

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Jealousy Club!

It's human instinct to form groups, organisations, sects, clubs, societies, associations, guilds, unions and fellowships. Being in a club is good. Clubs give us a sense of belonging and a sense of purpose. In a club we can draw strength from other like-minded people; we benefit from mutual support, shared ideas and pooled resources. But being in a club is not without pitfalls. Within a club we can begin to behave in an odd way. We can become so loyal to

our club that we instinctively set up barriers between ourselves and outsiders. We can become wary of newcomers to the point of discrimination. As part of a group we can become very competitive towards other groups, even groups that are trying to achieve exactly the same things as us. When we see an outsider on our patch, we can feel threatened and indignant, but if that outsider is doing what we have been trying to do all along, and worse, doing it successfully, then we can become quite frankly green with jealousy.

Today Jesus' disciples have had their noses pushed well and truly out of joint. They have witnessed an exorcist unknown to them, working miracles in Jesus' name. Worse, he is doing it very successfully. Maybe the disciples are hoping that Jesus will order the newcomer off their patch, but he doesn't. "Whoever is not against us," he replies, "is for us." In other words, if someone is working towards the same end, it doesn't matter whether or not they are in the same club.

Over the centuries there have been many disputes between different religions. The disputes arise when the followers of a particular religion focus on differences between religions instead of similarities. That isn't to say we should write off our differences as unimportant, but what we should never forget is that God is bigger than any 'club', and by following Jesus' example we are working for each other and not against.



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 29th September – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Sundays Year B, 26th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 2]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 28th September	18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	+Thomas Carolan (GC)
Sunday 29th September	09.00 MASS	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	11.00 <i>MASS Live streamed</i>	For the People of the Parish
Monday 30th September	10.00 MASS	St Jerome
Tuesday 1st October	10.00 MASS	St Therese of the Child Jesus
Wednesday 2nd October	10.00 MASS	The Holy Guardian Angels
Thursday 3rd October	10.00 MASS & ADORATION	Feria
Friday 4th October	- No Mass today	St Francis of Assisi. HARVEST FAST DAY
Saturday 5th October	18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Feria
Sunday 6th October	09.00 MASS	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	11.00 <i>MASS Live streamed</i>	For the People of the Parish

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: Pope John Paul I, Joseph Monks, Grace Brown, Vi (Amelia) Secker, David Peek. *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 £243.85. 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 will help to maximize our donations in the Parish.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day, (England and Wales), Friday 4th October 2024 - On Harvest Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us. On Family Fast Day (Friday 4th October), CAFOD invites us to eat simply – perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal – and give the money we save to help others. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week and give what you can. Return the envelope the following Sunday or as soon afterwards. Don't forget to fill in the gift aid form if you are a UK tax payer. There will be a collection for this after all Masses next weekend.

Parish Yard Sale – Patsy writes: 'Thank you everyone for your amazing gifts to the Yard Sale. A big thank you to those who helped with the organising and manned the stalls: Theresa, Peggy, Muriel, Jo, Jan, Mary Ann, Donal and Fr. Jay, and, of course, to Judy for serving refreshments. A great big Thank You! To each and every one. Another big thank you goes to all those who donated such delicious cakes.



Thank you one and all. We raised £700 on the day and hope to raise a little more. A wonderful result. I can't say thank you enough!

Mass Count| (2/4) Every Sunday now until the 19th October - If we could at these Sundays be at our best attendance.

Baptism | Sean Chidozie Njoku on 6th October at 1100



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.

Parish General Meeting | 2nd October at 1830 - We shall be discussing wonderful stuff regarding our Parish Life so please join us at this meeting. Meanwhile, if you could not attend you may write your constructive comments and suggestions in the box provided at the back of the Church. Copies of the agenda are available at the back of church and on the parish website.

Diary for the week 29th September – 5th October	
Sunday: 1100 Mass	Children's Sunday Liturgy
Monday: 1900-2030	AA Group Meeting - Emmaus Room
Wednesday: 1430	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Emmaus Room. All welcome.
Wednesday: 1830	Parish General Meeting – Emmaus Room
Parish Garden Club – To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578.	

House Mass and Thanksgiving | 22nd October 1100 at the Pugh Residence, Old Hall, Dumpling Green, Dereham

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.

SVP Awareness Month – Please see the information sheet at the back of church following Deacon Martin's appeal for volunteers given at the end of Mass last week. A copy is also on the parish website.

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.

Parish Magazine – The latest issue of *The Shack* 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.