GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Aspiring To Come Last

Who do we most admire? Who would we most like to be? Do we admire famous actors, talented singers, glamorous models or courageous athletes? Or do we admire people closer to home... parents, the nurse who cared for us the last time we were in hospital, or the neighbour who is always willing to mind the children in the school holidays.

Today the disciples are having a 'who's the greatest' conversation. When Jesus asks them what they are talking about, they fall silent. Instinctively they know Jesus will not

approve of their appetite for greatness and of course, he doesn't. "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then Jesus places a small child in their midst and says, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not me, but the one who sent me."

We are being given another tough lesson in discipleship. We spend most of our lives scrabbling our way to the top of life's heap. In whatever walk of life we are working, we strive to be looked up to and respected. We are addicted to greatness and we pass on our addiction to our children. We tell our children that to be high up on life's social ladder is to be applauded. The trouble is our ideas of greatness and God's ideas of greatness aren't the same thing. God doesn't measure success in terms of popularity, glamour, money and power. God measures success in getting the job done by example and servitude. That doesn't mean that we shouldn't aspire to positions of leadership or responsibility, but it does mean that we should use our position for the common good and not to lord it over others. If we want to be part of God's Kingdom, we must have the humble and unassuming character of a small child.

Bitesize - If you want to know what a man's like, take a good look at how he treats his inferiors, not his equals. ~*J.K. Rowling*



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 22nd September 2024 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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[Sundays Year B, 25th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 1]

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Saturday 21st September

18.00 First MASS of Sunday

Sunday 22nd September 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

09.00 MASS

11.00 MASS Live streamed For the People of the Parish

Monday 23rd September St Pius of Pietrelcina

1600 Vigil Mass For Sr Mairead's First Profession

Tuesday 24th September Our Lady of Walsingham. Solemnity.

Feria

10.00 MASS

Wednesday 25th September

No Mass today

Thursday 26th September Feria

10.00 MASS & ADORATION

Friday 27th September St Vincent de Paul

No Mass today

Saturday 28th September Feria

18.00 First MASS of Sunday

Sunday 29th September 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

09.00 MASS

11.00 MASS Live streamed

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: Helen Browne, Colin Keatley, Peter Purcell, Agnes Tyce, Bernadette Buxton, Francis Dunn Soddy, Antony Drury. *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 £297.95 and £108.90 collection for the Home Missions. Thank you.

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 is will help to maximize our donations in the Parish.

130 Club Draw for September 2024 - Quarterly Prize £75 - Ticket No. 35, Robert Dean; 1st Prize £20 - Ticket No. 67, Terri Sanderson; 2nd Prize £15 - Ticket No. 147, Elaine Wilkes; 3rd Prize £10 - Ticket No. 14, Jan Duffield; 4th Prize £10 - Ticket No. 28, Kate Crowley.

Changes to Mass Times this week -

- Mass on Monday 23rd September is at 1600. It is a Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Our Lady of Walsingham where Mairead will make her vows of First Profession.
- Wednesday, 25th September there is no Mass today.

Convalidation: Lorelei and Danilo Guerero - We pray for Lorelei and Danilo Guerero who will exchange vows in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony on the 5th October in the Parish at 1100. Our best wishes.



First Holy Communion - Preparation sessions start on **Thursday 10th October 5.30-6.30pm** for children Year 3 and above. Any late applications, please hand completed forms to Fr Jay or Robbie, Catechist as soon as possible. Forms at the back of church or online.

Roman Catholic Initiation for Adults | RCIA on Advent - Given the demand to accommodate adults who are thinking of converting to the Catholic Faith, we are pleased to announce that a series of 7 lectures is in place for 30-45 mins each culminating in a Baptism next year. If interested, please approach Fr Jay and Robbie.

Diary for the week 22 nd – 28 th September 2024			
Monday: 1900-2030	AA Group Meeting - Emmaus Room		
Wednesday: 1430	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room. All		
	welcome.		
Wednesday: 1830	Parish Finance Committee meeting - Presbytery		
Friday: 1915-2030	Altar Servers meeting – Emmaus Room		
Parish Garden Club – To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578.			

An evening with Edith Stein: Jew, philosopher, mystic, martyr and Catholic Saint: Friday, 27th September at 7.00 pm at Walsingham Parish Hall - See the poster at the back of church or on the parish website for full details.

Parish General Meeting | 2nd October at 1830 - We shall be discussing wonderful stuff regarding our Parish Life, so please join us at this meeting and extend your comments and suggestions for the betterment of the Parish.

Handmaids of the Lord | Norwich Branch - After the 1100 Mass on 13th October, the group will be having their prayer meeting in the Church. Please feel free to join.

Parish Quinquennial Inspection | 14th October at 1045 - Please be informed that the Parish will undergo its Quinquennial inspection mandated by the Diocese to check the integrity of our buildings once every 5 years.

SVP Parish Mass for the Sick | 23rd Oct at 1330 - Please join us at the Parish Mass for the Sick led by the SVP on the 23rd October at 1330. Lunch is provided after the Mass.

Parish Wednesday Scripture Study | Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist by Bran Pitre - We shall be exploring the Jewish roots of the Eucharist through a series of video presentation in the Emmaus Room starting from the 6th November 2024 at 1730.



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.