

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



A Warning from the Grave?

We are always being told what to do to improve our lives. We are forever being told what to eat to make us healthier, and live longer. We are told what to put on our skin and hair to look better. We are given advice on how to invest and how to improve our homes. This is all well and good, but could all this advice be making us self-obsessed? Are we more worried about our receding gum lines than the orphans in Syria? Are we more concerned with interest rates than the plight of refugees fleeing war? Today we are asked, 'What would it take to show our fellow man some compassion?'

Lazarus is a poor man who lies at the door of a rich man hoping to feed on the crumbs from the rich man's table. Sadly, the rich man never notices Lazarus and Lazarus dies. Lazarus is taken to heaven, but then the rich man dies and is taken to hell where he suffers terrible torment. The distraught rich man begs to send a ghost to warn his brothers that damnation is a reality, only to be told that he should have listened to the prophets when he'd had the chance.

We'd like this story to be about the super-rich, but it's about each and every one of us. After all, how rich is rich and how poor is poor? Jesus never tells us how much we are allowed to earn before we're in trouble! What really matters is what's in our heart. The rich man in the story isn't necessarily a bad man; he's simply indifferent to the poor. We are in trouble when we see need around us and fail to respond.

At the end of the day, this parable isn't primarily about rich people being barred from heaven and poor people sailing in ahead of us. The parable is intended to make us listen and learn while we still have the chance. We will probably never have the benefit of ghosts coming back to warn us of the fate that will befall us if we remain indifferent to the suffering of the poor. We have the Bible and the words of Jesus to set us on the straight and narrow. We ignore the Bible's wisdom at our peril.



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 25th September 2022 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C - [26th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 2]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 24th September

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

For the People of the Parish

Sunday 25th September

09.00 MASS

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+Anisha Cyriac (Cyriac – 2/2)

11.00 *MASS Live streamed*

For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory (Sillince - 2/10)

Monday 26th September

10.00 MASS

Feria

For Gretta Cummings (Sick) (Mealy)

Tuesday 27th September

10.00 MASS

St. Vincent de Paul

+Francis & Bernadette Buxton (Wilkes)

Wednesday 28th September

10.00 MASS

Feria

For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory (3/10 – Sillince)

Thursday 29th September

10.00 MASS & ADORATION
Live streamed

SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels. Feast.

For Michael Ussher-Smith (Sick) (West)

Friday 30th September

- No Mass today

St. Jerome

Saturday 1st October

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

St Therese of the Child Jesus

+Michael Carroll (C. Carroll)

Sunday 2nd October

09.00 MASS

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For Patsy Gray

11.00 *MASS Live streamed*

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-B40VTvbezZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

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

Anniversaries this week: Agnes Tyce, Bernadette Buxton, Francis Dunn Soddy, Antony Drury, Pope John Paul I, Joseph Monks, Grace Brown. *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, William Dunn, Pauline Buckland, Diana Cater, Gretta Cummings, Kathleen Conlin.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £257.85. Thank you. Last week's retiring collection for the Home Missions came to £121.97 and donations received for the new parish sign amount to £626.60. Thank you very much for your generosity.

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.** **Gift Aid forms** are available at the back of church. This will help to maximize our donations in the Parish.

Mass Count – The four-Sunday Mass Count will start this Sunday. Make your number count this Sunday and the following Sundays.

Final reminder - Please return forms for First Communion or Confirmation candidates by next weekend at the latest. Forms are available at the back of church.

Altar Servers Group – The Altar Servers Group begins meeting again this week on **Friday, 30th September at 7.15-8.15pm** in the Emmaus Room.

Diary Dates for this week		
Tuesday	1900-1930	Chess Club – Emmaus Room
Saturday	1100	Tennis every Saturday at the Dereham Leisure Park
Sunday	After 1100 Mass	Youth Club table tennis – Emmaus Room

Parish Open Meeting – A Parish Open Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5th October 2022 at 16.30 in the Emmaus Room. The agenda for the meeting will include the charting of the Parish major activities for next year and updates on the Alive in Faith projects.

Harvest Fast Day – This year, CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day is being held on Friday, 7th October 2022. There are envelopes for this at the back of church. Please take one. There will be collection after all Masses on the weekend of 8th & 9th October.

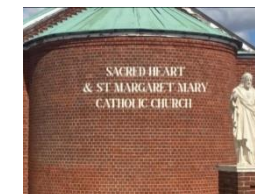
Visit of the Relics of St Bernadette to the Diocese: 13th-16th October 2022 – In September and October this year, the relics of St. Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland and Wales for the very first time. This very special once-in-a-lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near them. Individuals and groups are warmly invited to register their attendance at their chosen church or cathedral on the Relic Tour website: www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/.

The pilgrimage will take place in this Diocese at the following venues:

- **Norwich** - Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Unthank Road, NR2 2PA
Arrive: 13th October 2022, 11.30 a.m.
Depart: 15th October 2022, 9.00 a.m.
- **Cambridge** – Our Lady of the Assumption and the English Martyrs, Hills Road, CB2 1JR
Arrive: 15th October 2022, 10.30 a.m.
Depart: 16th October 2022, 9.00 a.m.

For the full list of tour dates, go to The Tour website. For general enquiries: E: contact@stbernadette.org.uk www.stbernadette.org.uk

Parish Signage - We now have a clear winner for the Parish Signage votes. It is the sign on the round wall. Hopefully, we shall have it installed on the first week of October. The current signboard we have will be decided upon once we have updated our website in the weeks to come.



Carer Needed - A parishioner in Lyng, Dereham, Kathleen Conlin, is looking for a carer to give her a few hours care during the week. Please contact Fr Jay if you are interested.

Bitesize – “If you haven't any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.” ~Bob Hope