

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Great Expectations - It's strange but true, that we tend to live up to other people's expectations. If someone expects very little of us, then it is likely that we will end up achieving next to nothing. Living up to high expectations can feel daunting, but the surprising thing about great expectations, is that very often they have the power to transform us. Living up to great expectations can make us into better people.



In today's gospel, Jesus meets Andrew's brother Simon. He looks at him and says, "You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas, meaning Rock." The new name must have filled Peter's friends with astonishment. "A rock" Peter certainly wasn't. Peter, we know, was a bit of a hot head. He was impulsive, rash, sometimes misguided and often

passionate. To describe him as a 'rock' was surely inappropriate. Yet slowly and surely, Peter starts to live up to Jesus' expectations, and slowly but surely, Peter changes from a hot-headed fisherman, into a steadfast leader of the Church. As we see so often in the Bible, Jesus' expectations have the power to transform.

By comparison, we seem to live our lives with fairly banal expectations. Our greatest ambition, as we wake each morning might be to clear our 'in tray' at work, or take the car to the car wash. Are we missing something? Is God calling us to greater things and we simply aren't listening? For each of us God has a job to do. Of each of us God has great expectations. Surely amongst our resolutions for 2021, we must plan how to answer God's call.

Bitesize – "The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher."

Thomas Henry Huxley, Life and Letters of Thomas Huxley



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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17TH JANUARY 2021 – 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B

[2nd Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 2]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 16 Jan.	6.00 pm	2 nd Sunday in Ord. Time	Holy Souls
Sun. 17 Jan.	9.00 am 11.00 am		Annie & James Whittingham The People of the Parish
Mon. 18 Jan.	10.00 am	Feria	George Mealy & Sarah (Mealy)
Tues. 19 Jan.	-	Feria	No Mass today
Weds. 20 Jan.	10.00 am 12:00 Noon	Feria Funeral Service for	Sandra Mealy (Mealy) Emilienne McClure
Thurs. 21 Jan.	10.00 am	St Agnes	Holy Souls
Fri. 22 Jan.	10.00 am	Feria	Robert Reid (Reid)
Sat. 23 Jan.	-	Feria	No morning Mass
Sun. 24 Jan.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	3 rd Sunday in Ord. Time	Victor Jolly (Mealy) Bill Sibley The People of the Parish

All Celebrations of Mass are live-streamed on YouTube

The Church is open daily until 4:00pm

Anniversaries this week: Lily Rawding, Nell Jones, Stanley Meadows, Amy Garvey, Arthur Longhurst, Frances Kelly, Joan Blakistone, Perpetua Cecine Triggs, Gwen Dawes, Betty McGee and Maisie Aylin. *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-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 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: Jenny Rudd, Carol Whitesides, Shirley Liebenhals, Frances Saville King, Una McWeeny, Derek Williams, Greta Cummings and Patsy Gray.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering to the parish of £972 during December by Standing Order.

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.

Creatures of habit. I have noticed lately how some people are going automatically to their usual seats in the church. I would ask you to have second thoughts about this specially if you have to cross in front of someone else to get there! Think about Social Distancing. There are plenty of vacant seats in the church. And also, if you take the end seat then you are effectively taking up the entire row.

Peace Sunday: A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace: 17th January 2021 - Pope Francis urges us all to create “a Culture of Care as a Path to Peace -a culture of care as a way to combat the culture of indifference, waste and confrontation so prevalent in our time.” In this new year 2021, we should individually and collectively make up our minds about contributing to peace in our homes, community and country. As Christians, our faith teaches us that we can accomplish great things if we put on love or if our actions are motivated by love. Catholic Social Teaching also instructs that, “it is from the inner wellspring of love that the values of truth, freedom, and justice are born and grow.”

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Go and Do: 18th-25th January 2021 - Each day during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Christian Aid has provided a starting point, reflection, questions and a prayer based on the theme. Here you can turn your reflections into action with our Go and Do points. This resource is hugely thought provoking and well worth reading. You can find this at Churches Together in Britain and Ireland www.ctbi.org.uk/go-and-do-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/



Martin Luther King Jr. Day: 19th January 2021 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'" A federal holiday in America, but a great day wherever we happen to be, to do something for somebody else.

Vacancy: The Diocese is recruiting a grant-funded Historic Churches Support Officer on 20 hours per week. The closing date is Monday February 22nd. Details can be obtained by going to <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/vacancies/>

Care for Our Common Home: Free trees for schools and communities - The Woodland Trust wants to make sure everybody in the UK has the chance to plant a tree. So, they are giving away hundreds of thousands of trees to schools and communities. “Together, we'll get millions more trees in the ground.” The Trust has two delivery periods per year, one in March and the other in November. The Trust is currently taking applications for trees to be delivered in March 2021. If your application is unsuccessful, you can buy packs in the Woodland Trust's shop all year round. Access the application form via www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/

Prayer for the Election of a Bishop

*"I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who shall do according to my heart and mind: I will establish a lasting house for him and he shall walk before me all my days."
(1 Sam 2:35)*

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.

Our Lady of Walsingham, Pray for us.

St. Felix, Pray for us.

All Holy Martyrs and Saints of East Anglia, Pray for us.

Copies of this prayer are printed on a card and are available to take away from the back of the church.