

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Success, Power and Wealth

If you took a survey out onto the street asking, "Which people would we regard as the most successful?" celebrities like Bill Gates or Simon Cowell might figure highly on the list. Favourite pop idols, film stars, sports people and royalty might be up there too. It seems that we measure success in terms of popularity, glamour, money and power. Even in our own not so famous circles, we strive for status and job promotion. With promotion comes extra responsibility and with that extra responsibility, increased power to our elbow.

The disciples may well have been feeling bemused in today's gospel story. Jesus tells them that man will hand him over to his death. The disciples were probably wondering why Jesus should succumb to this kind of ignominy. After all, wasn't he the Son of God? Couldn't he exercise some power? Who knows, perhaps it was this idea that prompted their conversation on the way to Capernaum. We are told that the disciples were discussing amongst each other, which of them was the greatest. They must have known deep down, that Jesus would not approve of this discussion, because when Jesus asks them what they were talking about, they fall silent with shame.

Jesus places a small child in their midst to teach them a lesson. He is asking them, and us, to accept the child's world as our own. We are asked to accept a world of vulnerability and absence of status. We are asked to take stock. Who do we look up to in our society? Do we look down on those who appear to lack ambition or position? Today we remember that Jesus' way is not of pomp and circumstance, but of servitude and humility. We have to learn that success is not about what we have, but about who we are.

**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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## 19 SEPTEMBER 2021 – 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B

[25<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 1]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 18 Sept.	6.00 pm	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time <b>Home Mission Day</b>	Paul Morris
Sun. 19 Sept.	9.00 am 11.00 am		Celia Rose Honey The People of the Parish
Mon. 20 Sept.	10.00 am	Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions	Calvin & Becky Cummings
Tues. 21 Sept.	-	St MATTHEW	<b>No Mass today</b>
Weds. 22 Sept	-	Feria	<b>No Mass today</b>
Thurs. 23 Sept	10.00 am	St Pius of Pietrelcina	Thanksgiving (Gray)
Fri. 24 Sept.	10.00 am	OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM	Thomas Carolan
Sat. 25 Sept.	-	Feria	<b>No morning Mass</b>
Sun. 26 Sept.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	John Merrick (Fdn.) Carolyn Salter The People of the Parish

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

*The Church is open daily until 6:00pm*

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](http://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.

**Anniversaries this week:** Gerald Reeder, Helen Browne, Colin Keatley, Peter Purcell, Agnes Tyce, Bernadette Buxton. *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. 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.

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your offering 'on the plate' last weekend of £272.80 towards the maintenance of our parish and for your offerings made by Standing Order in July 2021 totalling £1,131.00.

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.

**Home Mission Day** – This Sunday is Home Mission Day and there will be a retiring collection for the Home Missions after all Masses this weekend.

**Head Count** – There will be a head count at all weekend Masses this weekend and the following three weekends.

**The Ministry to Priests Programme** resumes at Clare Priory this week for the first time since the pandemic struck and I will be joining with the brethren there on Tuesday and Wednesday hence there is no Mass on Wednesday. We have had Zoom Meetings, but it is not the same as meeting in person.

**Masses for Miscarriage and Infertility** will be celebrated by Bishop Alan, at OLISE Church in Newmarket. For more information <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/couples-with-miscarriages-or-infertility-are-not-alone/>. A Mass for those who have experienced **miscarriage** (Sunday 10th October 2021, 12 noon). Families are welcome, refreshments afterwards. A Mass for those affected by **infertility** (Saturday 6th November

2021, 11 am), 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.

**Interested in working with children and young people?** Have you recently left school or university? Deciding what to do next, now 'A' Level results are out? In between jobs? Or would like to do something 'different'? The Diocesan Youth Service is looking for people aged 18-35 to join the Ignite Team, sharing the Gospel Message with young people. These are full-time positions, initially for either 12 months (September 2021 or September 2022 intake), or 6 months (January 2022 or January 2023 intake), with training, food, accommodation and a monthly allowance provided. For more information see [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth).

**University Catholic Chaplaincy** - For our younger parishioners heading out to different universities, don't forget to check out the chaplaincy. Most universities have a chaplaincy, and they can be a real home from home, which is important if you are feeling out on a limb. They are places where you can pop in for a cup of tea, talk to other students and talk to the chaplain. A good chaplaincy will also organise social events, and will of course offer daily Mass. Some chaplaincies have a Facebook presence, so you can look it up before you go.

**Newman Lectures 2021** - The next Newman Lecture - 'What should we expect from politics after Covid?' - will be given by the **Rt Hon Dr Ruth Kelly** on **Sat 9 October** at the **Cathedral of St John the Baptist**, and will also be **streamed online** (timings tbc). To register for your place please go to <https://newmanlectures.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cb04994a4d9f3590687426200&id=24884a531f&e=c1130fae6e> **Any queries can be directed to:** [Marianne.rozario@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:Marianne.rozario@stmarys.ac.uk)

**Job Vacancy** - Head of School at St Mary & St Peter Catholic Primary School, Gorleston, required, starting asap or January 22. Please follow the link for more details. <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/vacancies/st-mary-and-st-peter-catholic-primary-school/>

### Prayer for the Election of a Bishop

*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.*

St. Felix: Pray for us.

St. Fursey: Pray for us.

St. Edmund: Pray for us.

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