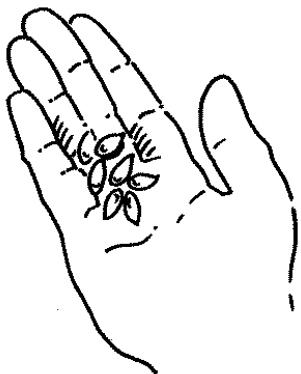


GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Seeds of Faith

Seeds are amazing! We plant them, provide the right environment and then wait. Miraculously, the seeds flower into an array of fabulous plants. We can help the plants to grow, but we cannot make them grow, this power is out of our hands. Ultimately, we cannot predict the harvest. The seeds of faith work in the same way. We can teach someone else about God but ultimately that is all we can do. People react to God's word in countless different ways, ways we cannot predict. Jesus' first disciples were to take comfort in the knowledge that although they were entrusted to plant the seeds of faith, they were not responsible for the harvest God would take care of that.



The task of planting the seeds of faith in the twenty first century can seem as daunting as it must have seemed to those early disciples. Can we really make any difference to a world that still allows war, cruelty and poverty? Today's gospel offers yet more consolation. Jesus speaks of the tiny mustard seed. Despite its insignificant appearance it grows into an impressive shrub substantial enough to provide shade. It's thought provoking that such a humble seed should provide so impressive a result. Jesus teaches us that we mustn't be overwhelmed when faced with a seemingly overwhelming task. We must simply implement Christ's teaching with whatever humble means we have and leave God to do the rest.



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 JUNE 2021 – 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B

[11th Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 3]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 12 June	6.00 pm	11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Private Int.
Sun. 13 June	9.00 am 11.00 am		Holy Souls The People of the Parish
Mon. 14 June	10.00 am	Feria	Patrick Monaghan (Gray)
Tues. 15 June	-	Feria	No Mass today
Weds. 16 June	10.00 am	Feria	Breda Byrne
Thurs. 17 June	10.00 am	Feria	Holy Souls
Fri. 18 June	10.00 am	Feria	Holy Souls
Sat. 19 June	-	Feria	No morning Mass
Sun. 20 June	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Holy Souls The People of the Parish Joao Lobo & Thanks

**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: Vincent Stewart, Maria Gay, Ellen Whitehead, Cardinal Basil Hume, Claudinette Barbas, Thomas Day, Tony Harmer, Madeline Lambert, Francis Hunt.
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.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering of £302.00 on 'the plate' last weekend. Thank you also for your offerings by Standing Order during May which totalled £996.

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.

Next Sunday is the Day for Life and there will be a retiring collection for the work of Life Charities after all Masses next weekend.

Normal Services being Resumed - We have been making great progress in maintaining our spiritual life and worship. The commitment of the faithful is wonderful to experience and is a real witness to our life of faith. I hope we can move on a bit soon with the restoration of the Readers' Rota and the Offertory Procession. Groups can now use the church again. Groups such as the U.C.M.; Catechism Classes, A.A., Altar Servers and the Knitters and Natterers can now begin to come together again or at least make plans to do so. It will soon be time to close the partition doors again following the 11.00 a.m. Mass and put the extra chairs away too. We can open windows to allow the circulation of air too. One day before too long we may even sing together again.

Sanctuary Lighting - I have been looking at the lighting on the sanctuary. It is in need of updating with LED spot lights. A lot of the bulbs are blown and the fittings unfit for their purpose. All the rest of the lighting in the church is LED and that has been a great benefit to us all. The electrician has been to see what is needed and is looking into the replacement of the lighting on the sanctuary and in the gallery for me.

A 'Thank You' from CAFOD - Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. Just in Zambia, in the past year, our reports show we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID-19, provide 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide.

Inviting Young People and Young Adults on Pilgrimage – Aged 16-30? Come and join a 'Covid Safe' walking and camping pilgrimage to Walsingham in the last week of July. Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service and Radio Maria England. Registration just £50 (plus booking fee). Walk one of the ancient pilgrim routes which will lead from Ely and through a number of our parishes including Brandon, Swaffham and Fakenham. More details at www.englishway.org.

Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride 2021 - This year's sponsored bike ride will be taking place on **Saturday, 11th 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.



Pax Christi June Actions for Peace -

- World Refugee Day is on 20th June. A day for us to consider how we welcome refugees in our communities.
- Remember in your prayers all those who suffer in prison for their beliefs and support what your local Amnesty International group is doing for such prisoners of conscience. (22 June is the feast of St Thomas More)
- Pray for the Pope and all those who work in the Vatican. (29 June, feast of Saints Peter and Paul)

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.