

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR ALL SAINTS



Blueprint for Sainthood - We are asked to emulate the lives of the saints, but how do we even begin to live our lives like one of those slightly impossible to believe-in-people whose faces we find on our church medals, cards and statues. Could they ever have been just normal people like us? Today we hear the 'Sermon on the Mount', sometimes called the 'greatest sermon of all time'. It begins with a list of revolutionary statements, which we now know as the 'Beatitudes'. The Beatitudes give us a blue print for living our lives, and a key for entering the Kingdom of God.

Be poor in spirit we are told, not allowing our lives to be governed by money or material concerns. We should be meek, always seeking to serve rather than seeking the power with which to lord it over others. Hunger for righteousness we are told, never tolerating injustice, always having the integrity to suffer for what we believe in if needs be. We should be merciful, not only with those we feel deserve mercy like the poor and the disadvantaged, but with those who need our forgiveness and consideration. Are we always pure of heart or do we enjoy a good gossip, a joke at someone else's expense? Are we peacemakers, or do we fuel battles against neighbours, workmates or people from different communities?

The Beatitudes are a list of ideals and challenges designed to shape our lives for the better, but are we left looking at the list and feeling that it's just too much of a tall order? As in anything that initially seems too difficult are we in danger of simply 'switching off'?

On this the feast of 'All Saints' we celebrate the lives of those saints whose lives we aim to imitate. But what is interesting to note, is that not even these very special men and women have managed to live by every single beatitude. A saint is not necessarily a perfect person, but someone who has sought his or her hardest to be faithful to God. When we determine to live our lives by Jesus' ideals what matters is our commitment and integrity, not our measure of success.



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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31 OCTOBER 2021 – ALL SAINTS (SOLEMNITY) – Year B

[# Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week #]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 30 Oct.	6.00 pm	ALL SAINTS	P. & H.'s Ints. (6/10)
Sun. 31 Oct.	9.00 am 11.00 am		The People of the Parish Philip Kemp (1/2)
Mon. 1 Nov.	10.00 am	Feria	Peter Bell (Bell)
Tues. 2 Nov.	10.00 am	ALL SOULS' DAY	Rose Hand
Weds. 3 Nov.	-	Feria	No Mass today
Thurs. 4 Nov.	10.00 am	St Charles Borromeo	Alistair Day (Baker)
Fri. 5 Nov.	10.00 am 2.00 pm	Feria Funeral Service for Josephine Kendrick	Breda Byrne (PM)
Sat. 6 Nov.	-	Feria	No morning Mass
Sun. 7 Nov.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Kathleen Carroll (Carroll) The People of the Parish Philip Kemp

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

The Church is open daily until 5:00pm

Anniversaries this week: Thomas Bane, Minnie Andrews, Filippo Salamone, Pam Gayton.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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.

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, Terri Sanderson, Ellen Harrington.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering of £274.50 'on the plate' last weekend for the day-to-day running of our parish. The collection for Missio on World Mission Sunday last week amounted to £123.30.

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.

First Communion Classes - Sessions start on **Saturday 6th November 2021**, 10:30-11:30am, and will run weekly during term time.

Red Missionary Boxes - It is time once again for donations to the Red Missionary Boxes to be counted and the money sent off to Missio. So please will you bring your boxes to church over the next two Sundays, so that there can be another count and the monies sent to Missio. Thank you.

Missio: Thank You – Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and contributions will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to www.missio.org.uk or call 0207 821 9755 (office hours).

Last minute Invitation to all Parents, Grandparents and anyone who looks after children - Places available on the fantastic 'Parenting for Faith' online course starting Tuesday 2nd November. The course will help you show children the reality of a life with God and to empower them to have their own vibrant two-way relationship with Him. Run by *Celebrate*

with the support of the Diocesan Youth Service. **Registration closes THIS Sunday evening 31st October**. See www.celebratetrust.org/parentingforfaith for more information.

Ever Considered becoming a School Governor? - We are looking to recruit new Governors to support our vibrant and welcoming Catholic schools. We welcome interest especially from practising Catholics, as each Governing Body needs to have a majority of people who are Catholic. Governors help ensure the school is run effectively through having committee meetings covering a number of areas (e.g., Resources, Pastoral and Admissions, Teaching and Learning etc). Governors also oversee the school budget and help out with senior appointments at the school, as well as occasional challenging matters such as exclusions and staff discipline, though these are reassuringly infrequent. They are kept fully informed about all aspects of school life, which is very rich and varied. The Governing Body works well with the school leadership team, and are a welcoming group of people drawn from different walks of life who kindly give up their time to support the school and improve children's life chances. If you feel this may be of interest to you, please feel free to contact the Headteacher at your local school who can give you more details about the role, and put you in contact with their current Chair of Governors. We hope this role may be attractive to you, and thank you for your support for the schools in St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust. The Trust has schools in Norwich, Costessey, Great Yarmouth, Bungay, Beccles, Lowestoft, King's Lynn and Peterborough; please see the St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust [website](#) for details and locations.

Deputy Headteacher required at St Alban's Catholic Primary School Cambridge. Are you an inspiring Deputy Headteacher who would like to work in a very successful school in the heart of Cambridge city? We are looking for someone new to fill this position due to the promotion of our current Deputy. For more details contact Joanne Koehler, School administrator, on 01223 712148, office @stalbans.cambs.sch.uk or http://www.stalbans.cambs.sch.uk/vacancies/job_opportunities.html. This post is from February half term 2022.

Bitesize - "A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you and were helped by you will remember you when forget-me-nots have withered. Carve your name on hearts, not on marble." ~Charles H. Spurgeon

Prayer for the Election of a Bishop - 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.

St Felix: *Pray for us*; St Fursey: *Pray for us*; St Edmund: *Pray for us*;
All Holy Martyrs and Saints of East Anglia: *Pray for us*.