

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Transcending Life's Storms - Fear of what others might think of us; Fear of getting things wrong; Fear of our children getting things wrong; Fear of poverty; Fear of the bills in the letter box; Fear of opposition; Fear of illness; Fear of loneliness or alienation; Fear of running out of time; Most of us fear something, and our fears all have something in common. We fear most, the things that seem beyond our control.

In today's gospel the disciples are out in their fishing boat when a storm whips up the waves. Water crashes into the little fishing boat threatening to sink it. Jesus sleeps on a cushion in the stern, and to the disciples he seems not to care. Can we identify with the frightened disciples? When our lives are out of control that's when most of us pray our hardest, and when our prayers are answered we either thank God, or perhaps if we're honest, we imagine that the problem wasn't as bad as we thought in the first place. Only when God seems indifferent to our prayers is our faith called into real question. If God has the power to quell life's storms, why does he seem to remain indifferent? The trouble with God is that he doesn't rush round fixing the lottery for us or texting us with our dream job. Would we really expect God to behave like this? Yet it's at times when God seems to do nothing that we need our faith most. It's at times like this that our faith is hardest to find.

It's a very useful exercise to look back at life and take a second look at the seemingly insurmountable problems that we have navigated in the past. We might imagine that we have conquered our own problems single handed. In retrospect, it is clear that God has steered us safely through the storms often in totally unexpected and surprising ways. The great comfort is that if God has helped us before, he will help us again and again.

We will always have fear, it's part of our human condition, but as Christians we have a way of transcending it. We are asked to remember Jesus' words "Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?" We are asked to remember that even the wind and the sea obey him. If we have faith that Jesus is the master of our lives and that God has ultimate control, then we need feel no fear.



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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20TH JUNE 2021 – 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B

[12th Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 4]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 19 June	6.00 pm	12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day for Life</i>	Holy Souls
Sun. 20 June	9.00 am 11.00 am		The People of the Parish Joao Lobo & Thanks
Mon. 21 June	10.00 am	St Aloysius Gonzaga	Raymond End
Tues. 22 June	-	St John Fisher & St Thomas More	No Mass today
Weds. 23 June	-	St Etheldreda	No Mass today
Thurs. 24 June	10.00 am	Nativity of St John the Baptist	Joan Evans
Fri. 25 June	10.00 am	Feria	Michael Kelly
Sat. 26 June	-	Dedication of the Cathedral	No morning Mass
Sun. 27 June	6.00 pm	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Peter Cutland
	9.00 am		The People of the Parish
	11.00 am 12.00 Noon		Freda Wilkes Baptism

**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

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: John McGee, Thomas Murphy, June Doreen Kanssen, Mary Holmes, Mary Rush, John Frizzell, Dorothy Payne, Michael Howard, Maureen Jacobs, John Zuhlke, Terrance Lappin. *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.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering last weekend 'on the plate' of £317.85 towards the day-to-day running of our parish.

This Sunday is **Day for Life** and there is a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend for the work of Life Charities. Next weekend, there will be a retiring collection after all Masses for Peter's Pence.

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.

130 Club Draw for May 2021 - 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 164, Kathleen Crawley; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 28, Kathleen Crawley; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 122, Sarah Morris; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 7, Patrick Monaghan; 5th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 37, Dominique Summerford.



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.

Wednesday - Please note that there will not be a Mass on Wednesday as that is the day for our celebration of the Priesthood at Poringland. Most of us celebrate our anniversaries in June and there are always some jubilarians of 25, 40, 50 years. I hope this can still go ahead under the present restrictions.

Day for Life (England and Wales), 20th June 2021 - Day for Life is marked on different days in England and Wales, Ireland and Scotland. Day for Life is marked this year on June 20th in England and Wales. Each year takes a different focus. This year the focus is on 'Assisted

Dying'. Day for Life has compiled some online resources to help inform Catholics and to share some responses. You can find these resources at www.dayforlife.org/article/online-resources/

Thomas More and John Fisher: 22nd June: Matters of Conscience - On this day we remember those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights. Close friends, Thomas More and John Fisher, refused to render allegiance to King Henry VIII as the Head of the Church. As a result, they were tried and convicted of treason and executed. Thomas More told the court that he could not go against his conscience and wished his judges that "we may yet hereafter in heaven merrily all meet together to everlasting salvation." Today we are not asked to die for matters of conscience but we are asked to live by them.

Nativity of John the Baptist, 24th June - A prophet is simply a spokesperson, a job each of us could undertake to varying degrees. Like John, each of us is born for a purpose. The ministry of John the Baptist continues in each of us.

Teaching Vacancies – The following vacancies are advertised:

- Head of School at St Mary & St Peter Catholic Primary School, Gorleston; and
- Executive Headteacher for St Mary's (Lowestoft) and St Mary & St Peter (Gorleston).

For more details, go to <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/schools/school-vacancies/>

Inviting Young People and Young Adults on Pilgrimage – Aged 16-30? Come and join a 'Covid Safe' walking and camping pilgrimage to Walsingham in the last week of July. Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service and Radio Maria England. Registration just £50 (plus booking fee). Walk one of the ancient pilgrim routes which will lead from Ely and through a number of our parishes including Brandon, Swaffham and Fakenham. More details at www.englishway.org.

Bitesize – 'There is much in the world to make us afraid. There is much more in our faith to make us unafraid.' ~ *Frederick W. Cropp*

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.