

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Love, Love, Love

In that inimitable pop song, the Beatles tell us, “All you need is love...,” but is that just a sentimental ideal? Don’t we need other things as well like food, homes, jobs, clothes, education and laws to make a happy and safe society?

In today’s gospel a lawyer employed by the Pharisees asks Jesus a question. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” It’s another ‘loaded’ question. The religious leaders had devised six hundred and thirteen commandments. If Jesus were to pick on one commandment as being more important than another then it would be to negate one of the other six hundred and twelve. But Jesus manages not to invalidate any one of the commandments. Rather, he chooses the commandment that underpins all the others. “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbour as yourself.”

It is difficult to think of a human situation that can’t be remedied by a mutual love. Love in this context is not the warm fuzzy feelings that come in a Valentines card, but a deep empathy and compassion for fellow human beings. “It’s easy ...” sing the Beatles. Well not at first perhaps... it’s sometimes difficult to even like the people we meet let alone love them. Love takes practice. Love is seeing the similarities between ourselves and not the differences. Love sees that everyone wants the same things and needs the same things. Love starts by the little things we do for each other and gradually turns into a permanent state of being. Only then can we really claim to love God. We cannot claim to love God if we dislike or have a deep disdain for those around us.

Love starts in the mind, so start thinking today and every day how best to love and serve our neighbours.



**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.**

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)

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### 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020 – 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year A

[30<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year, Weekday Year II, Psalter Week 2]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 24 Oct.	6.00 pm	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time	Thelma Jones (Kendall)
Sun. 25 Oct.	9.00 am 11.00 am		Holy Souls The People of the Parish
Mon. 26 Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Rev’d Ron O’Toole (Bussey)
Tues. 27 Oct.	-	Feria	<b>No Mass today</b>
Weds. 28 Oct.	10.00 am	SS Simon & Jude	Michael Murphy (Mealy)
Thurs. 29 Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Covid-19 Patients
Fri. 30 Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Jackie May (Bussey)
Sat. 31 Oct.	-	Feria	<b>No morning Mass</b>
Sun. 1 Nov.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	<b>ALL SAINTS</b>	Francis Perrin Rosa Scaria The People of the Parish

**Anniversaries this week:** 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.*

**MASS LIVE STREAM** – 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 (incl. back copies) is available to view on the parish website from Friday onward each week.

**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 offering of £346.66 last weekend for the day-to-day running of our parish. An additional £30 was also received for the CAFOD Family Fast Day collection. Thank you 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**. 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.

**Easter Offering: Message from Bishop Alan** - Since parishes were unable to have the usual Easter Offering this year, I have asked that all parishes should take up an "Easter Offering" at all Masses during the weekend of **October 31<sup>st</sup>/November 1<sup>st</sup>**. As usual, this offering is your gift to you priest. I am grateful to you for your generosity.

**Confirmation:** Bishop Alan will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation here on **Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 6.00 pm**. I would be very grateful for the presence of some Altar Servers for the Mass. The Mass of Confirmation will be live streamed as is now our usual practise so that families living abroad or just outside the parish can participate in the prayer of the Mass.

**St Jude and St Simon, 28<sup>th</sup> October: Praying for a Desperate Cause?** - Jude is often, in popular usage, referred to as the patron of desperate causes, the "saint of last resort," the one you ask for help when all else fails. Jude's feast day is linked with St Simon because tradition has it that Simon preached in Egypt and then went to Persia with St. Jude, where both suffered martyrdom.



**Mary's Meals: October Porridge Party** - Mary's Meals feeds more than 1.6 million children in 19 countries around the world every school day. In Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe, the children are normally served steaming mugs of porridge enriched with vitamins to help them learn and grow. That's why we celebrate World Porridge Day – we know porridge has the power to change lives. So, how about hosting your own porridge party? Host it within your family or on Zoom. The idea is to request the family and friends and family you invite into the meeting to join with a bowl of porridge, stick around for a chat, and pay a small donation to Mary's Meals. You can donate online at [www.giving.marysmeals.org/en\\_gb/donate-to-world-porridge-day](http://www.giving.marysmeals.org/en_gb/donate-to-world-porridge-day)

**Tree Warriors 2020** - Trees are our strongest warriors in the battle against climate change. They lock up carbon, fight flooding and cool our cities. But there are simply not enough of them to tackle the climate emergency. To hit the Government's 2050 carbon net zero target, the UK desperately needs more trees. Together we can make that happen. Join the climate change army and help reach the target to get 50 million trees in the ground over the next five years. *There are three ways you can get involved...*

- Plant a Tree
- Speak Up
- Donate

To learn how, visit [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/protecting-trees-and-woods/campaign-with-us/big-climate-fightback/](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/protecting-trees-and-woods/campaign-with-us/big-climate-fightback/)

**Christmas Stickers:** As in previous years, there will be "Keep Christ in Christmas" stickers available for people to take from the back of church to use on your Christmas cards and gifts. These are kindly provided by Deacon Martin.

**Bitesize** – "Some people think only intellect counts: knowing how to solve problems, knowing how to get by, knowing how to identify an advantage and seize it. But the functions of intellect are insufficient without courage, love, friendship, compassion and empathy." ~Dean Koontz

