

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Accepting Our Crosses

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering and death at the hands of the elders, chief priests and scribes. Peter took Jesus aside, "This must never happen to you," he said. Surely Peter only had Jesus' best interests at heart.



Imagine how mortified he must have felt to hear Jesus reply, "Get behind me Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

What kind of deal is it to get everything you want in life but lose your soul? So often when we finally get what we want in life, the euphoria is short lived. We might feel elated for a few days at achieving one of our closest held ambitions, but then we are left with that hollow, 'what next?' kind of feeling. Today Jesus is talking about the necessity for suffering and dying. But why does Jesus see accepting the cross as a necessity? Why does he not stop to consider the alternative that Peter suggests?

As Christians we are asked to live life differently from those who struggle to fill life with pleasure and enjoyment. There is a well-known saying that goes, 'It is better to die a meaningful death, than live a meaningless life.' As Christians we have to transcend, self-interest, self-preservation and ego trips. The person who tries to indulge in every enjoyment may find him or herself chasing impossible rainbows. Could this be Satan's favourite trick? By trying to make life perfect by our own human agendas, are we in danger of reaching the end of life only to realise we have not lived life at all?



**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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### 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020 – 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year A

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

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 29 Aug	6.00 pm	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time	Ron Thurstance Barbara Abela (May) The People of the Parish
Sun. 30 Aug	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Mon. 31 Aug	10.00 am	Feria	Moises Moroscollo
Tues. 1 Sept	-	Feria	<b>No Mass today</b>
Weds. 2 Sept	10.00 am 4.00 pm	Feria Reception of the remains of Barbara Abela	Colin Cummings
Thurs. 3 Sept	10.00 am	Requiem Mass & Funeral for Barbara Abela	
Fri. 4 Sept	10.00 am	Feria	Paul Morris
Sat. 5 Sept	-	Feria	<b>No morning Mass</b>
Sun. 6 Sept	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time	The People of the Parish Paul Morris Gonzalo Mercado Mausisa

**Anniversaries this week:** Alfred Chapman, John Power, Charles Victor Mann, Elizabeth Keatley, Norah Greenlee, Conal O'Donnell, Albert Foley, Hector Frosdick, Doris Evelyn Edith Henderson, Paul Morris, Evelyn Maguire. *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 £389.90 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.

**130 Club Draw for June 2020** - Quarterly Prize £25 - Ticket No. 43, Peter Knight; 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £20 – Ticket No. 55, Gloria Clarke; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15 – Ticket No. 4, Theresa Pitcher; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 51, Peter Duffield; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 106, Michael Fenton; 5<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 135, Joan Thomson.



**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.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick** - An updated version of guidance for the Pastoral Care of the Sick has been published. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are now permitted to make home visits. They must wear a face covering and take all the precautions for each home visit and distribution of Holy Communion as outlined in the guidance. *Eucharistic Ministers are please asked to refer to the Guidance, a copy of which can be found on the parish website.*

**Live Streaming** - The feedback from parishioners with regard to this has been very positive. It seems that while people can watch Mass from a whole range of places, they like to 'attend Mass' from their own church and with their own community in Dereham.

**'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness....'** Cooking apples are there for the collection from the tree in the carpark. Please come and use them. They are a good cooking apple and the windfalls are there for the taking. It would be a shame to waste them.

**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation: Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020** – “The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.” ~ *Pope Francis, Letter inaugurating World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.*

**Season of Creation: *Creation Time*, 1st September - 4th October 2020** - The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing, and rejoicing together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. The Season of Creation unites the world's 2.2 billion Christians around one shared purpose. With so much injustice all around us, now is the time for Christians everywhere to come together and show the world how to love each other and creation.

**For Our Teachers and Children** - Most of our schools have opened, or about to open for the autumn term. Some children will be moving up into new schools and some children will be starting school for the very first time. All children will be facing a different environment and different routines because of the pandemic. We pray that our children will feel happy, confident and cared for. We pray for our teachers, particularly for their wellbeing in a job that is increasingly demanding and stressful. *Next Sunday is 'Education Sunday'.*

**National Fish & Chip Day, Friday 4th September** - Support the fishermen and farmers who provide the sustainable and natural ingredients needed to create this family favourite. Making a decision to eat more fish is also a commitment to eat less red meat which we are beginning to understand is not the best way forward for our planet. Make every Friday a 'fish and chip day'.

**The Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride: Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020** – There's still time to pump up your tyres, dust off your walking boots, pack a picnic and plan a route from your own door to visit as many of the most beautiful churches in Norfolk as you can. \*PLUS, you can join with others in your parish to win £1,000 for your church by becoming the parish with the most improved amount of money raised. Simply get sponsored for each building you visit or make a donation - find out more at [www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride](http://www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride). **Volunteers will also be needed to greet participants visiting Sacred Heart and to stamp their forms. There will be a rota for this placed at the back of church.**



**Bitesize** – “The fear of death follows from the fear of life. A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time.” ~ *Author unknown*