

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Why Should God Care for Me?

It's easy to hear the story of the 'Prodigal Son' from afar. It's easy to disassociate ourselves from the feelings of the younger son and make the same judgments that the older brother reached. The story takes on a totally fresh significance when you imagine yourself in the prodigal son's shoes.

When we are young everything is clear cut. The difference between right and wrong is obvious and the path through life is uncomplicated. Then life begins to test our principles. Poverty encourages us to make poor choices. Fear of failure encourages us to cheat or lie. Depression causes us to eat and drink too much. Desperation leads us to gamble or steal. Pride prevents us from seeking help. Every poor choice takes us further and further away from God. Like the young man in the story, we begin to feel as though we are not worthwhile. The young man does not consider that his father will welcome him back as his son. We must have felt the same way at some time or another. We must all have started to pray and then thought, "Why on earth should God listen, why on earth should he care?"

Imagine the joy of learning that God has never given up on us? Imagine the young man's rush of relief and joy at finding that his father had never given up waiting for him to come home. For God, forgiveness is just a part of a love that never gives up.

The 'Lost Sheep', 'The Lost Coin', 'The Lost Son'. Three stories that remind us that no one is worthless or insignificant in God's eyes. God is continually looking to bring us back to him. Today's parables are about wholeness and inclusion in a society seemingly intent on division and exclusion. Today's parables speak to us about the need to be found and carried. Today's parables are about transcending the human instinct to sit in judgement over others and to feel the joy of God the Father's reconciling love.



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 11th September 2022 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C - [24th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 4]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 10th September		
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	+Michael Carolan
Sunday 11th September		
09.00	MASS	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time +Paul Morris
11.00	<i>MASS Live streamed</i>	For the People of the Parish
Monday 12th September		
10.00	MASS	Feria For John & Joan Robinson - for healing
Tuesday 13th September		
10.00	MASS	St John Chrysostom. For Calvin & Becky Cummings (sick)
Wednesday 14th September		
-	No Mass today	Exaltation of the Cross. Feast.
Thursday 15th September		
10.00	MASS & ADORATION <i>Live streamed</i>	Our Lady of Sorrows. +Thomas Carolan
Friday 16th September		
-	No Mass today	Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian.
Saturday 17th September		
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For John & Joan Robinson - for healing
Sunday 18th September		
09.00	MASS	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time For the People of the Parish
11.00	<i>MASS Live streamed</i>	+Philip Kemp

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: Annie Cecilia O’Ryan, Sidney Platt, Ferdinand Rupp, William Goulden, Paul Hodak, Stewart Aylin. *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.

+Mary Brendan, the mother of Fr Brendan, passed away last week and the burial took place last Thursday, 1 September in Ireland.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £288.01. Thank you.

Next Sunday (18th September) is Home Mission Day and there will be a retiring collection after all Masses next weekend for the Home Missions.


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 church. This is will help to maximize our donations in the Parish.

Mass Times this Week – Please note there is no Mass on Wednesday, 14th September as Fr. Jay will be attending a Deanery meeting at St. George’s, Norwich.

Parish BBQ takes place this Sunday, 11th September, in the presbytery garden after the 1100 Mass.

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.

Diary Dates for this week		
Mon. 12 th Sept.	1400 – 1600	Afternoon Tea in the Emmaus Room. All welcome. 
Tues. 13 th Sept.	1900-1930	Chess Club – Emmaus Room

UCM Meeting – Members are asked to note that there will be an informal UCM meeting on **Wednesday, 14th September at 1030** in the Emmaus Room. Anne Nicol will be bringing some of her knitted items to sell, and anyone else welcome to bring their own items. (Please note there is no Mass beforehand.)

New Monstrance - The new monstrance for the Parish has arrived and was used for the first time for our Adoration last Thursday on the birthday of Mary.



130 Club Draw for August 2022 - 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 106, Michael Fenton; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 14, Jan Duffield; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 35, Robert Dean; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 180, Eleanor Teale; 5th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 22, Christopher Harris.

130 Club Draw for September 2022 - Quarterly Prize £75 - Ticket No. 39, Anne Maskell; 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 190, Margaret Ferreira; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 85, Nora Fahy; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 5, Joy Bussey; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 89, Greta Cummings; 5th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 119, Veronica Bell.

Parish Finance Committee - The Parish needs new blood for Parish Finance Committee members, preferably with accounting skills. Please help us by taking part in taking care of the temporal goods of our Parish.

Music Liturgy - A Filipino Choir which regularly sings at St Walstan, Costessey will be extending their voices to lead us in singing at the 1100 Mass on the **9th October.**

Parish Signage - We now have the money for the Parish signage, so hopefully when things all work out well such as the planning permission, the installation will be possible within the first week of October.

Pope Francis mourns death of Queen and sends blessing to King Charles III
 Pope Francis mourned the death of Queen Elizabeth II, praising her “steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ” in a telegram to King Charles III, the new monarch of the United Kingdom. “Commending her noble soul to the merciful goodness of our Heavenly Father, I assure Your Majesty of my prayers that Almighty God will sustain you with his un failing grace as you now take up your high responsibilities as King,” the Pope wrote. “Upon you and all who cherish the memory of your late mother, I invoke an abundance of divine blessings as a pledge of comfort and strength in the Lord.” ***“Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.”***