

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The 'I'm All Right Jack' Mentality

“Woe to those who are rich.” “Woe to those with plenty to eat.” “Woe to those who laugh.” “Woe to those who are honoured.” Does Jesus mean that heaven is denied us if we pick up a well-earned pay packet at the end of the month, stock the freezer and put on a cheerful face? Few of us consider ourselves really well off, but there is a danger that, when we are finally making ends meet, we can become seriously complacent. There is a real danger that when we are sitting down to our Spaghetti Bolognese and bottle of Italian red, that the images of world disasters flashing across our TV screens do not really touch us

for more than fleeting moments. We have struggled through a hard day at work, paid the bills, fed the family and got the children to bed. The last thing we want is breaking news of famine or earthquakes to make us feel uncomfortable.

“Blessed are those who are poor. Blessed are those who are hungry. Blessed are those who weep.” Jesus is always on the side of those who are poor and badly done to, but is that a prescription for being poor and hungry in a bid to win Jesus’ favour? Jesus is clearly not about keeping people in poverty, so what exactly does he mean?

In God’s kingdom our earthly values are turned upside down. We count wealth, good health and success as blessings, which of course they are, but they stop being blessings and become hindrances instead when we bury our heads in the sand and fail to see or do anything about a world that suffers widespread starvation and war. The blessings in our lives can only bring true happiness once we are able to shed our “I’m all right Jack” mentality and do something about the “woes” in other people’s lives.

Bitesize – “Kindness is just love with its work boots on.”
~Karen McCullah and Kirsten Smith

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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13TH FEBRUARY 2022 – 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C

[6th Week of the Year, Weekday Year II, Psalter Week 2]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 12 Feb.	6.00 pm	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Racial Justice Day	Maneesa Cyriac Anna Easton (PM) The People of the Parish
Sun. 13 Feb.	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Mon. 14 Feb,	-	Ss Cyril & Methodius, Patrons of Europe	No Mass today
Tues. 15 Feb.	-	Feria	No Mass today
Weds. 16 Feb.	10.00 am	Feria	TBA
Thurs. 17 Feb.	-	Feria	No Mass today
Fri. 18 Feb.	10.00 am 2.00 pm	Feria Graveside service for Rita Wagstyl (Deacon Sanderson)	TBA
Sat. 19 Feb.	-	Feria	No morning Mass
Sun. 20 Feb.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	TBA TBA TBA

TBA = To be announced

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - from 9.25 a.m. – 9.55 a.m.
before each weekday Mass.**

The Church is open daily until 5:00pm

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-B40VTvbzeZ83MxQ/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: Joseph McHendrie, Nell Bradley, Antero Ribeiro, Alice Wyand, Mary Frances Martin, Michael Triggs, Joan Bedwell, Robert McCarthy, Gerard Keogh, Mary Allison. *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 Deacon Martin either by phone or by email who will endeavour to get a priest to come to you.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for: Shirley Liebenhals, Frances Saville King, Derek Williams, Greta Cummings, Patsy Gray, Allan Michael Howard, Collette Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-Davies, Una Morris, Fr. Brendan.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering of £149.90 last weekend for the day-to-day running 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.

130 Club Draw for January 2022 - 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 98, Brenda O’Dowd; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 186, Pauline Organ; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 99, Kevin Carroll; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 87, Maureen Jessup; 5th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 112, Elaine Wilkes.



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.

Diary Dates for this week		
Weds. 16 Feb.	7.30pm	Parish Finance Committee meets - Emmaus Room.
Sat. 19 Feb.	First Holy Communion Class is on half-term holiday. Classes resume next Saturday, 26 th February.	

Fr. Brendan – Your prayers are asked, please, for Fr. Brendan who suffered a stroke on Wednesday morning and is currently in the NNUH. It has been a great shock to the parish. It is understood Fr. Brendan is conscious and responsive and we pray for his speedy recovery. Fr Michael Stack will be celebrating the 6pm Mass and Bishop Alan will celebrate the Sunday Masses this weekend. It is hoped that Fr Michael Stack will celebrate Mass on

Wednesday and Friday next week, and the following weekend. Cards for Fr. Brendan may be left at the Church or Presbytery and they will be taken in to him.

Confirmation Catechesis - We are running a Confirmation group this September/October. Anyone interested and eligible please see Michael King so we can gauge interest and numbers.

130 Club - Would members please collect their renewal envelopes from the letter rack in the church porch. Members are kindly asked to ensure that their renewals are returned as quickly as possible and before the end of March at the latest. Thank you.

Anyone for Tea? Our new monthly afternoon Tea Group, formerly the parish knitting group, would like to welcome anyone who would like to meet to knit, or do any other crafting, in companionable company over a cup of tea or coffee. Or if you don't knit, you might just like the opportunity to pop in for a sociable chat over a cuppa. Then do join us – we'd love to see you. Our first meeting will take place on **Monday, 14th March in the Emmaus Room from 2pm – 4pm and thereafter every second Monday of the month.** Make it a date!

Racial Justice Sunday, 13th February 2022: Image and Likeness of God - This theme builds on that of the previous year's Racial Justice Sunday 'A Time to Act', which reflected on the importance of everyone recognising themselves, their race, their culture and their history in the life of the Church. The aim, in 2022, is to continue these conversations about how we see others in the "Image and Likeness of God". The Bible has a lot to say about justice because as God's Word, it reflects God's heart for justice. Racism and racial discrimination are justice issues because they deny basic justice and human dignity to women and men who are made in the image of God. Equally, they are sinful because, among other issues, they assume all are not equal before God and are not part of God's family.

Online with the Jesuits - There's a lot online at the moment at 'Jesuits in Britain' from guided retreats to book clubs. Some events are free some are not. Some events are 'blended', as in some people will be meeting face to face whilst others will join via 'Zoom'. For a list and description of events visit www.jesuit.org.uk/events

Prayer for the Election of a Bishop - 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*.