

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR ALL SAINTS



What Makes a Saint? We can land men on the moon or Mars, find cures for cancer and AIDS, or define the 'big bang theory' but ultimately our destiny is shaped not by man's conquests or discoveries, but by the simple acceptance of a sermon Jesus gave over two thousand years ago. The 'Sermon on the Mount', sometimes called the 'greatest sermon of all time', 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', imagining that Jesus' ideals are meant for others but not for us?

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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 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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1st NOVEMBER 2020 – ALL SAINTS – Year A

[31st Week of the Year, Weekday Year II, Psalter Week 3]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 31 Oct.	6.00 pm	ALL SAINTS	Francis Perrin
Sun. 1 Nov.	9.00 am		Rosa Scaria
	11.00 am		The People of the Parish
Mon. 2 Nov.	10.00 am	ALL SOULS' DAY	Roger Borthwick
Tues. 3 Nov.	6.00 pm	Confirmation Mass	
Weds. 4 Nov.	-	S Charles Borromeo	No Mass today
Thurs. 5 Nov.	10.00 am	Feria	Anna Easton (Mealy)
Fri. 6 Nov.	10.00 am	Feria	Holy Souls
Sat. 7 Nov.	-	Feria	No morning Mass
Sun. 8 Nov.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	32 nd Sunday in Ord. Time Remembrance Day	Kathleen Carroll The People of the Parish Requiem Mass for the Fallen of the two World Wars

Anniversaries this week: Thomas Bane, Minnie Andrews, Filippo Salamone, Pam Gayton, Fr. Brian Nightingale, Patricia Hawkins, Kathleen Carroll. *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-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 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, Greta Cummings.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering of £384.01 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.

Mass Times – Please note the change in the Mass schedule this week. I will take Wednesday as my day off on account of the Confirmation Mass on Tuesday evening.

Easter Offering - The Collection this weekend is the deferred Easter Offering to the parish priest. I thank you for your generous support.

Holy Souls & Remembrance – November is the month of the Holy Souls and Remembrance Day is Sunday, 8th November. The 11:00 am Mass will be offered for the dead of the two World Wars and the subsequent wars. During November, Mass will be offered for the Holy Souls and this includes those who have died of Covid-19.

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls), Monday 2nd November: Finding Rest - During the month of November, but particularly on this day we remember all those who have died. We remember them in a meaningful way rather than a mournful way. We remember the lessons we have learnt from them and the talents we have inherited from them. We remember how we loved them and how they loved us and made us what we are today. We remember their good deeds and



determine to be more like them. Most importantly we remember that they have found rest, just as Jesus promised.

Caritas Webinar - Following the success of the first Caritas webinar in July, partnered with CAFOD, Caritas East Anglia will be hosting a webinar on **Wednesday, 11th November from 7-8.30pm**, entitled 'The Richness of Many Years of Life', to celebrate how older people enrich our lives. There will also be ideas and help available if you would like to support those isolated in our community. To register for the event, go to: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkfuyppgToiHNUUrNQZb_vbRGZmieDAu-yY. For more information, email: caritas@rcdea.org.uk.

An invitation to all young people! - The Ignite Team are planning plenty of new online content over the coming months. Join us on YouTube for **First Fridays**, our **NEW** monthly online chat show which goes live **on the First Friday of each month**. And why not join young people across the Diocese for our **Mass for Young People** on the **Second Saturday of each month**? Streamed via our YouTube channel and coming **in person** to a church near you! Follow us on Instagram and subscribe on YouTube to keep up to date with all we have to offer you: **@igniteyea**

Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for November 2020: Artificial Intelligence - Artificial



intelligence is a system which observes information about the past and makes judgments or predictions when it is shown new information. Because AI systems learn from what they see in the world, they are likely to continue those patterns rather than adapt to changing conditions or values. Just as Christians are called to weigh the things we think and say (Phil 4:8-9), we must also be aware of our influence on AI systems, machines that echo and reinforce our personal and societal behaviours. Just as parenting includes moral responsibilities for the behaviour of our children, we may need to take similar responsibilities toward AIs. This month we are asked to join in Pope Francis's prayer intention ".... *that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.*"

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, 1st November - For many of us going to Church is as about as routine as doing the shopping or getting the bus to work. For the most part we are able to practise our faith in total freedom. It's hard to believe that in some parts of the world Christians are imprisoned or tortured for their faith. On the first Sunday of November we are asked to pray for those who want the right to share the same religious freedom we enjoy. We remember to be thankful for a freedom that sometimes we take for granted.

Bitesize – "Your life may be the only Bible some people read." ~ *Author Unknown*