

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM



**The Key to Life's Challenges** - How do we live our lives? Do we feel overworked, overwhelmed anxious and tired? Do we feel unable to make an impact on the world around us? Do we suffer from negative feelings of inadequacy, failure, boredom or of panic?

When we are at our lowest ebb we might ask for God's help, but few of us would consider completely putting our trust in God or expecting any fulfilment in return. It's exactly this that makes the Blessed Virgin Mary so special. Mary's trust in God and her lifelong fidelity have made her the model disciple.

Mary presents to us the key to life's challenges when she says, "...He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty...." Mary addresses two driving forces that come up again and again in our lives and our society; self-interest and the use of power to get our own way.

How would Mary behave if she were suddenly amongst us today? Almost certainly she would be leading the way, making Jesus' vision of a world free of poverty and abuse a reality. Almost certainly she would be showing us how to live faithful and fulfilled lives. Mary is the model of trust and fidelity.

Saying 'yes' to God is important, but in some ways it's not the hardest part. Making discipleship real day in and day out as Mary did is the really hard part, and our challenge for today.



**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 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – The Assumption of the BVM – Year C

[20<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 4]

#### MASSES in the PARISH

<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August</b>	18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Peggy Mealy
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>The Assumption of the BVM.</b> <i>Solemnity. Holy Day of Obligation.</i>
09.00	MASS	Norah & Jeremiah Ryan
11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	For the People of the Parish
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>Feria</b>
10.00	MASS	Ron Thurstance+
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>Feria</b>
10.00	MASS	William Pritchard+
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>Feria</b>
10.00	MASS	In Thanksgiving
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>Feria</b>
10.00	MASS & ADORATION <i>Live streamed</i>	Special Intention
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>Feria</b>
-	No Mass today	
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b>		
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b>		<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
09.00	MASS	All of the souls in Purgatory
11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	David Kellett

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday after 10.00 Mass and Saturday at 17.30**  
**EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Thursday after Mass**

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*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:** Patricia Ann O'Connor, William Barton, Edwin Ronald Thurstance, William Albert Schmidt. *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.

**Money Matters:** Offering for last Sunday: Plate £319.02. Thank you

Events this week		
Tues. 16 Aug.	1900-1930	Chess Club – Emmaus Room
Weds. 17 Aug.	1100	Finance Committee - Presbytery
Weds. 17 Aug.	1930	Scripture Study Group - Presbytery
Sat. 20 Aug.	1030-1630	Catholic Charismatic Renewal, East Anglia – Day of Prayer at Clare Priory – see the poster.
Sundays	After 1100 Mass	Youth Club table tennis – Emmaus Room

### Upcoming Events

- Youth 2000 Summer Festival, 26-29 August at Ampleforth Abbey, York. To book a place, go to [www.youth2000.org/events/summerfestival](http://www.youth2000.org/events/summerfestival). Sponsored places are available if money is an issue – just get in touch at [www.events@youth2000.org.uk](mailto:www.events@youth2000.org.uk).
- Altar Servers Day Out at Strikes – Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 11.30-1500
- March for Life – 3<sup>rd</sup> September, London. [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk)
- Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride – Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September. See the posters.
- Parish Open Meeting – Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October at 16.30
- Parish Christmas 'Bring & Share' Party – Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December at 1300-1600: Venue: Scarning Village Hall.

**New Monstrance** - The Monstrance was ordered this week and it will take 3-4 weeks before it arrives since it is made-to-order.

**Police Guidance on Sacramental Access** - You might remember that in light of the tragic stabbing of Sir David Amess M.P., the Archbishop of Westminster and the Metropolitan Police Commissioner undertook to establish a working party to assess how the needs of the police at a crime scene could be balanced against the rights

of a victim to have a priest minister the sacraments to him or her. Updated guidance has now been issued by the police. Although each situation will be different, certain principles have been established. These guidelines should ensure that, wherever possible, priests would be allowed access to the individual to give absolution, anointing and prayers of accompaniment as appropriate.

**Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis - *Desiderio Desideravi*:** *on the Liturgical Formation of the People of God.* This letter will reward our reading especially with the Holy Father's emphasis on our own interior participation in the Mass. This letter ends with the words of Saint Francis of Assisi: *"Let everyone be struck with fear, let the whole world tremble, and let the heavens exult when Christ, the Son of the Living God, is present on the Altar in the hands of a priest!"* The publication is especially apt as we begin on the Synodal Pathway – one of the greatest emphases from our own Diocesan Synthesis was the need for more formation. The letter can be read in full on the following link: [https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html).

**Summer Reading: The Comfort Book by Matt Haig ISBN:9781786898326** - The Comfort Book is a collection of consolations learned in hard times and suggestions for making the bad days better. Drawing on maxims, memoir and the inspirational lives of others, these meditations offer new ways of seeing ourselves and the world. This is the book to pick up when you need the wisdom of a friend, the comfort of a hug or a reminder that hope comes from unexpected places.

**Visit of the Relics of St Bernadette to the Diocese: 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October 2022** – In September and October this year, the relics of St. Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland and Wales for the very first time. Tour website: [www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/](http://www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/).

The pilgrimage will take place in this Diocese at the following venues:

- **Norwich** - Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Unthank Road, NR2 2PA  
Arrive: 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 11.30am/Depart: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 9.00am.
- **Cambridge** – Our Lady of the Assumption and the English Martyrs, Hills Road, CB2 1JR  
Arrive: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 10.30am/Depart: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 9.00am.

For the full list of tour dates, go to The Tour website. For general enquiries: E: [contact@stbernadette.org.uk](mailto:contact@stbernadette.org.uk) [www.stbernadette.org.uk](http://www.stbernadette.org.uk)

**Headteacher vacancies:** - St Mark's Catholic Primary School, Ipswich and Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Peterborough - Please see diocesan website for more details: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/schools/school-vacancies/>

**Bitesize** - "You may be deceived if you trust too much, but you will live in torment unless you trust enough." ~Frank Crane