

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



How to Deliver an Enduring Message

You've landed a job in a top marketing company. The managing director sets you your first task. You must take a message out into the world relying on nothing but your own devices. More importantly, you need to come up with a three-point strategy to ensure the message endures for at least the next two thousand years ... in fact until the end of time. No pressure!

Today we hear how Jesus sent out his disciples to teach the world about God's Kingdom. What was the strategy Jesus gave them to ensure the message survived the generations?

First Jesus promotes single-mindedness. The disciples must travel light, unhampered by any distractions. How many advertising campaigns fail because the heart of the message is cluttered and confused? How many Christians come out of church on a Sunday remembering only that they need to contribute to the church steeple restoration fund rather than remembering the central gospel lesson.

The second part of Jesus' plan was to choose the best audience. We are all familiar with the street preacher who stands in the middle of the city precinct whilst tides of shoppers give him a wide berth. For all his good intentions, this person has not chosen an audience who are in any mood to stop and listen. Jesus advises not to stay where we are not wanted, nor try to teach those who refuse to listen. Choosing the best audience and setting are all important.

Thirdly, make the message clear and compelling. Jesus tells the disciples to teach a message of repentance and to cure the sick. In other words, we are to instigate a change for the better in the lives of others. It's a powerful message. Who doesn't want to change for the better? Who wouldn't listen if they were promised a better life?

So did Jesus' strategy work? That Christianity is so strong two thousand years down the line is a great testimony to Jesus and the work of those early disciples.

Single-mindedness, choosing an audience and making the message clear and compelling. Now it's our turn.



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 14th July 2024 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 [Sundays Year B, 15th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 3]

MASSSES in the PARISH

Saturday 13th July	18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 14th July		15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sea Sunday)
	09.00 MASS	+Terry Black (BW)
	11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	Matuesha Cyriac (Birthday Thanks) (CC)
Monday 15th July		St Bonaventure
	10.00 Service of the Word & Holy Communion	
Tuesday 16th July		Feria
	10.00 MASS	Recently deceased (BW)
Wednesday 17th July		Feria
	10.00 MASS	+Anisha Cyriac (CC)
Thursday 18th July		Feria
	10.00 MASS & ADORATION	+Colin Cummings (GC)
Friday 19th July		Feria
	- No Mass today	
Saturday 20th July		Feria
	18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 21st July		16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	09.00 MASS	Special Int. (CP)
	11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	McCarthy Family Ints.

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: Anne Tinney. *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, Gretta Cummings, Katherine Vella, Pauline Organ, Kevin Pugh, Joy Bussey, Dorothy Edwards, Pat Grout.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £264.86. Offertory by Standing Order for June totalled £1,820.00. Thank you. **Sea Sunday:** there is a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend to support the work of **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.

Sea Sunday, 14th July 2024 challenging conditions, and sometimes extreme danger. This is especially true of those currently working in the Black and Red Seas due to the conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East. Seafarers in these conflict zones are often scared, witnessing destruction first-hand. Security concerns frequently prevent them from going ashore, adding loneliness and anxiety to an already stressful situation.

This is where **Stella Maris** (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church, steps in. They support seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world. Their dedicated chaplains are a lifeline for mariners. They offer a listening ear and much-needed spiritual support. They bring food parcels, offer Wi-Fi so seafarers can call home, and provide hardship grants and access to mental health counselling.

There will be a **retiring collection** for **Stella Maris** after all Masses this 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.

130 Club Draw for July 2024 - 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 156, Lenny Frost; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 186, Pauline Organ; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 173, Judy Reid; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 38, Eleanor Teale.

Parish Events for the week 13 th – 20 th July	
Sunday: 1100	Children's Liturgy (for children in Y1 to 1st Holy Communion age) (<i>Summer break begins next week.</i>)
Sunday: 1200 Noon	20th Anniversary Mass of the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham at The Convent of Divine Will, celebrated by Bishop Alan Williams, followed by lunch and activities in the garden (weather permitting).
Monday: 1400-1600	Tea Buddies: Monthly get-together for a friendly natter over a cuppa – Emmaus Room. All welcome. 
Wednesday: 1430	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Emmaus Room. All welcome.
Friday: 1915-2030	Altar Servers Group – Emmaus Room (<i>End of Term meeting</i>)
Saturday: 1130	Altar Servers' Mass at St John's Cathedral, Norwich, followed by BBQ
Garden Club – To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578.	

The Shack – The latest issue of the parish magazine has now been published. Copies are available at the back of church and on the parish website.

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.



Special thanks go to our Indian brothers and sisters who helped us to celebrate the Feast of St Thomas, Apostle, at last Sunday's 11:00 Mass and provided a splendid lunch afterwards. It was a wonderful occasion in the life of our parish community.

Bitesize - We are judged by what we finish, not by what we start. ~Anonymous