

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Do Not Fear, Only Believe



Most of us struggle to make the most of our lives and often not as successfully as we would like. We worry about finding the right partner, we worry about our children, we worry about illness and we worry about money. We have learned from an early age that it isn't life itself that is important but how we fill our lives. But even having realised this every important fact, we still strive to live longer lives rather than better lives. When we read how Jesus cured and even brought people back from the

dead, we notice one very important similarity, Jesus doesn't just add years to people's lives he changes lives. He doesn't change their lives in the way winning the lottery might change one's life. He doesn't grant a fairy tale happy ending with the wave of a magic wand, rather he makes his subjects whole and complete and ready to live life with a new outlook. Both the woman and the family in today's story must have felt that life had slipped through their fingers. The woman who had suffered haemorrhaging for twelve years had reached the depths of despair. Jesus was her last and only hope. The young girl seemed beyond any help; she had already been declared dead. Jesus gave them both their lives back. Is it likely that they would have gone on living exactly as before? Probably not! There's nothing like a second chance, especially at death's door to make us re-evaluate.

The gospel call to change our lives is part and parcel of the call to faith, a faith in a God who saves lives and changes lives. Whether it be the very public faith shown today by Jairus the synagogue leader, or the very private display of faith shown by the destitute woman who touched Jesus' cloak, faith and how we make the best of life goes hand in hand. Today Jesus tells us not to fear, but only to believe.

Bitesize – "Where the loser saw barriers, the winner saw hurdles." ~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.

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27TH JUNE 2021 – 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B

[13th Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 1]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 26 June	6.00 pm	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Peter Cutland
Sun. 27 June	9.00 am		The People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Freda Wilkes	
	12.30 pm	Baptism	
Mon. 28 June	10.00 am	St Irenaeus	Holy Souls
Tues. 29 June	10.00 am 7.30 pm	Ss PETER & PAUL – Holy Day of Obligation	John Perkins The People of the Parish
Weds. 30 June	-	Feria	No Mass today
Thurs. 1 July	10.00 am	Feria	Peter Saville King
Fri. 2 July	10.00 am	Feria	Holy Souls
Sat. 3 July	-	ST THOMAS	No morning Mass
Sun. 4 July	6.00 pm	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Margaret Smith (Bussey)
	9.00 am		Holy Souls
	11.00 am		The People of the Parish

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

The Church is open daily until 6:00pm

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: Barry McGrath, Fernando Sentieriro, Anthony Joseph O'Connor, Richard Downing, Elizabeth Mary Sharp, Leslie Neve. *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.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering of £201.45 last weekend 'on the plate' for the day-to-day running of our parish.

This weekend, there is a retiring collection for **Peter's Pence** after all Masses.

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.

Mass Times this Week – Please note the changes to Mass times this week. There are Masses on Tuesday at 10.00am and 7.30pm for the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul and there is no Mass on Wednesday.

Parish Safeguarding Matters: As parish life begins to get back to 'normal' over the coming months, it is important that everyone is reminded of safeguarding matters regarding children, young people and vulnerable adults. Anyone who does voluntary work with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults is required to have a DBS check to certify that they are allowed to undertake this work - anyone taking on a voluntary role of this nature must contact me to apply for the DBS & diocesan application. This is for the protection of the volunteers as well as the people they are helping. In our parish this usually, but not exclusively includes, Catechists, Eucharistic Ministers taking the Blesses Sacrament to the sick at home, members of the UCM involved in welfare, Senior Altar Servers, and the SVP. The DBS check and diocesan procedures require volunteers to complete a few forms **before** the voluntary work is undertaken and this certification is

updated & re-checked approximately every 3 years. Due to the pandemic restrictions, many of the re-checks are now overdue and so if you already have a DBS check for our parish, I am likely to contact you soon to complete a re-check if one is due. I will display a code of conduct for all who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults at the back of church along with a leaflet that explains what to do if you are concerned about a child or adult at risk in our parish. There are some spare copies of the leaflet at the back of church; all volunteers especially should have one of these, so do please take one. If you need to contact me regarding any safeguarding issues my email address is: kathleenedmunds@yahoo.com (parish safeguarding representative).

The next online '**Newman Conversations**' event takes place on **Tuesday, 6th July** at 6.00 p.m. with Archbishop Leo Cushley - Archbishop Leo Cushley (St Andrews and Edinburgh) joins Professor John Charmley to talk on the subject of 'Catholic Education: Good for Scotland'. They will discuss why Catholic schools are good for Scotland, why Catholic schools came into the state system (The Education Act (Scotland) 1918) and the role of Catholic education in forming pupils morally and intellectually. To register, go to <https://newmanlectures.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cb04994a4d9f3590687426200&id=29e47b9cec&e=c1130fae6e>. If you missed the first of these new conversations — a recording can be found on the Diocese of East Anglia's website, or you can click on the following link <https://newmanlectures.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cb04994a4d9f3590687426200&id=3b19f78ab5&e=c1130fae6e>.

Inviting Young People and Young Adults on Pilgrimage – Aged 16-30? Come and join a 'Covid Safe' walking and camping pilgrimage to Walsingham in the last week of July. Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service and Radio Maria England. Registration just £50 (plus booking fee). Walk one of the ancient pilgrim routes which will lead from Ely and through a number of our parishes including Brandon, Swaffham and Fakenham. More details at www.englandsway.org.

Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride 2021 - This year's sponsored bike ride will be taking place on **Saturday, 11th September 2021**. You can find all the details of this and last year's event in the Norfolk Churches Trust Newsletter on the parish website.



Prayer for the Election of a Bishop

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing 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.