

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Right Stuff - Have you ever backed away from an opportunity that could have changed your life? Have you ever turned down an invitation to take part in something because you felt inadequate or afraid? In today's gospel story a man kneels at Jesus' feet and asks "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" The man is a good man, a man who has kept all the commandments from his youth. Jesus replies, "You lack one thing, go, sell what you own and give the money to the poor; then come and follow me." The rich man goes away sadly, because he has many possessions and cannot do what Jesus asks.

The rich man in the story represents all of us. In this country even the poorest of us is rich compared to those in third world countries. We are all more like the rich man in the story than we'd care to admit. Like the rich man we can't quite get our heads round what Jesus considers rich and what Jesus considers poor. Like the man in the story, we have trouble leaving worldly concerns behind and placing complete trust in God. Like the rich man we have trouble stepping out of our comfort zones and taking risks. Like the rich man it is hard, almost impossible, to detach ourselves from material interests. In short, the story is uncomfortable for most of us because in it we hear Jesus asking us to do something that is frankly too difficult. Some of Jesus' disciples at the time obviously thought so too. "They were greatly astounded and said to one another 'Then who can be saved?'"

In this story we might feel that we are being set up for failure, but this is not the truth. Why would Jesus ask something that was impossible? In actual fact Jesus was inviting the man to be a disciple. He was giving the man a wonderful opportunity. Jesus had faith in the man. He has looked at the man and seen great possibilities. Jesus was giving the man the opportunity to take his faith to another level. How sad that the man's wealth proved too great a stumbling block. Today's gospel is an invitation for us all to take our faith up a gear, and to ask what stumbling blocks might be barring us from the opportunity of a lifetime.



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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10TH OCTOBER 2021 – 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B

[28th Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 4]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 9 Oct.	6.00 pm	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	K. Abraham
Sun. 10 Oct.	9.00 am 11.00 am		The People of the Parish Halina (Borthwick)
Mon. 11 Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Catherine Todd (Borthwick)
Tues. 12 Oct.	-	Feria	No Mass today
Weds. 13 Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Thanksgiving (Cyriac)
Thurs. 14 Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Philip Kemp (Borthwick)
Fri. 15 Oct.	-	St Teresa of Jesus	No Mass today
Sat. 16 Oct.	-	Feria	No morning Mass
Sun. 17 Oct.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Elaine Smith (Duffield) John Woolnough (Goldner) The People of the Parish

**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: Joe Stasiorowski, Maybel O'Donnell, Nellie Pinchbeck, David Jones, Sylvia Remmen, Pat Rushton, James Gallagher, Elaine Smith, Michael Reavey. *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, Terri Sanderson, Ellen Harrington.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering 'on the plate' last weekend towards the maintenance of our parish which amounted to £193.10. You can still make your offering for **CAFOD Family Fast Day**. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

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.

130 Club Draw for September 2021 - Quarterly Prize £75 - Ticket No. 20, Andrew Bell; 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 92, Anne Williams; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 72, Rita Knocker; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 87, Maureen Jessup; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 154, Catherine Perkins; 5th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 102, Silvia Silence.



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.

Prisons Week – This week is Prisons Week during which we are asked to pray for prisoners and their families.

The synodal process of consultation, the subject of the Bishop's Pastoral Letter. I need someone to be our link person with the Diocese on this and help lead the parish in the consultation and to attend the inaugural Mass at St. John's on October 17th. Please speak to me personally if you wish to help.

Mass for Infertility will be celebrated by Bishop Alan at OLISE Church in Newmarket. For more information <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/couples-with-miscarriages-or-infertility-are-not-alone/>. A Mass for those affected by **infertility** (Saturday 6th November 2021 at 11:000 a.m.), followed by a talk on treatment options for Catholic couples with infertility by Dr Phil Boyle, President of the International Institute of Restorative Reproductive

Medicine and founder of NeoFertility. We respectfully ask that children do not attend this November Mass.

First Holy Communion Classes – The forms for enrolment in the First Holy Communion Classes are available from the table at the back of the church. More can be printed if necessary.

Pope Benedict's Prayer Intention for October 2021: Evangelisation - We are reminded this month that proclaiming the Gospel is the main task of the Church. On World Mission Sunday (24th October 2021) we are asked to renew our commitment to evangelisation.



Evangelisation has become an increasingly complex activity in our modern world and unsurprisingly many of us feel deterred. For those of us feeling not up to the task, St. Peter speaks directly to us in his first letter. "Now who is going to harm you if you are enthusiastic for what is good? But even if you should suffer because of righteousness, blessed are you. Do not be afraid or terrified with fear of them, but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear". This month we are asked to join in Pope Benedict's prayer "*... We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.*"

Reclaim Our Common Home - CAFOD's new campaign is a response to Pope Francis's call for a new way of thinking about the world, and to take an active part in renewing our troubled societies by embracing the universal values of solidarity and fraternity. As we seek to plan a world after the pandemic, CAFOD is petitioning to urge Boris Johnson to put the people hardest hit by the impacts of the climate crisis – but who have done the least to cause it – at the heart of the COP26 talks. To sign up to their petition go to: www.cafod.org.uk/reclaim

Bitesize - "Once, a man was asked, 'What did you gain by regularly praying to God?' The man replied, 'Nothing... but let me tell you what I lost: Anger, ego, greed, depression, insecurity, and fear of death.' Sometimes, the answer to our prayers is not gaining but losing: which ultimately is the gain."

Prayer for the Election of a Bishop - God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unflinching 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*.