the past is to commit oneself to the future. To remember Hiroshima is to abhor nuclear war. To remember Hiroshima is to commit oneself to peace."**

Pope John Paul II, Hiroshima, Japan, 1991

Papal Prayer Intention for August 2022: For Small Businesses - This month



we are asked to pray for those small businesses that are struggling. We all have less money in our pockets than usual, but we are asked to try and stay loyal to our local businesses. Pope Francis asks us to join in his monthly prayer intention: *"...We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities."*

Parish Open Meeting – To be held on **Wednesday, 5th October at 1630** in the Emmaus Room. The agenda will include the charting of the Parish major activities for next year and the updates of the Alive in Faith Projects.

Parish Christmas Party - The hall is already booked for our Parish Christmas Party on **Sunday, 11th December at the Scarning Village Hall, 1300 to 1800.** It will be a 'bring and share'. Please pencil this date in your calendar.

Altar Servers Day Out - A game of Bowling and Pizza. Our way of thanking our Altar Servers for their ministry in the Parish, **Saturday, 3rd September, 1130 to 1500 at the Strikes, Dereham.**

The Shack - Fr Jay is planning to try produce a Parish quarterly magazine. It will be a slow start, having a few pages to begin with, possibly a four-page mag. This will serve as a canvas wherein we can paint the life of the Parish in the grand scheme of things. Any write-up in whatever areas of Parish life or any interests in any field as long as it is constructive is welcomed. Fr Jay has suggested the name of the magazine, The Shack, in reference to the humble beginning of the structure of the Church, which was constructed of timber, built in 1925.

Norfolk Churches Trust Annual Bike Ride: Saturday 10th September 2022, 9.00am-5.00pm – Volunteers are needed to welcome and register visiting participants and to offer hospitality during the day. There is a roster at the back of church. If you can help, please sign up for one or more of the time-slots. Many thanks.

Thank you - We are grateful to the Lord sending us generous people to sustain us in our needs in the community. Special thanks to the family from the Parish, who donated us the full amount for our Monstrance.