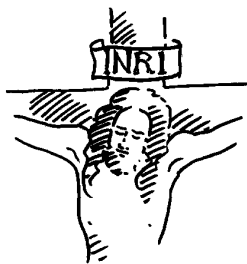


GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR CHRIST THE KING



The Truth, the Whole Truth and Nothing but the Truth

A television interviewer tries to elicit the truth from a politician. We recognise of old the politician's strategies for avoiding the interviewer's questions. We are called to do jury service and determine to get to the bottom of the case, but suddenly everyone's version of events is slightly different. We pick up on a charged atmosphere at home but when we quiz our children we are met with evasion and equivocation. There are those who live or work in situations that are deeply flawed, but refuse to

admit the truth because admitting the truth would be too painful or difficult to remedy. Truth is slippery.

The opposite of truth is not always a lie. Truth can be avoided, twisted, disguised, or simply not recognised. One thing is for sure though; we all have some kind of sixth sense for knowing when we are not getting the truth. That's why it's so refreshing and so powerful when somebody gets up and speaks a simple truth from the heart. The truth makes us sit up and listen. Perhaps this is what Jesus meant when he told Pilate, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Standing in front of Pilate, Jesus doesn't back down or compromise the truth because the truth is too important. The trouble with earthly kingdoms is that the truth is not always of paramount importance. In earthly kingdoms the truth gets in the way of our personal agendas. In our quest for territory, power, resources and a comfortable life style, the truth takes second place. We might think that we are truthful people and that we never tell lies, but it is all too easy to live a lie without admitting it even to ourselves. Pilate was not able to understand the kingdom Jesus alluded to, and he was not able to see Jesus as king. Pilate failed to recognise the truth.

Today's challenge is to recognise truth in all of life's circumstance, to stand up for the truth in all of life's difficulties, and to live by the truth to the best of our ability.



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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21ST NOVEMBER 2021 – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

– Year B [34th Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 2]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 20 Nov.	6.00 pm	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	The People of the Parish
Sun. 21 Nov.	9.00 am 11.00 am		Covid-19 Sick The People of the Parish
Mon. 22 Nov.	10.00 am	St Cecilia	Sandra Mealy (PM)
Tues. 23 Nov.	-	Feria	No Mass today
Weds. 24 Nov.	10.00 am	St Andrew Dúng-Lac & Companions	Marie (Williams)
Thurs. 25 Nov.	10.00 am 1.00 pm	Feria Funeral Service for Anna Petruzzello	Joan & Barry Evans (PM)
Fri. 26 Nov.	10.00 am	Feria	Maureen McDonnell (Meehan)
Sat. 27 Nov.	-	Feria	No morning Mass
Sun. 28 Nov.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	1st Sunday of Advent	Anisha Cyriac The People of the Parish Jade Arthur Chapman (Tinney)

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - from 9.25 a.m. – 9.55 a.m.
before each weekday Mass.**

The Church is open daily until 5:00pm

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: William Goodwin, Gwen Lovelace, Tom Thorpe, Elsie Smart, Anna Tompkins, Florence Thorpe, Rita Smith, Emma Jane Talmadge, Evelyn Goodenough, Winifred Lovesay. *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, Terri Sanderson, Ellen Harrington, Christopher Bingham, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-Davies.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering 'on the plate' of £252.00 last weekend for the day-to-day running of our parish. Thank you also for £26.50 received for the St Edmund's Fund and a further £5.00 for the recent CAFOD Family Fast Day.

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 October 2021 - 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 19, Jadwiga Bingham; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 48, Robert Kyczma; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 83, Katie Honney; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 115, Philip Borthwick; 5th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 120, Fiona Richardson.



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.

First Communion Class - Saturday: 10.30–11.30 a.m. in the Emmaus Room.

National Youth Sunday, 21st November 2021: Bringing up a generation of carers and sharers - National Youth Sunday is celebrated annually on the Feast of Christ the King. This day is a day to focus on the contribution the younger generations are bringing to the Church, but this a day for us all to get involved. It's easy to think that because we have grown up with strong values that our children will automatically grow up with the same values but this is not necessarily the case. If we look back, we will remember how our own values were instilled and taught at an early age. If we want our children to be caring and sharing adults, we have to give them the right opportunities. Today is a day to look at practical ways we can get our children and teenagers better involved in the things that are

important for the shaping of our Church and our world. This is a two-way process. Today is a day to listen to our children and hear how they see the world and their place in it. What can we learn from young opinions that haven't been tarnished by the knock backs older generations have come up against?

Saint Cecilia, 22nd November: So, you think you're tone deaf? How many church goers sit silently through Mass not venturing to sing a note? How many church goers have been put off singing from a very young age by a thoughtless teacher or the careless remarks of a parent? There are very many adults who laughingly confess to being 'tone deaf', because someone has led them to believe this to be true. In fact, there are very few who are genuinely tone deaf, the rest of us have voices that we could readily develop and intonation that we could quickly improve with a bit of practice. On this the Feast of Saint Cecilia, patron saint of music, we are invited to fully participate in the liturgy by lifting our voices in song.



Care of Our Common Home: COP26 What happened and what happens next? While some progress was made at COP26, the next 12 months will be crucial in determining if the formal agreements reached in Glasgow provide grounds for optimism that 1.5°C remains firmly in sight, and are sufficient to build trust between countries and between citizens and governments. Keep informed. You can download a full analysis of the COP26 at www.chathamhouse.org/2021/11/cop26-what-happened-what-does-mean-and-what-happens-next

Continuing to Pray the Prayer of the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus – “We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path, nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity, so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.”

Bitesize – “The trouble about man is twofold. He cannot learn truths which are too complicated; he forgets truths which are too simple.” ~Rebecca West

Prayer for the Election of a Bishop - 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*.