

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



A Career at the Top

How do we equate success? Is success a career in management perhaps or a titled role? Do we see success as rising to the top of our chosen field and earning recognition fame and respect with a healthy wage packet thrown in for good measure?

Today we find James and John not behaving as good disciples ought. They ask Jesus for places of honour in heaven’s seating arrangements. How could they have followed Jesus for as long as they had and yet fail to understand that he was not about status or power?

James and John were amongst Jesus’ closest friends so perhaps they could have been forgiven for getting their wires crossed. Their ministry was important. More than important, their role was key to changing history. But somewhere along the line, the importance of their mission and ‘self-importance’ had blurred and James and John were left with a desire for acclaim and prestige. Jesus had to gently point out that as Christians, these are never things we should seek. If we find ourselves in positions of importance, we have to take the opportunity to work for a common good. If we find ourselves with influence, we need to use that influence to set a good example or to motivate others. If we are entrusted with leadership, we need to lead by rolling up our sleeves and serving others. The world needs doers not theorists. Who wants to be led by someone intent on throwing their weight around?

Today’s challenge is to serve with no expectation of return; to give with no expectation of recognition or influence. The challenge is to become the person God wants us to be, not necessarily the person we want to be.

Bitesize – “Leadership is action, not position.” ~Donald H. McGannon



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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17TH OCTOBER 2021- 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B

[29th Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 1]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 16 Oct.	6.00 pm	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Elaine Smith (Duffield) John Woolnough The People of the Parish
Sun. 17 Oct.	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Mon. 18 Oct.	10.00 am	St Luke	Thanksgiving (Cyriac)
Tues. 19 Oct.	-	Feria	No Mass today
Weds. 20 Oct.	-	Feria	No Mass today
Thurs. 21 Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Calvin & Becky Cummings
Fri. 22 Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Patrick Carolan
Sat. 23 Oct.	-	Feria	No morning Mass
Sun. 24 Oct.	6.00 pm	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Janice & Peter Duffield (<i>Golden Wedding Anniversary</i>) Diana Cater (Perkins) The People of the Parish
	9.00 am 11.00 am		

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - from 9.25 a.m. – 9.55 a.m. before each weekday Mass.

The Church is open daily until 5:00pm

Anniversaries this week: Monica Hodac, James Reavey, Barbara Kellett, Bertha Credland, Michael Hogan, Rosina Izzy, Percy Thompson, Catherine Foley. *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, Ellen Harrington, Christopher Bingham.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering 'on the plate' last weekend of £233.51 for the day-to-day running of our parish and for your offertory donations made by standing order for September 2021, which totalled £1,136.00. The recent collection for **CAFOD Family Fast Day** amounted to £393.15. Thank you 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**. 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.

First Communion Classes - Sessions will start on Saturday 6th November 2021, 10:30-11:30am, and will run weekly up to and including 11th December. The forms for enrolment in the First Holy Communion Classes are available from the table at the back of the church. More can be printed if necessary.

The Synodal Process: Mr. Ken Summerford has kindly agreed to be our parish liaison for the important consultation with the Diocese. Every parish round the world will be involved in this Synodal Process. Ken will be commissioned for this at the Cathedral this weekend. It is important that we all co-operate with him in this new venture.

World Mission Sunday - Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities around the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics around the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. Please use the envelopes which are at the back of the church.

Church Maintenance - The old fuse board in the church has now been replaced with trip switches which are compliant with the requirements of the Diocese. The next job will be servicing the gas heaters.

Assisted Suicide Bill: Novena to St. John Paul II - There will be a national novena seeking the intercession of St John Paul II from 13th-22nd October. Providentially the discussion of Baroness Meacher's Bill in the House of Lords falls on the feast of St John Paul II on 22nd October. The novena, calls upon Catholics and all who share our view that assisted suicide is wrong, to pray with perseverance that this Bill will be defeated. St. John Paul II, pray for us. **The Novena Prayer:** *Merciful God, we pray with thanks and gratitude for the great spiritual gift of Saint John Paul II's apostolic life and mission. Through his heavenly intercession we ask that the 'Assisted Dying' Bill be defeated and that the infinite worth of each human person is upheld through proper investment in palliative care. Grant also that we may grow in love for You and proclaim boldly the love of Jesus Christ to all people. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...*

Mass for Infertility - A Mass for those affected by infertility will be celebrated by Bishop Alan at Our Lady Immaculate and St Etheldreda's Church in Newmarket **on Saturday 6th November 2021 at 11:00 a.m.**, followed by a talk on treatment options for Catholic couples with infertility by Dr Phil Boyle, President of the International Institute of Restorative Reproductive Medicine and founder of NeoFertility. We respectfully ask that children do not attend this November Mass. For more information, go to <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/couples-with-miscarriages-or-infertility-are-not-alone/>.

St. Luke, 18th October - Luke wrote as a Gentile for Gentile Christians, and this gives his Gospel a distinctive slant. Material found in Luke's Gospel and not elsewhere includes much of the account of Our Lord's birth and infancy and boyhood, and some of the most moving parables, such as that of the Good Samaritan and that of the Prodigal Son. In Luke's account of the Gospel, we find an emphasis on the human love of Christ, on His compassion for sinners and for suffering and unhappy persons, for outcasts such as the Samaritans, tax collectors, lepers, shepherds (not a respected profession), and for the poor. The role of women in Christ's ministry is more emphasized in Luke than in the other Gospel writings.

The Prayer of the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path, nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity, so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.