

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Ask and It Will Be Given

How do we feel about prayer? Some people would answer that they have great faith in prayer and pray all the time. Others would say that they feel prayer is a naive kind of activity, that it doesn't really work and so they don't do it, or pray only very briefly. Some of us will consider prayer as a last option. If there are other options, we will most likely pick those first. Our downfall is probably that our approach to prayer is all wrong. We approach

God with a kind of shopping list of all the things we feel we need. We approach God with prayers that are foolish, imagining that he might help our football team in the dying moments of a match, or somehow rig our lottery numbers! Worse, we try to bargain with God, promising that we will go to church more often if only he will sort out our problems.

"Ask and it will be given you; search and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you..." It would be wonderful to believe these words but before we believe them, we really need to understand them. It's clear that we need to know what to pray for and how to pray.

Today Jesus gives us a prayer, "The Lord's Prayer". But he isn't just giving us a prayer to recite. What he is giving us is a model on which to base our own prayers. In the Lord's Prayer we are invited to pray to God as our Father, acknowledging his holiness and praying with the shared commitment to have his will done on earth. We are invited to pray for our 'daily bread' the things we genuinely need. We must pray for forgiveness and promise to forgive others. Importantly we must pray with persistence, often and throughout the day, not in the way a child would pester a parent, but because only by being persistent will we build a relationship with God. Lastly, we should approach God with the faith we approach a loving parent. Even parents with very average parenting skills know how to give children what they need. "How much more," says Jesus, "will the father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask...."



**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 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

[17<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 1]

#### MASSES in the PARISH

##### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

For the People of the Parish

##### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July

09.00 MASS

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11.00 MASS *Live streamed*

Teresa Revell+

Peter & Kathleen Edmunds (Silver Wedding Anniversary)

##### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July

10.00 MASS

**St. James, Apostle (Feast)**

Pascall Byrne+

##### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July

10.00 MASS

**Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM**

Barry Evans+

##### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July

10.00 MASS

**Feria**

Joan Evans+

##### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July

10.00 MASS & ADORATION  
*Live streamed*

**Feria**

Fred Murphy+

##### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July

- No Mass today

**Ss Mary, Martha & Lazarus**

##### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

Billy Murphy+

##### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July

09.00 MASS

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11.00 MASS *Live streamed*

John Perkins+

For the People of the Parish

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday after 10.00 Mass and Saturday at 17.30**  
**EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Thursday after Mass**

*For Live Streamed Masses Search for Dereham Catholic Church on YouTube, or use the following link:*

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR-qWs-B40VTvbzezZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

The parish newsletter is available on the parish website from Friday each week.

**Anniversaries this week:** Doris Cousal, Emily Veronica (Vera) Noden, Margaret Harlow, Harry Baker, David Thompkins, Elizabeth Sapcote, Errol Alexander Patrick Cowell, Thomas Losco-Bradley, Olga Secker, Doris Webster, Naomi Dance, Margaret Leonard, Flora Booth, Ellen Storey, John Perkins, Charles Martin. *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, Frances Saville King, Derek Williams, Patsy Gray, Collette Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-Davies, Fr. Brendan.

**Money Matters:** Offering for last Sunday: Plate £172.92. 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**. Let Rex Baker know if you would like to sign up to Gift Aid.

**130 Club Draw for June 2022** - Quarterly Prize £50 - Ticket No. 102, Silvia Sillince; 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £20 – Ticket No. 98, Brenda O'Dowd; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15 – Ticket No. 113, Margaret Leggatt; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 159, Sheila Crouch; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 179, Paul Wade; 5<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 192, Colette Barrow-Nessian.

Diary Dates for this week		
Tues. 26 July	1900-1930	Chess Club – Emmaus Room
Weds. 27 July	1930	Scripture Study Group - Presbytery
Sat. 30 <sup>th</sup> July	1300	Refresher Day for Eucharistic Ministers & Readers. New volunteers are welcome to join.
Sunday	After 1100 Mass	Youth Club table tennis – Emmaus Room

**World Day of Prayer for Grandparents & the Elderly, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July –** Pope Francis established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in 2021. This year, the celebration takes place today, the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is: "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15). This new worldwide celebration in the Universal Church calendar

is a momentous achievement for Grandparents and the Elderly and will hopefully reassure them that they are loved and that they are needed. More information and resources can be found on the website of the Catholic Grandparents Association in the UK – [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org/](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org/)

**Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life: Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at the Walsingham National Catholic Shrine at 12 noon –** Parishioners are invited to join this pilgrimage of prayer for the sanctity of all human life. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Philip Egan. For more details, telephone 01858 571242 or view online at [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk). [www.prolifepilgrimage.org](http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org).

**New Dawn in the Church** - a Catholic Family Pilgrimage Conference - is taking place **Monday 1st - Friday 5th August 2022** at the Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. More details online at [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk).

**March for Life, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022** - This year marks the sad milestone of 10 million abortions in the UK since the 1967 Abortion Act. It is more important than ever that all people of goodwill, and especially Catholics, give public witness to the inalienable dignity of human life. Bishop John Sherrington will celebrate Mass at 11.00am in Saint George's Cathedral, Southwark. LifeFest22 is a pro-life, family-friendly festival held from 10.30am until 1.30pm at the Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street SW1P 3DW. The March itself starts at the Emmanuel Centre at 2.00pm, proceeding to Parliament Square, where there will be testimony and speeches, with the day concluding at 4.30pm. Our witness is vital; parishioners are encouraged to attend this event, or to join in prayer on that day. More information can be found at: <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/>

**Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride –** The annual Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride will be taking place on **Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022**. A new Norfolk Churches Trust website has gone live which will make the whole process of registering easier and finding out how to take part. More information is available at <https://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride/>. Volunteers will be needed on the day to welcome visitors. There will be a rota for this nearer the time. Please sign up if you are able to help.



**Visit of the Relics of St Bernadette to the Diocese: 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October 2022** - The Bishops of England and Wales welcome a pilgrimage of the relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes. The pilgrimage will take place in this Diocese from October 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Unthank Road, Norwich NR2 2PA commencing at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> October until 09.00 a.m. on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> October.

**Bitesize –** 'The value of consistent prayer is not that He will hear us, but that we will hear Him.' ~ *William McGill*