

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Change of Heart

A father asks two sons to go and work in the vineyard. The first son says that he won't but changes his mind and does. The second son says that he will but doesn't bother.

Which son do we identify with? The first son speaks to those of us who have embraced Christ's teaching late in life.

Yet gain Jesus is telling us that those who have managed a change of heart are as important to him if not more important than those who think they've got everything right. The second son speaks to those of us who have lots of good intentions, but at the end of the day the evidence of discipleship amounts to little more than lip service.

Originally this parable was aimed at the Pharisees who didn't feel they needed to change how they lived. Like the Pharisees we might feel that we are upright church going people, but that doesn't mean there isn't plenty we need to address. We still live in a world where there's plenty to put right. God's vineyard needs workers who will say 'yes' to God's plan, and more importantly, get stuck into the job.

For those of us who have lived our lives doing the same old things it might be very difficult to turn around a pattern of poor or ineffectual behaviour, but we only need to talk to a reformed offender or a reformed addict to know that a change of heart is not beyond any of us.

Bitesize – "Human beings, by changing the inner attitudes of their minds, can change the outer aspects of their lives." ~ *William James, US Pragmatist philosopher & psychologist (1842 - 1910)*



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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 Diocesan Website – <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>
 Notre Dame High School, Norwich – <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>
 Daily Liturgy Website – www.universalis.com

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27 SEPTEMBER 2020 – 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year A

[26th Week of the Year, Weekday Year II, Psalter Week 2]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 26 Sept.	6.00 pm	26 th Sunday in Ord. Time	Michael Moffatt Jim & Ita Murphy (Mealy) The People of the Parish
Sun. 27 Sept.	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Mon. 28 Sept.	10.00 am	Feria	Luke & Peg Nolan (Mealy)
Tues. 29 Sept.	-	SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels	No Mass today
Weds. 30 Sept.	10.00 am	S Jerome	Richard & Ann Nolan (Mealy)
Thurs. 1 Oct.	10.00 am	S Therese of the Child Jesus	Patsy Gray (Mealy)
Fri. 2 Oct.	10.00 am	Holy Guardian Angels	Margaret & Billy Lacey (Mealy)
Sat. 3 Oct.	-	Feria	No morning Mass
Sun. 4 Oct.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	27 th Sunday in Ord. Time	Ray Bailey (Cummings) John Murphy (Mealy) The People of the Parish

Anniversaries this week: Antony Drury, Pope John Paul I, Joseph Monks, Grace Brown and Vi (Amelia) Secker. *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-B40VTvbzeZ83MxQ/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, Teresa Kendall, Greta Cummings.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering of £205.95 last weekend for the day-to-day running of our parish.

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.

Confirmation – November 3rd at 6.00pm is the day and time that has been put into Bishop Alan's diary for the celebration of Confirmation at Sacred Heart, Dereham. Michael, Confirmation Catechist, will have been in touch with all the candidates by now. Catechesis can continue under Covid-19 restrictions as it counts as classes.

September, The Month of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society - The purpose of SVP Awareness Month is simple: to tell people about the SVP so that more people can benefit from the charity's work, and more people can get involved. To find out how you can get involved visit the SVP website. September is chosen as the society's awareness month to coincide with Saint Vincent de Paul's feast day on September 27th. www.svp.org.uk or for more information about the Dereham Conference of the SVP, speak to Deacon Martin or Terri Sanderson.

St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael, September 29th - Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are called saints because they are holy, but they are different from the rest of the saints because they were not human; they were Archangels. Each Archangel, we are told, has a specific mission or an 'essence'. Archangel Michael is the angel of protection. This powerful being of light, whose name means 'Who is like God', has a purpose to protect as the 'defender of the light



and goodness'. Gabriel's name means 'the power of God'. Gabriel is the announcer, the communicator of good news. We can ask him to help us be good communicators as he was. Raphael, whose name means 'God heals', is invoked when we need healing, not only for ourselves but for others too.

Saint Jerome, 30th September -The Bible was originally written in three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek. Prior to the Latin Vulgate there were Old Latin translations which were widely copied but carelessly and therefore affected the authenticity of the Bible. In 382 to keep the Western bible free of corruption Pope Damasus I commissioned Jerome to revise and translate the bible.

The Bible Society - Since the Bible is God's divine revelation it makes sense that it should be translated so that everyone may benefit whatever their dialect. Essentially the Bible Society exists because millions lack the Bible in a language they can understand, in a form they can use or at a price they can afford. However, for the rest of us the Bible Society is an interesting and informative resource, full of historical information and general knowledge. www.biblesociety.org.uk



Harvest Festival - At this time of year, we remember to pray for a fair and just trade so that all may receive a just wage for the work of their hands. At this time of year, we remember to support local growers and local produce. We pray for politicians and all who make decisions that affect the future of the earth. We pray that they may safeguard the planet for future generations.

St Francis of Assisi, 4th October - We celebrate the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. The feast day marks the culmination of our 'Season of Creation' for 2020 which has helped us focus on activities designed to save our common home, Planet Earth. The hope is that one or more of these activities will have inspired us to become eco warriors and that we will continue in the fight to change the human behaviours that are changing our climate. As today's gospel reminds us, change is not beyond us.

CAFOD Family Fast Day, Friday 9th October – This year, CAFOD's Family Fast day will be taking place on 9th October to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/give or by using one of the envelopes available. You can also give easily via text. **Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10** [Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, **text CAFODNOINFO to 70085.**] For more information, please see our Privacy Policy: www.cafod.org.uk/legal-information/privacy-notice