

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM



A Special Place for Mary

Catholics are a little different from other Christians. We are the ones with a very special place in our hearts for Mary. Our devotions might seem a little sentimental to others, but this is not the case. Mary, often depicted as meek and mild, was in fact a woman of great strength and insight. More to the point, Mary is on the side of ordinary men, women and children everywhere.

Today Mary tells us about a liberating God who is all about turning human values upside down. We may look up to the rich, the successful and the glamorous but God doesn't. We may aspire to be like our X-Factor idols but this isn't the Christian aspiration. Of God, Mary tells us, "He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly." "The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away."

Mary voices God's opposition to oppression, injustice and greed. Mary, herself a 'lowly servant', is on the side of all those who find life a daily struggle. Is it any wonder we so often pray for her intercession, particularly in these days of difficulty?

Luke does not mention the death of Mary in his writings, but by the sixth century, Christians had already begun to speculate about the nature of Mary's death. They could not believe that Mary's body underwent decay after the unique role she had played in history. The dogma of the Assumption, founded in the origins of popular faith, was proclaimed in 1950 by Pope Pius XII.

Bitesize – "Don't try to be different. Just be good. To be good is different enough."
~ Arthur Freed



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.

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

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16TH AUGUST 2020 – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM – Year A

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

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 15 Aug	6.00 pm	The Assumption of the BVM	Pamela Barnwell NHS Staff The People of the Parish
Sun. 16 Aug	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Mon. 17 Aug	10.00 am	Feria	Norah Ryan & William Pritchard
	2.00 pm	Cremation Service at Breckland for Maria Isabel Ferriera	
Tues. 18 Aug	-	Feria	No Mass today
Weds. 19 Aug	10.00 am	Feria	Parish Sick & Housebound
Thurs. 20 Aug	10.00 am	S Bernard	Carers
Fri. 21 Aug	10.00 am	S Pius X	Covid-19 Sick
Sat. 22 Aug	-	The Queenship of the BVM	No morning Mass
Sun. 23 Aug	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	21 st Sunday in Ord. Time	Mark Blows & William Crump Holy Souls The People of the parish

FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN AT MASS

Anniversaries this week: Mary Porter, Richard Burrows. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

MASS LIVE STREAM – 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.

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, Teresa Kendall, Greta Cummings, Deacon Ron O'Toole (former Deacon at Dereham).

Money Matters: Thank you for your contributions by Standing Order which amounted to £884.00 in July and for £263.70 in last week's collection.

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 April 2020 - 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 72: Rita Knocker; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 107: Donal Hannon; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 53: Sheila Crouch; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 162: Andrew Cwiczek; 5th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 56: Anne Sibley.



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 - *All parish group meetings remain suspended.*

Recently deceased - Please keep Kath Davis, Maria Isabel Ferreira, Margaret Grimster and Barbara Abela in your prayers.

Readers - At the moment there isn't a rota for Readers at Sunday Mass. I have been asking people before each Mass to read the Scripture. I try to have both male and female voices. Is it time to start the Rota again, can things be left as they are or would the usual readers like to let me know which Sunday Mass they attend and are willing to read at? Please let me know.

Beirut Emergency Appeal - On the evening of Tuesday 4 August, two explosions at the port of Lebanon's capital city of Beirut sent an enormous shockwave across the city killing over 200 people and leaving more than 4,000 injured. Thousands of families were affected by the explosion. Many of them have slept in shattered homes or temporary accommodation, while also facing the deadly threat of the coronavirus pandemic. We are invited to donate

online to the Beirut emergency appeal via CAFOD and Trocaire to give people already under stress, practical aid.

The Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride: Saturday, 12th September 2020 - Pump up your tyres, dust off your walking boots, pack a picnic and plan a route from your own door to visit as many of the most beautiful churches in Norfolk as you can. *PLUS, you can join with others in your parish to win £1,000 for your church by becoming the parish with the most improved amount of money raised.



Simply get sponsored for each building you visit or make a donation - find out more at www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride

Care for our Common Home: Hottest Summer on Record - Summer 2020 is likely to be another of the hottest on record, with global temperatures forecast to be more than 1.1^oC above the pre-industrial average, according to estimates from the Met Office. The forecast for 2020 is based on observations of trends over recent years that have seen a series of years more than 1C above pre-industrial levels and bearing what meteorologists said was the "clear fingerprint" of human-induced global heating. Things we could do:

- * Think about the impacts of your actions on our fragile planet in everything you do.
- * How many of your friends and family can you persuade to use 'Ecosia' the search engine that plants trees.
- * The Amazon and other forests are being slashed and burned and replaced with cattle farms and soya plantations to produce meat. This brutal system is accelerating climate change, harming Indigenous Peoples, destroying our natural world, and risking future pandemics. *Sign the petition at greenpeace.org.uk requesting that Tesco stop destroying forests for meat.*
- * Trees are our natural allies against climate breakdown. They absorb carbon emissions while also providing a home for wildlife. But over the centuries we've cleared our forests, leaving the UK with some of the lowest levels of woodland in Europe. If the government is serious about protecting the climate, it needs to bring back our lost trees. *Sign the petition at friendsoftheearth.uk*

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary