

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Confining War to the Dusty History Books


Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you? Surely that's a recipe for becoming a doormat, yet this is what Jesus is asking us to do in today's gospel.

The six o'clock news fuels our anger. We want to fight back at the aggressors. We want to hit back at the terrorists who hurt us. We want to see consequences for those who kill or maim or take away from us.

Jesus' advice doesn't make any sense. How can we love those we don't even like! How can we forgive when punishment feels more human? But in the words of Martin Luther King Jr "When you live by the rule 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, you end up with a nation of blind and toothless people'".

These are tremendous words, because they tell us that when we respond to those who hate us with love instead of recrimination, we defeat evil. So how do we make it work? Firstly, we have to know that love isn't a warm fuzzy emotion that leaps out of a Valentine's card. Love is a decision. Love is not a feeling it's a choice. We have to make decision to do good and then do it. We know we are loved by the way we are treated, and in the same way we have to show others that we love them by the way we treat them. Next come the rules. Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Give and it will be given to you. In short, we have to treat everyone the way we would like to be treated ourselves whether we like them or not. If everyone could live their lives by Jesus' teaching, conflict and war would be confined to dusty history books.

Bitesize – The heart never becomes wrinkled.



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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20 FEBRUARY 2022 – 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C

[7th Week of the Year, Weekday Year II, Psalter Week 3]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 19 Feb.	6.00 pm	7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ellen Harrington (Bussey) Anna Easton The People of the Parish
Sun. 20 Feb.	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Mon. 21 Feb.	-	Feria	No Mass today
Tues. 22 Feb.	-	The Chair of St Peter	No Mass today
Weds. 23 Feb.	-	St Polycarp	No Mass today
Thurs. 24 Feb.	10.00 am	Feria	Anisha Cyriac
Fri. 25 Feb.	-	Feria	No Mass today
Sat. 26 Feb.	-	Feria	No morning Mass
Sun. 27 Feb.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Day of Prayer for the Unemployed)	Maneesa Cyriac (Thanksgiving) The People of the Parish Hannah Jossy (Thanksgiving)

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

The Church is open daily until 4:00pm

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

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-B40VTvbzezZ83MxQ/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: Agnes Lilian Farrow, Grace Chipperfield, Margaret Kirk, Isabel Joan Hooper, Bridget Dury, Vera Farmer, Dora Ellen Heasman, Frances Watson, John Edwards, Cecilia Stack, Maria Amaral, Ruth Fahey, Jolyon Hooley. *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 Deacon Martin either by phone or by email who will endeavour to get a priest to come to you.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for: Shirley Liebenhals, Frances Saville King, Derek Williams, Greta Cummings, Patsy Gray, Allan Michael Howard, Collette Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-Davies, Una Morris, Fr. Brendan.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering of £191.85 last weekend for the maintenance of our parish and also for £1181.00 given by Standing Order in January.

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

Diary Dates for this week		
Sat. 26 Feb.	10.30-11.30 am	First Holy Communion Class- Emmaus Room

Fr. Brendan Update – News to date is that at the start of this week, Fr. Brendan was able to sit out in a chair and his speech, although still slurred, was a bit clearer. But progress can vary from day to day, which is normal. Fr. Brendan is very grateful for the good wishes, prayers and cards received. He has read each and every one of them and they have all been placed on his table where he can see them. Hopefully, they will be a reminder of the appreciation his parishioners have for him, especially when he is feeling low. Cards for Fr. Brendan may continue to be left at the Church and they will be delivered to him.

Parish Update (from Deacon Martin) - We have cover for weekend Masses until the end of February. This weekend we welcome Fr. Michael Stack and next weekend (26th/27th February), we welcome Fr John Ablewhite. This Thursday, Canon Mark Hackeson of Swaffham is kindly coming to say Mass for us. Bishop Alan is sourcing a resident priest for us, for the long haul. I have said that if we do not have any weekday Masses, that I will celebrate morning prayer, followed by a service of the Word, with Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 10.00. My immediate concern is Ash Wednesday (2nd March); again, if there is no priest available, I will celebrate a Service of the Word with Holy Communion

and Ashes. As well as all the well wishes for Fr Brendan, I wish to thank everyone who has offered their support for me and the Parish. A synopsis of any updates will be given in the weekly newsletter.

130 Club – A reminder for members please collect their renewal envelopes from the letter rack in the church porch. Members are kindly asked to ensure that their renewals are returned as quickly as possible and before the end of March at the latest. Thank you.

Confirmation Catechesis - We are running a Confirmation group this September/October. Anyone interested and eligible please see Michael King so we can gauge interest and numbers.

The Year of St Joseph - To mark the close of the Year of St Joseph, Bishop Alan Hopes will be celebrating Mass on **Saturday March 19th 2022**, 10am at St John's Cathedral, Norwich. The Mass will include a special blessing for children. Please bring all your children! There will be cake and balloons afterwards.

Monthly Afternoon Tea – Commencing on **Monday, 14th March** and then on every second Monday of the month, from **2.00-4.00pm** in the Emmaus Room. Bring your knitting or just drop in for a cup of tea/coffee and a friendly natter. All welcome.

Mass Intentions – There are some 17 Mass intentions to hand which are being allocated to Masses as and when we have a priest available to say Mass and these will take a number of weeks to clear depending on the number of Masses available. If, in due course, any names appear to have been missed, donors are asked to please resubmit these names for re-allocation to another date.

CAFOD Spring Raffle 2022 - Don't miss your chance to win up to £7,000 in CAFOD's Spring Raffle! Our prizes are now bigger than ever before. The raffle closes on 6 May and the draw will take place on 20 May. Every raffle ticket you buy will help CAFOD work with communities across the world, providing support such as the resources and training to start a business, access to healthcare and much more. For more information, go to www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Spring-Raffle

Mary's Meals: February Appeal - Mary's Meals is a great charity to support. The idea is simply to make sure that children in the developing world get one good meal a day in their place of education. This month's appeal is to support the children of South Sudan. More than a decade after gaining independence from Sudan, lives and livelihoods in South Sudan are on a knife-edge as violence, internal displacement, deep poverty and hunger continue to engulf the world's newest nation. Around 2.2 million primary school aged children are not in education – the highest rate in the world, with girls more likely to miss school. The UN estimates that more than half (55%) of people have insufficient food intake and a third (31%) of children under five suffer from chronic malnutrition. The impact of Covid-19 and extreme flooding which has plagued areas of the country for the past three years has only exacerbated the situation for thousands. Support Mary's Meals with an online donation at www.marysmeals.org.uk/