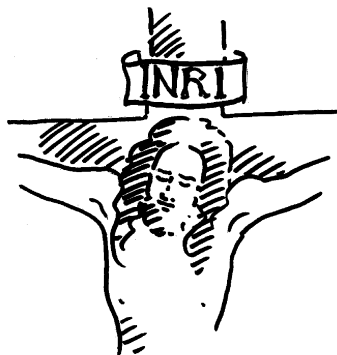


GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Picking Up Our Crosses

Today Peter recognises Jesus as the Son of God, but he completely fails to grasp the implications. He certainly doesn't understand the necessity for Jesus to die on the cross and he tells him so. Jesus puts Peter straight. "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake and for the sake of the gospel will save it."

Taking up our crosses is essential to being a Christian, and far from being a burden, it can be the source of huge happiness and fulfilment. Taking up our crosses, means understanding the needs of others, and putting the needs of others first. We need to forget about our own problems and look to the problems of others. We don't have to look far. The news is full of other people's problems at the moment, and it certainly puts our own problems into perspective. Taking up our crosses means imagining how others feel and how we would like to be treated if we were in their shoes. Empathy is key to taking action. Taking up our crosses means giving up our time and our skills and our money for the happiness of others. Jesus didn't need to choose the road to Jerusalem and crucifixion, but he did. In the same way, Christians need to be pro-active about choosing their crosses. Do we see the need of others and take action, or do we sit back and leave things to others? Being pro-active requires us to be strong, caring and deeply discerning.

There are an estimated 2.1 billion Christians on our planet. How very different the world would be if each and every one of us picked up our crosses.



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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12TH SEPTEMBER 2021 – 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B

[24th Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 4]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 11 Sept.	6.0 m	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Education Day	Amanda O'Dowd Terri Sanderson The People of the Parish
Sun. 12 Sept.	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Mon. 13 Sept.	10.00 am	St John Chrysostom	Cate Todd (UCM)
Tues. 14 Sept.	-	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	No Mass today
Weds. 15 Sept.	10.00 am	Our Lady of Sorrows	No Mass today – Deanery meeting
Thurs. 16 Sept.	10.00 am 1.00 pm	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian Funeral for Cate Todd at Myntlyn Crematorium	Hilda Pritchard
Fri. 17 Sept.	10.00 am	Feria	Pamela Mealy
Sat. 18 Sept.	-	Feria	No morning Mass
Sun. 19 Sept.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Paul Morris Celia Rose Honey 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

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.

Anniversaries this week: Annie Cecilia O’Ryan, Sidney Platt, Ferdinand Rupp, William Goulden, Paul Hodak, Stewart Aylin, Peter John Bussey. *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 offerings for the day-to-day running of our parish over the last few weeks, as follows: 22nd August £223.00; 29th August £214.10; 5th September £187.15 and for your support by Direct Debit and Standing Order.

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.

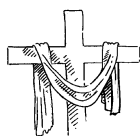


Newsletter by Email - Please let Fr. Brendan know if you would like to receive the parish’s weekly bulletin by email. We have a GDPR compliant list of names for this purpose.

Education Sunday, 12th September 2021 - For well over one hundred years there has been an annual recognition of Education Sunday in England and Wales. It is a National Day of Prayer and celebration for everyone in the world of education. This year we focus on a recovery from two disrupted academic years. We hope and pray that our teachers and our children worldwide will manage to focus on brand new horizons.

Next Sunday is Home Mission Day, when there will be a second collection for the Home Missions after all Masses next weekend.

The Triumph of the Holy Cross, 14th September - We are called to participate in the struggle against evil in every form: racism, social injustice, oppression, infidelity, dishonesty, and corruption. The Risen Lord wishes to deliver us from all evil. But how? Not by removing every difficulty, but by giving us courage to face it and overcome it. Our sufferings are stepping-stones to victory. We look to the cross as a symbol of triumph over suffering and the promise of eternal life.



Masses for Miscarriage and 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 who have experienced **miscarriage** (Sunday 10th October 2021, 12 noon). Families are welcome, refreshments afterwards. A Mass for those affected by **infertility** (Saturday 6th November 2021, 11 am), 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.

Newman Lectures 2021 - The first 'Newman Lecture' of 2021 takes place on Tuesday, 14th September at 6pm with Dr Jacob Phillips, Director of the Institute of Theology, St. Mary’s University, Twickenham. St John Henry Newman’s theology is often referred to as distinctly ‘English’, but there is little consensus on what this ‘Englishness’ might consist of, specifically. This lecture - given by Dr Jacob Phillips - will discuss various answers to this question, and connect these answers to recent discussions in theologies of culture’. To register, follow the following link: <https://newmanlectures.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cb04994a4d9f3590687426200&id=b40a29316b&e=c1130fae6e>

The next Newman Lecture - ‘What should we expect from politics after Covid?’ - will be given by the Rt Hon Dr Ruth Kelly on Sat 9 October at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, and will also be streamed online (timings tbc). To register for your place please go to <https://newmanlectures.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cb04994a4d9f3590687426200&id=24884a531f&e=c1130fae6e> Any queries can be directed to: Marianne.rozario@stmarys.ac.uk

Bitesize – “They gave him a manger for a cradle, a carpenter’s bench for a pulpit, thorns for a crown, and a cross for a throne. He took them and made them the very glory of his career.” ~W.E. Orchard

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.