

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Martha or Mary? - Jesus has come to visit. Martha is in the kitchen preparing the meal. Mary is sitting listening to Jesus and not doing anything to help her sister. Martha suddenly loses her rag! This isn't fair, Mary should be helping her. Then Jesus surprises us. He tells Martha not to worry about things that don't really matter. Mary, he tells her, has chosen the better part.

It's a parable that gets us all hot and bothered, but that's what makes it such a clever story. Jesus takes a very common domestic occurrence and turns it into a lesson. It's a lesson we will all identify with, argue over, discuss, and then hopefully take something from. That Jesus takes Mary's side is surprising, since most of us, especially women, will take Martha's side. This of course is where we all fall down in or appreciation of the lesson. We spend a lot of time deciding whose side we should be on, when it really isn't about taking sides. Perhaps we could argue that both women had got things a bit wrong. Perhaps both should have sat and listened and both helped serve up the meal, but the story is not about the logistics of organising a dinner party.

Jesus' point is about finding a balance between listening and taking action. Martha is a symbol of our modern world ... too busy to listen; too busy to stop and think. However, if Martha hadn't have busied herself in the kitchen, Jesus would not have eaten that night. Jesus clearly isn't condemning Martha for her action, but is pointing out that the better part is action based on listening and forethought.

The gospel today teaches us that listening and understanding is the prerequisite for discipleship. The real danger in our busy lives is that we simply run round like headless chickens doing the same jobs day in and day out, without ever developing spiritually. We are being asked to slow down a little, to stop and think and listen.

At the end of the day this story isn't about whether we champion Mary or Martha, but that we adopt a little of Mary and a little of Martha. Action is nothing without thought, and thought is nothing without action.



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 17th July 2022 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C
[16th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 4]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 16th July

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

John McWilliams+

Sunday 17th July

09.00 MASS

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
For the People of the Parish

11.00 MASS *Live streamed*

Ellen Harrington+

Monday 18th July

10.00 MASS

Feria

Tuesday 19th July

10.00 MASS

Alan Wallace+

Feria

Wednesday 20th July

10.00 MASS

Jocelyn (For healing)

Feria

Thursday 21st July

10.00 MASS & ADORATION

Alan Wallace+

Feria

Live streamed

Friday 22nd July

- No Mass today

St Mary Magdalene. Feast.

Saturday 23rd July

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

For the People of the Parish

Sunday 24th July

09.00 MASS

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11.00 MASS *Live streamed*

Teresa Revell+

Peter & Kathleen Edmunds (Silver
Wedding Anniversary)

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: Anne Tinney, Peter Lindsay, John Davies, Tomasz Wyrwik. *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, Colette Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-Davies, Fr. Brendan.

Fr Brendan Update: Fr Brendan is now at Montana Nursing Home, Great Barton, Bury St Edmunds. We are welcome to visit him; please call 01284 787321 to arrange a visit.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £320.25, and by way of Standing Orders for June: £1,426.00. Thank you very much for your generosity.

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**. Let Rex Baker know if you would like to sign up to Gift Aid.

Thank you – Thank you for giving to **Stella Maris on Sea Sunday** last weekend. Our parish raised £106.71. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk.

Diary dates for this week:		
Tues. 19 th July	1900 – 1930	Chess Club – Emmaus Room
Weds. 20 th July	1930	Scripture Study Group – The Presbytery.
Sundays	After 1100 Mass	Youth Club Table Tennis – Emmaus Room

World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly: Sunday, 24th July 2022 - The [Pope Video](#) for July has just been released with the prayer intention that Francis is entrusting to the entire Catholic Church through the [Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network](#). This month, the Holy Father prays "for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility." This intention coincides with the celebration of the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will be celebrated on Sunday, July

24, in Rome as well as in all the dioceses around the world. To watch the video, go to: <https://youtu.be/CZ2RtdxF9mg>

Refresher Day for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors: This will take place on **30th July 2022 at 1300 in the Emmaus Room**. New volunteers are welcome to join.

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life: Saturday, 6th August 2022 at the Walsingham National Catholic Shrine at 12 noon – Parishioners are invited to join this pilgrimage of prayer for the sanctity of all human life. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Philip Egan. For more details, telephone 01858 571242 or view online at www.walsingham.org.uk. www.prolifepilgrimage.org.

The New Dawn in the Church - a Catholic Family Pilgrimage Conference - is taking place **Monday 1st - Friday 5th August 2022** at the Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. More details online at www.walsingham.org.uk.

Diocesan Youth Events: Limited places available. For information and to book a place, go to www.rcdea.org.uk/youth. Organised by East Anglia Diocesan Youth Service. *See the posters at the back of church.*

- Pilgrimage to Holywell, 'The Lourdes of Wales', **25 – 29 July 2022** – For young people and young adults aged 16-30.
- England's Way: Walking Pilgrimage to Walsingham: **11-15 August 2022** – For young adults aged 18+. Limited places available. For more information and to book a place, go to www.rcdea.org.uk/youth. Organised by East Anglia Diocesan Youth Service.
- World Youth Day **2023**, Lisbon, Portugal – Join millions of young people from around the world to celebrate Mass with Pope Francis. For young people who will be age 16 and over, young adults and adult leaders.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, 26-29 August 2022 at Ampleforth Abbey, York - Are you wanting to explore faith, improve your relationship with Jesus, and make loads of new friends at the same time? The charity Youth 2000 are preparing to welcome hundreds of young people from all around the UK to pray and praise together over the entire Bank Holiday weekend (Fri 26th - Mon 29th August at Ampleforth College, York). Families and under 18s are welcome! Go to youth2000.org/events/summerfestival to book your tickets before they sell out. Sponsored places are available if money is an issue - just get in touch at events@youth2000.org.uk

Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 19 to Friday 26 August 2022. For help contact the diocesan director, Deacon John Morrill at john.morrill@rcdea.org.uk or Tel: 07956 536140. More info. can be found on the pilgrimage website: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association#>