

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Sneak Preview



If we are honest none of us relish the idea of judgment or accountability. Perhaps we have this uncomfortable feeling that we are not really doing all we could or all we should. The even more frightening realisation is that if we suspect we are not doing all we could we probably aren't!

On the Day of Judgment humankind will be assembled and the good will be told "Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you I was hungry and you gave me food, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." The criteria for final judgement are crystal clear, we will be simply judged on very simple acts of love and compassion. We are asked to see Jesus in the beggar on the street, the starving children on our TV sets, the refugees in our city hostels and the sick or vulnerable people in our parishes and communities. It sounds easy, so why do we so often fail to respond?

We fail to respond to need, when we find it difficult to share our resources or our time. We fail to respond when we cannot recognise need or when we jump onto some kind of moral high ground. We fail to respond when we are so wrapped in our own lives that opportunities to recognise need in others simply passes us by. Worst of all, we fail to respond when we simply can't be bothered.

Today's gospel is like a sneak preview of an exam paper, but having a sneak preview isn't enough, if we want to pass the test, we need to respond to the needy on a daily basis in order to recognise Jesus in our lives.

Bitesize – "If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion." ~ *The Dalai Lama, Tibetan Buddhist religious leader (1935 -)*



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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22 NOVEMBER 2020 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – Year A

[34th Week of the Year, Weekday Year II, Psalter Week 2]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 21 Nov.	6.00 pm	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	Damien Cabanis
Sun. 22 Nov.	10.00 am		The People of the Parish
Mon. 23 Nov.	10.00 am	Feria	Bridget Ody (Tinney)
Tues. 24 Nov.	-	S Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	No Mass today The Church is open
Weds. 25 Nov.	10.00 am	Feria	Anne Borrel (Tinney)
Thurs. 26 Nov.	10.00 am	Feria	Holy Souls
Fri. 27 Nov.	10.00 am	Feria	Holy Souls
Sat. 28 Nov.	-	Feria	No morning Mass
	6.00 pm		Holy Souls
Sun. 29 Nov.	10.00 am	1st Sunday of Advent	The People of the Parish

All Celebrations of Mass are livestreamed on YouTube

CHURCH OPEN DAILY: *The Church is open daily for private prayer until about 4:00 pm*

PLEASE NOTE: There is only one Mass at 10:00am on Sunday morning during lockdown.

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

MASS LIVE STREAM – 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: Gwen Lovelace, Tom Thorpe, Elsie Smart, Anna Tompkins, Florence Thorpe, Rita Smith, Emma Jane Talmadge, Evelyn Goodenough, Winifred Lovesay, Joseph Barker, Madeline Lambert, Mary Lambert, Frederick Shelock, Charles O’Kane. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Hospital Visits: If you or family members are admitted to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital (NNUH) or Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, King’s Lynn (QEII), and would like a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain, please call either St. John’s Cathedral, Norwich (01603 624615) for visits to NNUH, or call the NNUH Hospital Chaplaincy direct on 01603 287470 for people needing urgent spiritual attention, or for visits to QEII Hospital, call Fr. Peter Rollings on 01553 772220. If you would like to receive the Sacrament or Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for: Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Carol Whitesides, Shirley Liebenhals, Frances Saville King, Una McWeeny, Derek Williams, Greta Cummings.

Money Matters: Thank you for your gift for parish maintenance by standing order of £1,232 during October and the parish also received other donations of £870.00 and also some donations were left through the presbytery letterbox. Thank you also for your personal gift to me of the Easter Offering for which I am most grateful.

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.



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.

Christmas Masses: It is too early yet to say, and no indication has yet been given, about Christmas Masses. If Mass in public is permitted then I propose to celebrate Mass 4 times over Christmas. Twice on Christmas Eve and Twice on Christmas Day. But the number of seats available at each Mass will be limited and for ticket holders only if Mass in public is permitted. Tickets would be booked on line and there would be no charge for tickets. That is the proposal and so far, that is what it remains. Please consult the parish website for more information in due course.

SVP Appeal – Very grateful thanks to everyone who responded so generously to our appeal last weekend, both with furniture and donations amounting to £350. As a result, we have been able to provide the necessary assistance to those who requested our help. Your

continued help and support are much appreciated. Yours in St Vincent, Terri Sanderson 01362 822590, ktsanderson@live.co.uk

National Youth Sunday (England and Wales) 22nd November 2020: “Together”: Five Minutes with Your Family - Your family can explore this year’s National Youth Sunday theme with an interactive video that you can watch at home. All you need is your mobile phone and a bowl of popcorn. You can find the video at <https://www.nationalyouthsunday.com/foryourfamily/>

Young Adult Essay Writing Competition - An essay competition for youth on the theme ‘The Future of Interreligious Dialogue’ has been announced by the World Council of Churches (WCC). It is timed to mark the 50th anniversary of the WCC’s Office of Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation. The competition aims to encourage people under the age of 30 with interests in the field of interreligious relations and engagement to develop and share their ideas. The five best essays will be published in the 2021 issue of Current Dialogue, the WCC’s journal for interreligious encounter. The deadline is 15th January 2021. For a list of subject themes, rules and word length visit www.ctbi.org.uk/essay-competition-future-of-interreligious-dialogue/

Divine Fairtrade Milk Chocolate Advent Calendar - Every year the ‘Divine Fairtrade Chocolate Advent Calendar’ has a beautiful new illustration by Stephen Waterhouse of the nativity. The Divine Advent Calendar is a unique combination of Fairtrade chocolate with a traditional nativity theme. Look out for this in your supermarket or order online. This is a lovely way to talk to your children about Advent. www.divinechocolate.com

The Green Revolution - Lockdown this spring provided a clear demonstration of what environmentalists have been arguing for years: that our towns and cities have been ruled by the motorcar, to the detriment of public health and the climate. Now Boris Johnson has announced a £12bn plan for a “green industrial revolution” spanning renewable energy, nuclear power and countryside restoration. There's also a promise of 250,000 green jobs. Read the ten-point plan at www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/nov/17/the-key-areas-of-boris-johnsons-green-industrial-revolution

Mary’s Meals Double the Love Campaign - So much can be asked of us at this time of year. It may be hard to always say yes. Mary said yes to being the Mother of Jesus and as a young, unmarried girl this must have been a terrifying moment for her. Yet her “yes” brought Jesus into the world and changed lives forever. Throughout this year of many challenges, thanks to our generous supporters, Mary’s Meals has continued to say yes to feeding desperately hungry children with a daily meal in a place of education. Now we are delighted to share with you a new opportunity to say yes and provide 43,000 hungry children in Bong County, Liberia, with a life-changing meal at school. From 2nd November until 31st January 2021, donations made to our Double the Love campaign will be matched by the UK government, up to £2 million. Please consider setting a place at our [Big Family Christmas dinner table](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/bigfamilychristmasdinner) or buying a Christmas gift card on our website. More information on how to support us can be found at www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove Thank you.