

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Feel the Fear - To three slaves a master gives five talents, two talents and one talent respectively. Upon his return, the master discovers that the third servant has buried his talent through fear of failure. The master is angry and throws the worthless slave into the outer darkness. It might seem that the third slave was treated less than sympathetically, after all, he hadn't done anything particularly bad, but on the other hand, he hadn't done any good either. The third slave is a perfect example on how to lead a mediocre life.

God has given each of us gifts, some of us are more gifted than others, but no one is completely without gifts. We are each entrusted to discover our gifts, develop them and use them to best advantage. Jesus moves the point forward. To ignore our gifts is to ignore our responsibility. Gifts are given to shape and fulfil our lives and the lives of others. Gifts enable us to work in partnership with God. To ignore our gifts is to ignore God's intention.

It is good to see the great pleasure the first two servants gain from developing the master's gifts. What makes the third servant so different? The third slave who hid his talent did so out of fear, and perhaps out of laziness. He of course didn't get any fulfilment or pleasure out of this, and the master did not reward him or entrust him with any further responsibility. Perhaps we can sympathise with the third slave. Fear is perhaps the single most debilitating factor in us failing to reach our full potential. Fear of pushing ourselves forward only to meet with rejection, fear of failure, fear of taking risks, fear of stepping into the unknown. Fear of becoming over committed, fear of success even. To borrow the title of a famous book, today's gospel is an invitation to 'feel the fear and do it anyway....'

When through practice and hard work we learn to use our talents, we become more useful to God. When we have perfected certain skills, we are better positioned to help others. As the first two slaves discovered, developing talents makes us happy and makes others happy too. More importantly, the more we achieve the more God will entrust us.



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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15 NOVEMBER 2020 - 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year A

[33rd Week of the Year, Weekday Year II, Psalter Week 1]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 14 Nov.	6.00 pm	33 rd Sunday in Ord. Time	Dean Campbell
Sun. 15 Nov.	10.00 am		The People of the Parish
Mon. 16 Nov.	10.00 am	Feria	Holy Souls
Tues. 17 Nov.	-	Feria	No Mass today
Weds. 18 Nov.	10.00 am	Feria	Deceased Clergy of the Norwich Deanery
Thurs. 19 Nov.	10.00 am	Feria	Holy Souls
Fri. 20 Nov.	10.00 am	S Edmund, King (Secondary Patron of the Diocese)	Holy Souls
Sat. 21 Nov.	-	Presentation of the BVM	No morning Mass
	6.00 pm		Damien Cabanis
Sun. 22 Nov.	10.00 am	KING OF THE UNIVERSE	The People of the Parish

All Celebrations of Mass are livestreamed on YouTube

CHURCH OPEN: *The Church is open for private prayer every day from the end of Mass until 4:00 pm*

Anniversaries this week: Pat Westall, Pamela O'Kane, Tommy Durkan, Andree Whitlam, Renée Howard, Kathleen Burrows, Inacio Lapa, William Goodwin. *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

MASS LIVE STREAM – 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 (incl. back copies) is available to view on the parish website from Friday onward each week.

Hospital Visits: If you or family members are admitted to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital (NNUH) or Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, King's Lynn (QEII), and would like a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain, please call either St. John's Cathedral, Norwich (01603 624615) for visits to NNUH, or call the NNUH Hospital Chaplaincy direct on 01603 287470 for people needing urgent spiritual attention, or for visits to QEII Hospital, call Fr. Peter Rollings on 01553 772220. If you would like to receive the Sacrament or Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – **Please pray for:** Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Carol Whitesides, Shirley Liebenhals, Frances Saville King, Una McWeeny, Derek Williams, Greta Cummings.

Money Matters: There was no collection last weekend.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: There is only one Mass at 10:00am on Sunday morning during lockdown.

Livestreaming: Apologies to all who could not attend Mass last Friday on livestreaming and to everyone who could not hear anything last weekend. The problems have been resolved satisfactorily.

Catholic Church welcomes IICSA Report on Abuse - The Catholic Church in England and Wales has welcomed the report, published today, from the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, relating to the institutional response of the Church in its duty of care to protect children from sexual abuse and exploitation. [Read more](#)

National Day of Prayer - Let us pray for God's mercy for our nation and our local community at this time - for all leaders in national and local government, NHS, Police, Teachers, Care Workers, Social Services, employers and the churches. There is a list of participating Dereham Churches on the parish website, giving the times & host church leading prayers on Zoom. More information can be found here: https://www.eauk.org/what-we-do/prayer-centre/uk-day-of-prayer-november-13th2020?fbclid=IwAR1enQ9fsor3NK4iz_ZV3jTjt7Ylcm5BJpue16k6KMQohxEvP9_RlyasF0

SVP Appeal - This week we have had four appeals for help from people having moved into our area due to domestic violence or long-term temporary accommodation. Many of

these only have the clothes they stand up in. Do you have any small furniture or household items, you no longer require or need, or could you give a little money? We have a small white van we can call upon to help deliver but no means to transport larger items. All offers will be gratefully considered. We have some cash to help, but after the first lockdown, have only had £12 for SVP. As our Lord says the poor are always with us. Yours in St Vincent, Terri Sanderson 01362 822590, ktsanderson@live.co.uk

International Day of Tolerance, 16th November - 'Tolerance' is a funny old word, it rather implies 'putting up with something through gritted teeth', but the true definition is "The capacity for or the practice of recognizing and respecting the beliefs or practices of others." International Day for Tolerance is a UNESCO initiative aimed at building respect and trust in diverse communities. Intolerance is often rooted in ignorance and fear, and so the key to building true tolerance is education. That doesn't mean leaving the job to teachers. In our role as parents or leaders we all have our part to play in teaching our children about tolerance, human rights and fundamental freedoms.

How Does Non-Violence Resolve Conflict? - Pax Christi International is pleased to announce the publication of '**Advancing Nonviolence and Just Peace in the Church and the World**'. The book shares the experiences of on-the-ground nonviolent interventions, explores the scriptural, theological and historical foundations of nonviolence, reviews the most current social science on how nonviolence has been effectively employed, and outlines a vision for how the Church might embrace active nonviolence into every aspect of its life. Advancing Nonviolence and Just Peace is a biblical, theological, ethical, pastoral and strategic resource for anyone seeking to understand or expand Catholic thinking on nonviolence. You can order your copy at www.paxchristi.net/2020/10/26/new-book-advancing-nonviolence/

Care for Our Common Home: Eat Less Meat Month - Make November the month you cut your meat consumption. "To avoid climate breakdown, we need to reduce the amount of meat and dairy we're eating by about 70 percent – that's what the world's top scientists are telling us. A 70 percent reduction looks like eating one portion of chicken and fish once a week and red meat once a month, with a heavy emphasis on home-cooked meals made from vegetables, pulses, nuts and seeds. It's a healthy, balanced diet for us and the planet.

Is Campaigning Your Talent? - Whether you are supporting an existing campaign or starting one of our own. Christian Aid has published some new resources to help make you a better campaigner. These resources will help you think through how you and your church can create effective, impactful campaigns to bring about justice with our global neighbours. You can use them to: learn more about running a campaign action; get more people involved; learn how to work with your local politician. Download the resources at www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/campaigns-toolkit

Bitesize – "Hide not your talents. They for use were made. What's a sundial in the shade?"
~Ben Franklin