

**GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**Treasure Is Where Your Heart Is** - We all know those people who are so crippled inside that they seem incapable of bringing a fair or rational perspective to a situation. Perhaps we are one of those people ourselves but totally fail to see it? Perhaps we are all crippled inside to lesser or greater degrees but would strongly argue it, bringing to bear all those flawed arguments we have stored in our hearts for as long as we can remember.

Our hearts are where our treasure is stored. If we have good heart our words and actions will be good. It follows if our hearts are flawed our treasure will be flawed too, and our thoughts and actions will be misguided.

So how should we care for our hearts? Just as in our physical diet, we get out what we put in. If we live on a diet of pulp fiction, pulp fiction is all we will know. If we listen only to those with selfish agendas, greedy and selfish motives are all we will know. If we do only what is comfortable and safe, 'comfortable and safe' is all we will ever know. It is more than easy to become egocentric without ever seeing it coming. To those closest to us, our faults will be screamingly obvious. Sadly, we will be the last to see what other people see.

Today's gospel is an invitation to start challenging the views that blind us to the possibility of becoming better and more productive people. Do we complain or gossip too often? Do we fail to forgive and forget? Do we hold views about groups of people of whom we know nothing at all? Do we spend too much time working and too little time with those we love? Do we have very set or narrow views on religion, politics, money, or society as a whole?

It is hard to change our beliefs, especially if we don't even recognise them as 'planks'. A good starting point might be to open our eyes to someone we hugely admire and model our thinking on theirs. What starts off as an exercise could quickly become a life changing habit.

**Bitesize –**

“If my heart could do my thinking, and my head begin to feel, I would look upon the world anew, and know what’s truly real.” ~*Van Morrison*



**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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**27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022 – 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C**

[8<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year, Weekday Year II, Psalter Week 4]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 26 Feb.	6.00 pm	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>(Day of Prayer for the Unemployed)</i>	Maneesa Cyriac (Thanksgiving) The People of the Parish Hannah Jossy (Thanksgiving)
Sun. 27 Feb.	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Mon. 28 Feb.	-	Feria	<b>No Mass today</b>
Tues. 1 Mar.	-	St David, Patron of Wales	<b>No Mass today</b>
Weds. 2 Mar.	<b>10.00 am 7.30 pm</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <i>Fast &amp; Abstinence</i>	Daniel Emberson Sandra Mealy
Thurs. 3 Mar.	-	Lent Feria	<b>No Mass today</b>
Fri. 4 Mar.	-	Lent Feria <i>(World Day of Prayer)</i>	<b>No Mass today</b>
Sat. 5 Mar.	-	Lent Feria	<b>No morning Mass</b>
Sun. 6 Mar.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	The People of the Parish William & Bridget Murphy Joan Evans

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - from 9.25 a.m. – 9.55 a.m. before each weekday Mass.**

*The Church is open daily until 4:00pm*

**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-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.

**Anniversaries this week:** Robert Secker, Dorothy Anne Gordon, Michael Joseph Carroll, Thomas Arbuthnot, Billy Reavey, Thomas Donaghue, Francis Langham. *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 Deacon Martin either by phone or by email, who will endeavour to get a priest to come to you.

**Sick & Housebound** [with GDPR Permissions] – **Please pray for:** Shirley Liebenhals, Frances Saville King, Derek Williams, Greta Cummings, Patsy Gray, Allan Michael Howard, Collette Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-Davies, Una Morris, Fr. Brendan.

**Money Matters:** 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 Rex Baker know if you would like to sign up to Gift Aid.

**Offertory Collections** - Please note that we have started offertory collections again at Sunday Masses, and the bucket is no longer at the back of the church.

Diary Dates for this week		
Sat. 5 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30-11.30 am	First Holy Communion Class – Emmaus Room

**Mass Times this Week** – This weekend we welcome Fr. John Ablewhite, who will also celebrate the 10.00 am Mass for us on Ash Wednesday. On Ash Wednesday, we also welcome Fr. Denis Gallagher, who has kindly offered to celebrate the 7.30 pm Mass for us. A Celebrant for next weekend's Masses is, as yet, to be confirmed.

**Fr. Brendan Update** – Fr. Brendan continues to make gradual progress in his recovery. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

**Ash Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022** - 'Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent when we are invited



for forty days to set aside more time for prayer and fasting in preparation for Easter. The Ashes, made in the sign of the cross on our foreheads on this day, are an outward sign of our inward sorrow for our sins and of our commitment to Jesus as Our Lord and Saviour.'

**Fasting and Abstinence:** Keep your meals small and simple during Lent. This is not a slimming exercise. The thinking behind fasting and abstinence is that we strengthen our spiritual life by weakening physical pleasures. Fasting means reducing the amount of food that we would normally eat. Abstinence means not eating a particular food (meat). **Ash**

**Wednesday and Good Friday are to be observed as special days of Fasting and Abstinence.**

**Lent activities:** Without a resident Priest, we are limited in what we can do - Yes, we can put out different Stations of the cross for individuals to use, and replace after use, but after such a long period without the usual meetings of SVP, UCM etc, it does not seem logical nor likely to be productive. I shall put out a clip board to gauge interest in doing a CaFe programme during an evening during the week, "The Joy of Hope," something I have run in Wayland Prison, which the guys enjoyed. Heavenly revelation from John on the Holy Island of Patmos. Each of the four sessions (approx. 23 mins each) are presented at key places around the island by David Payne.

**Women's Word Day of Prayer, 4th March 2022** - This years' service is presented by the World Day of Prayer organisation for England, Wales and Northern Ireland, with a theme of '**I know the plans I have for you**'. This is an invitation for women across the world to think about God's plans and how women can fit into those plans in a way they might not have done in days gone by.

**Synodal Path** – A reminder that the deadline is fast approaching for submitting responses to the online survey for the Synodal Path for the Diocese. You can contribute by completing the online survey questions on the Diocesan website or through the Parish website, or click here to begin the survey - <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/synodal-pathway/>. Don't forget to include the name of your Parish. **Responses need to be completed by 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022** and will then become part of the Diocese's submission. If you need any help, you can contact the parish representative, Ken Summerford (email: [ksummerford@gmail.com](mailto:ksummerford@gmail.com))

**130 Club** – There are still a number of renewal envelopes awaiting collection from the letter rack in the church porch. Members are kindly asked to ensure that their renewals are returned as quickly as possible and before the end of March at the latest. Thank you.

**Confirmation Catechesis** - We are running a Confirmation group this September/October. Anyone interested and eligible please see Michael King so we can gauge interest and numbers.

**The Year of St Joseph** - To mark the close of the Year of St Joseph, Bishop Alan Hopes will be celebrating Mass on **Saturday March 19th 2022**, 10am at St John's Cathedral, Norwich. The Mass will include a special blessing for children. Please bring all your children! There will be cake and balloons afterwards.

<p><b>Prayer for the Election of a Bishop</b> - God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unflinching care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.</p> <p>St Felix: <i>Pray for us</i>; St Fursey: <i>Pray for us</i>; St Edmund: <i>Pray for us</i>; All Holy Martyrs and Saints of East Anglia: <i>Pray for us</i>.</p>
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