

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### God's Apprentice

Today's is a strange and difficult parable. A dishonest businessman is caught squandering and is faced with dismissal. The businessman sees a bleak future ahead of him and without a minute to waste sets about making some shrewd though dodgy deals to secure his future. We sit back waiting for his come-uppance but it doesn't happen! In fact, the businessman is applauded for his shrewdness.

This rogue businessman shares much in common with our Twenty-first Century businessmen and women. The rogue businessman is talented, skilled, ambitious and plausible or he wouldn't have been taken on as a manager in the first place. The manager has the ability to look into the future, decide what he wants from life and make the necessary plans. More importantly he works as though his life depends upon it without a moment to waste. This man could've achieved great things but for one thing. Money! Money has the power to corrupt each and every one of us and the man in today's story was well and truly corrupt. Nevertheless, Jesus tells us that the 'children of the light' can learn from the 'children of the world'. What if we could get up at six every morning, knock back a quick cup of coffee and set about God's work? What if we were to work tirelessly solving the world's problems barely stopping for lunch and getting home late every night? What if we were to use our skills and talents to persuade others to invest in our cause? What if we were to work with one eye on our ultimate destination keen to secure our place in heaven? The world would certainly be a very different place. To achieve it we would each need to make God our master and not money.

The real difficulty in this story is not in understanding Jesus' unexpected choice of subject, but in adhering to his mandate. "No slave can serve two masters. You cannot serve God and wealth."

**Bitesize** - 'We can tell our values by looking at our checkbook stubs.'

~Gloria Steinem



**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 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C - [25<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 1]

#### MASSES in the PARISH

##### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

For John & Joan Robinson - for healing (2/2 - T. Bowles)

##### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September

09.00 MASS

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11.00 MASS *Live streamed*

For the People of the Parish

+Philip Kemp (M. Kemp)

##### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September

10.00 MASS

**Feria**

Cyriac Abraham (Birthday) (C. Cyriac)

##### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

10.00 MASS

**St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions**

Jossy & Ciji Cyriac (Wedding Anniv.)

##### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September

10.00 MASS

**St Matthew. Feast.**

+ Anisha Cyriac (1/2 – C. Cyriac)

##### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

10.00 MASS & ADORATION

*Live streamed*

**Feria**

+ Lilly Jose (C. Cyriac)

##### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

- No Mass today

**St Pius of Pietrelcina**

##### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

**Our Lady of Walsingham. Solemnity.**

For the People of the Parish

##### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September

09.00 MASS

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

+ Anisha Cyriac (2/2 – C. Cyriac)

11.00 MASS *Live streamed*

For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory (2/10 - S. Sillince)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday after 10.00 Mass and Saturday at 17.30**

**EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Thursday after Mass**

**Permanent Deacon:** Rev. Martin Sanderson: Tel: 01362 822590

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR-qWs-B40VTvbezZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

The parish newsletter is available on the parish website from Friday each week.

**Anniversaries this week:** Peter John Bussey, Gerald Reeder, Helen Browne, Colin Keatley, Peter Purcell. *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, Collette Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-Davies, Fr. Brendan, William Dunn, Pauline Buckland, Diana Cater.

**Money Matters:** Offering for last Sunday: Plate £302.68. Thank you. There will be a retiring collection for the **Home Missions** after all Masses this 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**. **Gift Aid forms** are available at the back of church. This will help to maximize our donations in the Parish.

**Annual Mass Count** – We are asked to take a count of attendances at Sunday Mass over the next four weeks. This commences after each Mass this weekend.

**Confirmation Preparation 2023** - If you're 13 by next June and are interested in Confirmation, please take a form from church and return to Fr. Jay by end of September. Sessions begin in October.

**First Holy Communion 2023** - Preparation for children Year 3 and above will commence early October. Enrolment forms for parents to collect are available at the back of church. Sessions will be on Saturday mornings 10.30-11.30.

<b>Diary Dates for this week</b>		
Tues. 20 Sept.	1900-1930	Chess Club – Emmaus Room
Saturdays	1100	Tennis every Saturday at the Dereham Leisure Park
Sundays	After 1100 Mass	Youth Club table tennis – Emmaus Room

**Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission): Sunday, 18 September 2022** - The Third Sunday in September, formerly called Home Mission Sunday, is now Evangelii Gaudium Sunday. Named after Pope Francis' first (solo) Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel, the day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment

to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the Bishops' Conference, tells us more about the day. You can watch this video at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZORlvqhw3S0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZORlvqhw3S0).

**St Matthew, 21st September** - One day, as Our Lord was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw, seated in his customs bureau, Levi the publican, whose business it was to collect the taxes from the people for their Roman masters. Jesus said to him: "Follow me," Leaving all behind, Matthew arose and did so, thereby giving us all an example of the way in which we should respond to grace. The humble Matthew, as he was thereafter called, tells us himself in his Gospel that he was Levi, one of those publicans abhorred by the Jews as enemies of their country, outcasts and notorious sinners, who enriched themselves by extortion and fraud. Other than this, we know little about St. Matthew as a person, but we know for certain that he was a worthy and faithful disciple, unquestionably a gifted writer and one of the better educated of the apostles.

**New Diocesan Operations & Finance Director** - The Diocese has now appointed Paul Raynes as the new Operations and Finance Director.

**Dereham Town Pastors** would like to invite volunteers to become town and prayer pastors. If you are interested, please contact: **Tricia Waller**, [ptewaller@btinternet.com](mailto:ptewaller@btinternet.com).

**Parish Open Meeting** – The Parish Open Meeting has been fixed for Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 16.30 in the Emmaus Room. The agenda for the meeting will include the charting of the Parish major activities for next year and updates on the Alive in Faith projects.

**Parish Christmas Party** - The hall is already booked for our Parish Christmas Party on the 11<sup>th</sup> December at the Scarning Village Hall, 1300 to 1800. It will be 'a bring and share'. If you could pencil this date in your calendar

**Julian Benedictine Prayer Group** - The Julian Benedictine Prayer Group is holding a series of four weekly talks at **St George's Church, Sprowston Road, Norwich from Monday 26th September starting at 6.30 pm**. We will be discussing how the Rule of St Benedict can help us live a more spiritual and Christian life. For more details, please contact D Conney 01362 637 597.

**Visit of the Relics of St Bernadette to the Diocese: 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October 2022** – Individuals and groups are warmly invited to register their attendance on the Relic Tour website: [www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/](http://www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/). The pilgrimage will take place in this Diocese at St John's Cathedral, Norwich & OLEM Cambridge. For the full list of tour dates, go to The Tour website. For general enquiries: E: [contact@stbernadette.org.uk](mailto:contact@stbernadette.org.uk) [www.stbernadette.org.uk](http://www.stbernadette.org.uk)

**Prayer for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who will be laid to rest on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September** - Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.