

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**God's Round Table** - It's hard to admit to, but most of us live on a bit of a moral high ground and it's not a good place to be. Moral high grounds are littered with treacherous pitfalls. The worst pitfall of all is to assume superiority. It's a human failing. We assume superiority over all sorts of other people. We decide we are superior to those with less money or lesser jobs. We decide we are superior to those who are less intellectual, whose tastes differ, whose accents are alien or whose values don't match ours. We decide we are better than those who have fallen foul of the

law or who have succumbed to an addiction. Why is superiority a pitfall? It's a pitfall because once we imagine ourselves superior, we start to dismiss people. We start to rule out huge numbers of our neighbours as unworthy of our attention.

Today we see Jesus at a wedding banquet where the guests are jostling for places of honour at the dinner table. It's a simple occasion that raises a big question. Why are we all so anxious to be seated at the top of life's table? Jesus gives the guests a piece of life changing advice. "A person who exalts himself will be humbled, but a person who humbles himself will be exalted."

Humility doesn't sit easily in our fame driven society, because we associate being humble with being "walked all over". Jesus' brand of humility, however, is very different. Humility does not mean trading feelings of superiority for feelings of inferiority. Being humble everything you have is a gift from God, and that everything you have is for the service of others.

In the tales of King Arthur and his knights, Arthur ordered a round table so that no one could assume a greater or lesser position. As Christians we are asked to adopt a 'round table' approach to life.

**Bitesize** - 'It is always the secure who are humble.' ~Gilbert Keith Chesterton



**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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### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022– 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

[22<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 2]

#### MASSES in the PARISH

<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August</b> 18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August</b> 09.00 MASS 11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Int. for the People of the Parish
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August</b> 10.00 MASS	<b>The Passion of St John the Baptist</b>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b> 10.00 MASS	<b>Feria</b>
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b> 10.00 MASS	<b>Feria</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b> 10.00 MASS & ADORATION <i>Live streamed</i>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b> - No Mass today	<b>Feria</b>
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b> 18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Int. for the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b> 09.00 MASS 11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> +Hilda Pritchard +Gonzalo Mausisa

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday after 10.00 Mass and Saturday at 17.30**  
**EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Thursday after Mass**

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:** Patrick McMahon, Alfred Chapman, John Power, Charles Victor Mann, Elizabeth Keatley, Norah Greenlee, Conal O'Donnell, Albert Foley, Hector Frosdick, Doris Evelyn Edith Henderson, Paul Morris. *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, William Dunn, Pauline Buckland, Diana Cater.

**+Janice Blows** – The Funeral Service of +Janice Blows will take place on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> September at 14.00 at the Breckland Crematorium, Norwich Road, Scoulton, Norwich. NR9 4NR.

**Money Matters:** Offering for last Sunday: Plate £243.45. Thank you.

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.

**Confirmation Preparation 2023** - If you're 13 by next June and are interested in Confirmation, please take a form from church and return to Fr. Jay by end of September. Sessions begin in October!

**First Holy Communion** preparation for children Year 3 and above will commence early October, enrolment forms for parents to collect are available from Fr. Jay. Sessions will be on Saturday mornings 10.30-11.30.

Diary Dates for this week		
Tues. 30 Aug.	19.00-19.30	Chess Club – Emmaus Room
Weds. 31 Aug.	11.15	Parish Finance Committee - Presbytery
Sat. 3 Sept.	11.30-15.00	Altar Servers' Day-out at Strikes Bowling.
Sundays	After 11.00 Mass	Youth Club table tennis – Emmaus Room

**Scripture Study Group** – This year's Parish Scripture Study every Wednesday has come to a conclusion this week. We thank the regular 11 or 12 participants in the Parish who have contributed much to the discussion of the Study.

### Upcoming Events.

- Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride – Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September. See the posters.
- Parish Open Meeting – Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October at 16.30
- Parish Christmas 'Bring & Share' Party – Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December at 1300-1600: Venue: Scarning Village Hall.

**New Monstrance** – The new Monstrance has been ordered and is anticipated to be delivered in the second week of September. Thank you for your patience.

**Tennis** – Fr. Jay is currently subscribed to the tennis court in Dereham Leisure Park. If you are into tennis at whatever level, please join us every Saturday at 11.00 onwards. Bring your own racket. Please let Fr. Jay know in advance if you plan to attend so he is aware of numbers.

**Parish Signboard** - Some suggestions to refurbish our Parish signboard are put forward. Professional help was sought to redesign the whole thing making it readable from a distance and to make it enduringly decent. Below is the proposed design of our Parish Signboard: If you are happy with it or if you have some suggestions, please write it in a separate sheet provided at the back of church. At the moment, we are looking for £700 to £800. If we have decided what we want as a community, then probably we can go ahead for the Fund Raising.

