

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Great Words



weight of truth and integrity behind his or her words.

When Jesus is invited to stand up and preach back at his own hometown synagogue, he chooses his reading with care. What Jesus chooses to read is to be a statement about his own mission priorities. He chooses to speak of social injustice. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," he reads, "... because he has anointed me to proclaim glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed." Then Jesus points to himself as the fulfilment of the ancient prophecy before handing back the scroll and sitting down. Jesus has obeyed all the rules of public speaking, he has considered the purpose of his reading, chosen words that will best convey his purpose, and delivered them powerfully and succinctly.

How will Jesus' listeners respond to his claim? Today's reading doesn't give us the listeners' response so we have time to imagine what our own response would have been. Would we have been inspired and motivated to hear Jesus speak these words? Would we suddenly see the ancient prophecy as just that, an ancient prophecy, or as mission to be fulfilled under Jesus' exciting new leadership? Can we hear the poetry of these words resonating two thousand years later?



**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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### 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2022 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C

[3<sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year, Weekday Year II, Psalter Week 3]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 22 Jan.	6.00 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary	Thanksgiving (Cyriac)
Sun. 23 Jan.	9.00 am 11.00 am	Time ( <i>The Sunday of the Word of God</i> )	Ellen Harrington (Perkins) The People of the Parish
Mon. 24 Jan.	10.00 am	St Francis de Sales	Ellen Harrington (Hannon)
Tues. 25 Jan.	-	The Conversion of St Paul	<b>No Mass today</b>
Weds. 26 Jan.	10.00 am <b>11.30 am</b>	Ss Timothy & Titus <b>Funeral Service for Carole Whitesides</b>	English ( <i>Fdn.</i> )
Thurs. 27 Jan.	10.00 am	Feria	Drury ( <i>Fdn.</i> )
Fri. 28 Jan.	10.00 am	St Thomas Aquinas	Jack & Ena Connolly ( <i>Fdn.</i> )
Sat. 29 Jan.	-	Feria	<b>No morning Mass</b>
Sun. 30 Jan.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Seabrooke ( <i>Fdn.</i> ) Stearman ( <i>Fdn.</i> ) The People of the Parish

(*Fdn.* = Foundation Mass)

**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](http://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:** Maisie Aylin, Queenie Minnie Hogan, Stanley Brocklesby, Anne Cairns, Laura O'Halloran, Bill Sibley, George Mayer, Ivor Vincent, Magdolna Toth, Hilda Stearman, William Harrell, Kenneth Rayner, Joe Kennedy, Sheila Christie, Mary Hetherington. *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:** Shirley Liebenhals, Frances Saville King, Derek Williams, Greta Cummings, Patsy Gray, Allan Michael Howard, Collette Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-Davies.

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your offering of £189.10 last weekend for the day-to-day running of our parish.

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.

**Openness to the Word of God** – Today is The Sunday of the Word of God, instituted by Pope Francis in his Apostolic Letter *'Aperuit illis'* in 2019, under which the day is 'to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God'.

**First Holy Communion Class** – Saturday, 29 September, 10.30-11.30 a.m. in Emmaus Room.

**Confirmation Catechesis** - We are running a Confirmation group this September/October. Anyone interested and eligible please see either Michael King or Fr. Brendan so we can gauge interest and numbers.

**Synodal Path** – The Synodal Path for the Diocese is available online and is waiting for your response! You can contribute by completing the online survey questions on the Diocesan website or through the Parish website, or click here to begin the survey - <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/synodal-pathway/>. Don't forget to include the name of your

Parish. Responses need to be completed by 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and will then become part of the Diocese's submission. If you need any help, you can contact the parish representative, Ken Summerford (email: [ksummerford@gmail.com](mailto:ksummerford@gmail.com))

**Required for September 2022: Director of Schools Service, Diocese of East Anglia** - Please see Diocesan website for more details. [www.rcdea.org.uk](http://www.rcdea.org.uk).

**Synodal Pathway Online Events** – Caritas East Anglia will be holding two online Synodal Pathway events: Thurs 3 Feb at 1pm [bit.ly/31QLu7G](https://bit.ly/31QLu7G) & Thurs 10 Feb at 7.30pm [bit.ly/3K889Oj](https://bit.ly/3K889Oj) We welcome especially anyone who, for whatever reason, feel they are on the margins of the Church. Please pass on this information to family/friends who may be interested. For information email Jacinta: [caritas@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:caritas@rcdea.org.uk)

**Afghanistan Crisis Appeal** - The people of Afghanistan are in desperate need of help. When the Taliban took over Afghanistan in August, life for people there deteriorated rapidly. Afghan families are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance: food, water and shelter. CAFOD will be supporting Afghans who have urgent humanitarian needs over the coming months – both within Afghanistan and in neighbouring countries – whilst also continuing to provide longer-term support. You can donate online at [www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Afghanistan-Crisis-Appeal](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Afghanistan-Crisis-Appeal)

**Holocaust Memorial Day, 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2022: 'One Day'** – There are many reasons why humanity must always remember the Holocaust. Faith communities in particular do well to mark and remember it because it reaffirms for us just how precious and meaningful our religious teachings and moral practices are for our lives. One of the chief teachings that both Jews and Christians share is that all human beings are created in God's image (Gen. 1:2) and that the breath of God becomes the soul of man (Gen. 2:7). The divinity and sanctity of every human life is at the heart of our religious worlds.



**Bitesize** – 'Speak properly, and in as few words as you can, but always plainly; for the end of speech is not ostentation, but to be understood.' ~*William Penn, English religious leader and colonist (1644 - 1718)*

**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*.