

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Believing Without Seeing

Have we lost our belief in what we cannot see? Do we start to pray for something but stop mid-sentence, feeling sure that God can't be listening? Even if he is listening, why on earth would he grant our unimportant prayers? Perhaps we cannot remember a time when a prayer was answered and so lose hope. Perhaps we have had a prayer answered but imagine it was more likely to be some great coincidence or a stroke of luck than God at work.

Today's gospel is a lesson in faith and prayer. The story starts in a place many of our prayers begin, in a place of darkness desperation and raw need. Bartimaeus the blind beggar shows us what faith is all about. He knows that Jesus is passing by and knowing that this might be his one and only chance of a cure, seizes his opportunity. He shouts out and keeps shouting despite others telling him to pipe down. He is eager, assertive, and full of hope. Bartimaeus shows us that faith is all about believing that God can do something for us that we cannot do for ourselves; and to persist in asking. It becomes clear that the story is not just about a physical healing but a spiritual awakening. Once Bartimaeus had encountered Jesus, he must surely have embarked upon a life of commitment to Christ.

So it is with our own lives. Once we have understood how Jesus works in our lives, it will become the most natural thing in the world to place Christ at the centre of everything we do.

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.

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24TH OCTOBER 2021 – 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B

[30th Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 2]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 23 Oct.	6.00 pm	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Mission Day	Janice & Peter Duffield (<i>Golden Wedding Anniversary</i>)
Sun. 24 Oct.	9.00 am 11.00 am		Diana Cater (Perkins) The People of the Parish
Mon. 25 Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Jane Carolan (Cummings)
Tues. 26 Oct.	-	Feria	No Mass today
Weds. 27 Oct.	10.00 am 2.00 pm	Feria Cremation Service, St Faith's, for Letizia Barrett	Holy Souls
Thurs. 28 Oct.	10.00 am	Ss Simon & Jude	Holy Souls
Fri. 29 Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Holy Souls
Sat. 30 Oct.	-	Feria	No morning Mass
Sun. 31 Oct.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	ALL SAINTS (SOLEMNITY)	P. & H.'s Ints. (6/10) The People of the Parish Philip Kemp (1/2)

**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: Peter Giles, Winifred King, Bernadette Winstanley, Fr. Harry Wace, Francis Perrin, Marie Jones, Thelma Jones, George Marshall. *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.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering 'on the plate' last weekend of £209.65 for the day-to-day running of our parish. A further donation of £10 was also received for the recent CAFOD collection.

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.

Today is World Mission Sunday – World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sister Veronica build peace in Nigeria and share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Please call 0207 821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, setup a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: www.missio.org.uk

First Communion Classes - Sessions will start on Saturday 6th November 2021, 10:30-11:30am, and will run weekly during term time. The forms for enrolment in the First Holy Communion Classes are available from the table at the back of the church. More can be printed if necessary.

Norwich Prison Mass. Sometime ago I agreed to be part of a team of priests who would celebrate Mass at Norwich Prison. The contracts have been signed by the bishop and I will

soon begin this my part in this ministry. I expect that Mass will be celebrated there on Saturday mornings. More on this to follow.

Mass for those affected by infertility. Saturday 6th November 2021, 11 am at OLISE Church, Newmarket. Celebrant: Bishop Alan Hopes. Followed by a talk on treatment options for Catholic couples by Dr Phil Boyle, President of the IIRM and founder of NeoFertility. We respectfully ask that children do not attend.'

World Youth Day - this November 2021! As well as International World Youth Days, Pope Francis has asked that 'Youth Sunday' is now known as 'World Youth Day' with each diocese throughout the world running a special event! All young people **Year 7 upwards** are invited to '**World Youth Day East Anglia**' held at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on Saturday 20th November, 12pm – 8pm. There will be live Music, inspiring talks, powerful prayer times and a vigil Mass with the Bishop to welcome in World Youth Day. Places are limited - to book a place and for more information, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

Red Missionary Boxes - It is time once again for donations to the Red Missionary Boxes to be counted and the money sent off to Missio. So please will you bring your boxes to church over the next two Sundays, so that there can be another count and the monies sent to Missio. Thank you.

Offertory Procession and Rotas. I feel that the time has come to restore the Offertory Procession at Sunday Mass. We can do it safely by using the glass cruets with the stoppers and by covering the paten with cling film. I am not sure if we will ever restore the practice of putting your own altar bread in the paten. Readers' Rotas should also now be restored as people have settled into a pattern of weekly Mass. I think we should restart both of these practices asap.

Deputy Headteacher required at St Alban's Catholic Primary School Cambridge. Are you an inspiring Deputy Headteacher who would like to work in a very successful school in the heart of Cambridge city? We are looking for someone new to fill this position due to the promotion of our current Deputy. For more details contact Joanne Koehler, School administrator, on 01223 712148, office @stalbans.cambs.sch.uk or http://www.stalbans.cambs.sch.uk/vacancies/job_opportunities.html. This post is from February half term 2022.

Bitesize – “In the end you regret less the things you believed that weren't true than the things that never came true because you didn't believe.” ~Robert Brault.



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.