

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

The Job's Yours



We've got great plans for our lives. We're going to publish a book travel the world in a camper van, win X Factor, or study for a PhD. Forgetting our own agenda to do God's will certainly isn't an appealing alternative. Who in their right mind would choose to work in a soup kitchen if they also had a job offer from Bill Gates? The other problem with doing the job God has planned for us is that it often isn't all that obvious. Some of us have a calling that is screamingly obvious, delivered by angels even.

Others have a vocation that slowly becomes apparent over a number of years, but what if we suspect that God has no job lined up for us at all? Could our apparent lack of vocation mean that we're not really looking for one?

Today's feast is a celebration of Mary's life and her assumption into heaven. Mary is a model of vocation and fidelity, a fidelity that demands self-knowledge courage and sacrifice. For those of us who feel we have no vocation we could learn many lessons by studying Mary's brand of discipleship. Motivation is key. Mary's motivation was to support God's plan. Nothing Mary ever did or said was for her own glory. At the same time there can be few people who could claim to have led a more challenging or rewarding life than Mary's. Similarly, when we make plans, it is useful to examine our motivation. God doesn't necessarily want us all to rush off and work in a soup kitchen (there aren't enough soup kitchens!) Nor would God have given us all different talents if he wanted us all to do the same thing. But if our plans are inspired by fame and impossible wealth, then God probably isn't behind the idea! If our plans involve changing the world for the better or improving the quality of someone else's life, then the job's yours.

Bitesize – "Wisdom is knowing what to do next; virtue is doing it."
David Star Jordan, The Philosophy of Despair



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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15TH AUGUST 2021 – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM – Year B

[20th Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 4]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 14 Aug.	6.00 pm	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM	Tony Coleman (Perrin) The People of the Parish Ron Thurstance
Sun. 15 Aug.	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Mon. 16 Aug.	10.00 am	Feria	William Pritchard
Tues. 17 Aug.	-	Feria	No Mass today
Weds. 18 Aug.	10.00 am	Feria	UCM Intentions (4/5)
Thurs. 19 Aug.	10.00 am	Feria	UCM Intentions (5/5)
Fri. 20 Aug.	10.00 am	St Bernard	Norah Ryan
Sat. 21 Aug.	-	St Pius X	No morning Mass
Sun. 22 Aug.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	P. & H.'s Intentions (5/10) 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: Edwin Ronald Thurstance, William Albert Schmidt, Mary Porter, Richard Burrows. *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, Terri Sanderson.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offerings totalling £1,051.00 towards the day-to-day running of the Parish made by Standing Order in July 2021.

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 July 2021 - 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 121, Colette Barrow-Nessian; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 14, Jan Duffield; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 128, Rose Fenton; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 82, Brenda May; 5th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 164, Kathleen Crowley.



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.

Help needed. While I am away, Fr. Michael Stack will be celebrating Mass. As there are no longer any sacristans, please offer to help him in preparing the altar for Mass and in tidying up afterwards including returning the microphones to the sacristy and ensuring that the lights and systems are switched on and off as necessary. Fr. Michael has a set of keys to the church, but he will need volunteers to read at all Masses. There are still no rotas. If you need to contact Fr. Michael, he can be contacted on his mobile phone: 07756 464422.

Welcome to our visitors who join us for Mass during the holidays. It is always a joy to welcome people from different parishes and places to join with us for Mass.

Interested in working with children and young people? Have you recently left school or university? Deciding what to do next, now 'A' Level results are out? In between jobs? Or would like to do something 'different'? The Diocesan Youth Service is looking for people aged 18-35 to join the Ignite Team, sharing the Gospel Message with young people. These are full-time positions, initially for either 12 months (September 2021 or September 2022 intake), or 6 months (January 2022 or January 2023 intake), with training, food,

accommodation and a monthly allowance provided. For more information see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth.

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. You can also find the Trust on Facebook (www.facebook.com/NorfolkChurchesTrust) and on Twitter (www.twitter.com/SaveOurChurches). The Trust also has a Just Giving link on its website (www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk), which is a very good way of raising sponsorship money without having to ask friends and family face to face, which many people find difficult. Nearer the time, there will be a list up at the back of church for volunteers to be in attendance to record participants' visits. The success of this event is largely down to lots of people making small contributions which add up to a large amount of money to help save our iconic and historic Norfolk churches.



CAFOD launches Emergency Food Crisis Appeal - CAFOD has launched an emergency food crisis appeal for families facing extreme food shortages in Ethiopia's Tigray region, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. Families across these three countries face extreme hunger because of a deadly combination of Covid, climate change and protracted conflict, creating a humanitarian emergency. CAFOD has so far committed £500,000 of generous donations. There is further need to get food and clean water to hundreds of thousands of people. **Donate online at** www.cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Emergency-Food-Crisis

World Humanitarian Day, 19th August 2021 - On the 19th August each year we celebrate World Humanitarian Day. The purpose of World Humanitarian Day is to raise awareness of the plight of civilians around the world who have become caught up in conflicts, and also honour and raise support for the humanitarian workers who risk, and sometimes lose, their lives to help. Over 130 million people throughout the world are currently in crisis, either through war or natural disasters and are in need of humanitarian aid.

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.