

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Would-Be Discipleship

You will be familiar with the expression, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions." It's a harsh proverb that tells us that good intentions alone are of little use. The would-be disciples in today's gospel wanted to follow Jesus, but not straight away, they had other more pressing things to do first. They were full of good intentions but lacked the resolve to realise them.

Today we sympathise with the would-be disciples, after all, their requests to say goodbye to their families and bury their dead don't seem unreasonable. We too would like to follow

Jesus but we too might hit the same stumbling blocks. Would we be prepared to go to any lengths to be true disciples? Is it likely for instance, that we would be prepared to leave our families our homes or our jobs to follow Jesus? For many of us, making a commitment to follow Jesus is something we try to slot into our lives only when we have time to stop and think about it. We promise ourselves that one day we will get around to reading the Bible. We'll make that charity donation once we have a bit of spare cash and only when we've managed to pay all those other pressing bills. We might do a bit of voluntary work for a worthy cause, but only when we've got a free weekend. Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow..... is it any wonder that Jesus sounded a touch exasperated with his well-meaning disciples? The road to Jerusalem was to be a hard one ending in suffering and death. Jesus needed his disciples to recognise this hardship and make a real commitment to following him he needed more than just good intentions.

We too are asked to make a real commitment. It might be irresponsible of us to abandon our children and rush off to evangelise in a dangerous part of the world but what we do need to do is decide where our priorities lie. We need to make tough decisions and ask ourselves searching questions. Do the pressures of our modern society stop us from following Jesus' teaching? Do we know what path we should be taking but make endless excuses to avoid following it? Do we know how to say 'no' politely, when things conflict with our priorities? Does our quest for personal gain, advancement and security impede our would-be discipleship? The bottom line is that God never asks us to do something that is impossible for us to do, so if we think today's Gospel is too hard, we need to think again.



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Sunday 26th June 2022 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

[13th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 1]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 25th June

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

Sunday 26th June

09.00 MASS

11.00 MASS *Live streamed*

Monday 27th June

- No Mass today

Tuesday 28th June

- No Mass today

Wednesday 29th June

16.00-17.00 EXPOSITION

17.30 MASS

Thursday 30th June

- No Mass today

Friday 1st July

- No Mass today

Saturday 2nd July

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

Sunday 3rd July

09.00 MASS

11.00 MASS *Live streamed*

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Freda Wilkes+

For the People of the Parish

Feria

St Irenæus

SS PETER & PAUL. Solemnity.

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ann Hannon+

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday at 17.30

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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: Maureen Jacobs, John Zuhike, Terrance Lappin, Barry McGrath, Fernando Sentieriro, Anthony Joseph O'Connor, Richard Downing, Elizabeth Mary Sharp. *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 £323.37. The collection for Life Charities came to £134.22. Thank you very much. There is a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend for **Peter's Pence**.

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.

Fr Brendan Update: Fr. Brendan has now moved to continue his aftercare at the Montana Care Home run by the Grace & Compassion Benedictines at East Barton Road, Great Barton, Bury St. Edmunds IP31 2RF.

First Holy Communion: Sunday 26th June 2022 – Congratulations to Aleena Benny, Oskar Frankiewicz, Michal Marko and Eloise Teale who are making their first Holy Communion at 1100 Mass today.

Changes to Mass Times this Week – While Fr. Jay is away, Fr Michael Stokes has kindly agreed to come and say Masses this Weekend, 25th & 26th June. There is no Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday this week.

Wednesday, 29th June is the Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul, Apostles, and a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 1600-1700 and Fr John Ablewhite is kindly coming to say **Mass at 1730**.

Diary Dates for this week		
Weds. 29 June	Scripture Study Group – No meeting this week.	
Fri. 1 st July	7.15-8.15 pm	Altar Servers meeting – Emmaus Room
Sun. 3 rd July	After 1100 Mass	Youth Club Table Tennis

Church Toilet Refurbishment – Our Church toilet is now ready for use. When using the rail next to the bowl, please be advised to lift that up before pushing it down as written in the instruction.

SVP Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Sunday 3rd July 2022 - 1.30pm Mass, Anointing of the Sick, 4.00pm Benediction. **Dereham SVP Conference** have two places available on a first come, first served basis, for anyone wishing to attend but needing transport. Contact Terri Sanderson on Tel: 01362 822590.

Dereham Foodbank extend their grateful thanks to the Parish for their very generous donations of food and other items to help those in need.

CAFOD Thanks – CAFOD says a huge thank you for all your support, prayers and donations for the people of Ukraine. Catholics in England and Wales have donated over £3 million, and this is enabling immediate, practical support – such as the provision of food, clothing, shelter, and transport. Please keep the people of Ukraine and all our brothers and sisters who face daily suffering in your prayers. For more information, go to www.Cafod.org.uk/UkraineAppeal.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 19 to Friday 26 August 2022. For help contact the diocesan director, Deacon John Morrill at john.morrill@rcdea.org.uk or Tel: 07956 536140 or at Catholic Pastoral Centre, 12 Exeter Road, Newmarket, CB8 8LT. More info. can be found on the pilgrimage website: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association#>

Diocesan Summer Camp: Ringsfield Hall, Hall Road, Beccles, NR34 8JR on 26th – 29th August 2022. Application forms are available at the Presbytery. For more details, contact: Lorraine Furmedge, 30 Beaufort Drive, Buckden, St Neots, Cambs, PE19 5YU. Tel; 0776541170.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, 26 – 29 August 2022, Ampleforth Abbey, York - Are you wanting to explore faith, improve your relationship with Jesus, and make loads of new friends at the same time? The charity Youth 2000 are preparing to welcome hundreds of young people from all around the UK to pray and praise together over the entire Bank Holiday weekend (Fri 26th - Mon 29th August at Ampleforth College, York). Families and under 18s are welcome! Go to youth2000.org/events/summerfestival to book your tickets before they sell out. Sponsored places are available if money is an issue - just get in touch at events@youth2000.org.uk. ~ Rachel Barry, Youth 2000 Gapper, Youth 2000 | Youth2000.org | Youth 2000 Charitable Trust | Registered Charity: 1000371

Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride – The annual Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride will be taking place on **Saturday, 10th September 2022**. More information is available at <https://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride/>

Bitesize - “You have to decide what your highest priorities are and have the courage — pleasantly, smilingly, non-apologetically — to say "no" to other things. And the way to do that is by having a bigger "yes" burning inside.”

~ Stephen Covey