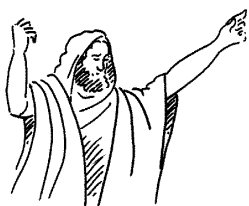


GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Closed Minds

Hands up did your older brothers and sisters try to teach you things as a child only to be met with protests, scoffs and yawns? It was only when your parents stepped in and paid up-front for an expensive tutor that you would finally sit up and pay attention. It seems that we disregard as unimportant what is right under our noses. The next-door neighbour might speak words of great wisdom to us over

the garden fence, but unless the same words were boomed at us from a cloud or a mountain-top we would barely heed them. The old adage that 'familiarity breeds contempt' is certainly a true one.

When Jesus returned to his hometown to preach, he was treated with similar disregard. When the Nazarenes heard him speaking, they could not take him seriously because they could remember all too well his humble origins. Wasn't he just a carpenter ... Mary's son? They closed their minds against Jesus, and because their minds were closed, Jesus could not work any great deed that day.

Of course, there is more to this story than Jesus being rejected in his hometown. This is a story about how we too can ignore or reject God. This is a story about the stumbling blocks we encounter in our faith. Perhaps our pet stumbling block might be our unwillingness to listen to others in the belief that we know best. Our stumbling block might be a reluctance to ask for help, fearing that this might be a sign of weakness. Our stumbling block might be the inability to recognise the voice of God in our day-to-day surroundings. Could God be talking to us through a partner, through our children, parents or friends? Where will the next prophet come from, the other side of the globe or the other side of the street? The trick is, not to rule anything out. God is less likely to work wonders in a closed mind.

Bitesize - Familiarity breeds contempt, while rarity wins admiration.
Apuleius Roman philosopher, rhetorician, & satirist (124 AD - 170 AD)



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 7th July 2024 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 [Sundays Year B, 14th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 2]

| MASSES in the PARISH | | |
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| Saturday 6th July | | |
| 18.00 | <i>First MASS of Sunday</i> | +Tony Whitehouse (<i>EW</i>) |
| Sunday 7th July | | |
| 09.00 | MASS | 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 11.00 | <i>MASS Live streamed</i> | For the People of the Parish |
| Monday 8th July | | |
| 10.30 | Funeral Service for Tony Whitehouse | +Kath Forth (<i>P. O'Leary</i>) |
| Tuesday 9th July | | |
| 10.00 | MASS | Feria |
| Wednesday 10th July | | |
| 10.00 | MASS | Feria |
| Thursday 11th July | | |
| 10.00 | MASS & ADORATION | St Benedict, Patron of Europe |
| Friday 12th July | | |
| 12 Noon | Funeral Service for Patrick Monaghan | Feria |
| Saturday 13th July | | |
| 18.00 | <i>First MASS of Sunday</i> | For the People of the Parish |
| Sunday 14th July | | |
| 09.00 | MASS | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 11.00 | <i>MASS Live streamed</i> | (Sea Sunday) |
| SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday after 10.00 Mass and Saturday at 17.30 EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Thursday after Mass | | |

Rosary & Morning Prayer are said weekdays before Mass from 09:15.

For Live Streamed Masses Search for Dereham Catholic Church on YouTube, or use the link on the parish website.

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

Anniversaries this week: Elaine Stephenson, Teofila Wiesel, Antonio Fernando Marques, Edward Clare, Doris Eden, Kay Vincent, Dennis Crossland Mallam, Margaret Owen. *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, Derek Williams, Patsy Gray, Colette Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, William Dunne, Pauline Buckland, Greta Cummings, Katherine Vella, Pauline Organ, Kevin Pugh, Joy Bussey, Dorothy Edwards, Pat Grout.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £238.77 and 2nd collection for Peter's Pence: £102.51. Thank you.

Next Sunday (14th July) is **Sea Sunday** and there will be a retiring collection after all Masses next weekend for *Stella Maris*.

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.

Sunday, 7th July | St Thomas, Parish Feast Celebration - Our Indian brothers and sisters in the Parish will lead the celebration of St Thomas, the Apostle, Feast day, **at the 1100 Mass**. Followed by lunch in the garden.

Tony Whitehouse+ - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tony Whitehouse, who died on 3rd June. His Funeral Service will be held on **Monday, 8th July at 10.30am** in the Parish. We offer our heartfelt condolences to Tony's family and friends.

Patrick Monaghan+ - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Monaghan who died on 2nd June. His funeral service will be held on **Friday, 12th July at 12 Noon** in the Parish. We offer our heartfelt condolences to Patrick's family and friends.

130 Club Draw for June 2024 - Quarterly Prize £50 - Ticket No. 146, Andrew Rogerson; 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 23, Chris Sayer; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 167, Greta Cummings; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 71, Margaret Cassam; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 94, Roy Slee.

Parish Events for the week 7th – 13th July

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| Sunday: 1100 | Children's Liturgy (for children in Y1 to 1st Holy Communion age) |
| Wednesday: 1430 | Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Emmaus Room. All welcome. |
| Garden Club – To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578. | |



July Tea Buddies

Please note that our monthly meeting of Tea Buddies **has been moved to Monday, 15th July, 2 – 4 pm.**

Parish Meeting, 15th May 2024 – The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 15th May 2024 are now available on the parish website, and a copy has been posted on the notice board at the back of church.

Pope Francis Prayer intention for July 2024: For pastoral care of the sick - Pope Francis is inviting the Church to pray for the pastoral care of the sick during the month of July 2024, and in particular for those thinking about requesting the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The problem comes when people mistakenly feel that this sacrament is only for the dying. If someone thinks that a priest offering the sacrament means that they are about to die, says the Pope, they have embraced a hopeless vision. "Let us remember that the Anointing of the Sick is one of the 'sacraments of healing,' of 'restoration,' that heals the spirit," says the Pope. We are invited to join in Pope Francis's prayer intention. *"We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all."*



Sea Sunday (Next Sunday) - Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. **Sea Sunday is Sunday 14th July**. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. There will be a retiring collection after all Masses next weekend; alternatively, you can donate online at www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by 'phone: text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously.

The Shack – The latest issue of the parish magazine is now available.



We thank all our many parish volunteers and groups for their help each week in supporting the running and daily and spiritual life of the parish.