

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Feeding Faith



We are half a century on from the first moon landing; yet as time goes by, the murmurings that it might never have happened gather momentum. "How could the flag be fluttering on an atmosphere free moon?" "How did the astronauts take such stunning photographs with apparent multiple light sources when their only light source was the sun?" It seems that when anyone makes an incredible claim, there will be those who seek to discredit it. It's far easier to pick holes in an amazing claim than to support it. It's good that we have questioning minds, but what if our questions lead us up a blind alley where we are suddenly incapable of belief.

Put yourself In Jesus' shoes. You've worked inexplicable miracles, not least the feeding of five thousand with just five loaves and two fishes. Now you try to explain to the crowds that your miracle wasn't just about feeding a bunch of hungry people, your miracle was a sign of your divinity. "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The people have a hard time believing your claim. Even though they've witnessed your great miracle, they mutter to each other. "Who's he trying to kid ... we knew his parents and we know where he's from ... how can he have come down from heaven?" Maybe the crowds were looking for more signs ... more miracles! If we were in Jesus' shoes we might have obliged with a few more miracles, but Jesus knows that this is not the answer. Instead, he makes us a promise. "I am the bread of life, anyone who eats this bread will live forever." If we share in Christ's Eucharist, our faith will be nourished and we will inherit everlasting life.

**Bitesize** – "One person with a belief is equal to a force of 99 who have only interests."  
*John Stuart Mill, English economist & philosopher (1806 - 1873)*



**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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## 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021 – 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B

[19<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 3]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 7 Aug.	6.00 pm	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Holy Souls The People of the Parish Teresa Revell
Sun. 8 Aug.	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Mon. 9 Aug.	10.00 am 1.30 pm	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Patron of Europe Funeral Service for Margaret Linda Owen	Terri Sanderson (May)
Tues. 10 Aug.	-	St Lawrence	<b>No Mass today</b>
Weds. 11 Aug.	10.00 am 12 Noon	St Clare Cremation at Breckland for Harry Baker	Philomena & Michael Mealy
Thurs. 12 Aug.	10.00 am	Feria	Angie Blows (Perrin)
Fri. 13 Aug.	10.00 am	Feria	P&H's Int. (4/10)
Sat. 14 Aug.	-	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe	<b>No morning Mass</b>
Sun. 15 Aug.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM</b>	Tony Coleman (Perrin) The People of the Parish Ron Thurstance (Duffield)

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*

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](http://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.

**Anniversaries this week:** Agnes Harmer, Andrew Browne, Frederick Faulkner, Betty Evans, Barbara Abela, Mark Blows, Roland Leslie Hutchinson, Gavin Wiggins Gemmell, Patricia Ann O'Connor, William Barton. *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. 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, Terri Sanderson.

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your offering of £222.65 'on the plate' last weekend towards the daily maintenance 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.

**Welcome** to our visitors who join us for Mass during the holidays. It is always a joy to welcome people from different parishes and places to join with us for Mass.

**Maximilian Kolbe, August 14<sup>th</sup>** - Maximilian Kolbe was a Polish priest who died as a prisoner in Auschwitz on August 14th 1941. When a prisoner escaped from the camp, the Nazis, in reprisal, selected ten others to be killed. One of those selected, Franciszek Gajowniczek cried out, "My wife! My children! I will never see them again." Moved by pity St. Maximilian stepped forward and asked to die in his place. The request was granted. He was canonized a martyr by Pope John Paul II in 1981. The cell where he died is now a shrine.

**Exam Results** - Remember to pray for the youth or our parish who are expecting exam results imminently. We pray that whatever the results bring, our children will be able to see the bigger picture, and know that whatever they are destined to do next is part of God's plan.

**Job Vacancy** - The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham are looking to hire an **Administrative Assistant**. This person will be responsible for administration on behalf of the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham, a new religious community with members from all states of life. Flexible hours, maximum of 12 hours per week, based at their Convent in Dereham. For further information including service/person specifications and application form, please contact Sr Camilla COLW: [admin@walsinghamcommunity.org](mailto:admin@walsinghamcommunity.org) **01362 421442, 07333 85788**

**Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride 2021** - This year's sponsored bike ride will be taking place on **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021**. You can find all the details of this and last year's event in the Norfolk Churches Trust Newsletter on the parish website. You can also find the Trust on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/NorfolkChurchesTrust](http://www.facebook.com/NorfolkChurchesTrust)) and on Twitter ([www.twitter.com/SaveOurChurches](http://www.twitter.com/SaveOurChurches)). The Trust also has a Just Giving link on its website ([www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk](http://www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk)), which is a very good way of raising sponsorship money without having to ask friends and family face to face, which many people find difficult. Nearer the time, there will be a list up at the back of church for volunteers to be in attendance to record participants' visits. The success of this event is largely down to lots of people making small contributions which add up to a large amount of money to help save our iconic and historic Norfolk churches.



**10th Anniversary of the Syrian conflict – how your donations have helped the Syrian people** - Thanks to your donations, **CAFOD** has been helping people in Syria since the crisis began 10 years ago. Over 12 million people have left their homes, 5.6 million are refugees in neighbouring countries and within Syria, 13 million people need help. At the beginning, our focus was on delivering food and blankets through our local church partners. Then we started providing education, health and legal services, and helping people earn a living. Our latest projects are supporting children, lonely elderly people, helping women learn to read, and helping people restart their small businesses. We've always planned for the long term, standing alongside people who lost everything. None of this work would have been possible without your support of CAFOD. Thank you.

### 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