

SPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A Job for Life

How many of us leap out of bed in the morning fired with the enthusiasm of knowing we have a very special job to do? How many of us wake up hitting the 'snooze button' not relishing our day's work one little bit? Sadly, most of fall into the second category, but the truth is that there is no need to live routinely hum drum and unfulfilled lives. We are told that God has a very particular job for each of us to do; all we have to do is answer the call.

Today we hear how the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and announced her very special calling ... to be the Mother of Jesus. From that moment on, Mary's life would never be the same again. From that moment on, the normal life she had planned with Joseph was to be turned upside down. She was about to embark on a life of great excitement, great uncertainty, challenges, joys and sorrows, but above all, great fulfilment. Answering God's call could never be boring.

We might not get angels knocking on the door, but God calls us each as surely as he called Mary. We mightn't think we have what it takes to step up to the mark, but the only qualifications God asks are a willingness to make ourselves available, commitment and trust. Mary demonstrates these qualifications when she answers very readily, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

Bitesize – "I've come to believe that each of us has a personal calling that's as unique as a fingerprint - and that the best way to succeed is to discover what you love and then find a way to offer it to others in the form of service, working hard, and also allowing the energy of the universe to lead you." ~ *Oprah Winfrey (1954 -), O Magazine, September 2002*



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

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20TH DECEMBER 2020 – 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Year B

[4th Week of Advent, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 4]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 19 th Dec.	6.00 pm	4 th Sunday of Advent	Patsy Gray
Sun. 20 th Dec.	9.00 am 11.00 am		The People of the Parish MacDonald Family & Roger Borthwick
Mon. 21 st Dec.	10.00 am	Advent Feria	Edith & Margaret Oliver (Cummings)
Tues. 22 nd Dec.	-	Advent Feria	No Mass today
Weds. 23 rd Dec.	10.00 am	Advent Feria	Patsy Gray
Thurs. 24th Dec.	3.00 pm 8.00 pm	Christmas Eve	Holy Souls Covid Sick
Fri. 25th Dec.	9.00 am 11.00 am	Christmas Day	Private Intention The People of the Parish
Sat. 26th Dec.	12 noon	St Stephen (Boxing Day)	George Mealy Jnr (Mealy)
Sun. 27 th Dec.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	Paul Morris Maria Keald The People of the Parish

All Celebrations of Mass are livestreamed on YouTube

CHURCH OPEN DAILY: *The Church is open daily until 4:00 pm*

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.

Anniversaries this week: Priscilla Louise Reavey, Patricia Huizar, Florence Sayer, John Thomas Macdonald, Kit Blackburn, Terence Blakiston, Genevieve Smith, Dorothy Jones, Frederick Power, Joseph Murphy, Ivy O'Shea, Charlie Secker, Mary Reeder. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

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: Jenny Rudd, Carol Whitesides, Shirley Liebenhals, Frances Saville King, Una McWeeny, Derek Williams.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering of £215.70 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 October 2020 - 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 120, Fiona Richardson; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 184, Maureen Jessup; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 140, Ivan Dent; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 192, Colette Barrow-Nessian; 5th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 175, Dorothy Wheeler.

130 Club Draw for November 2020 - 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 121, Colette Barrow-Nessian; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 72, Rita Knocker; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 135, Joan Thomson; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 132, Bruce Wheeler; 5th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 118, Kath Borthwick.



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.

Christmas Masses: Christmas Eve: **3.00 pm & 8.00 pm**. Christmas Day: **9.00 am & 11.00 am**. Attendance at Christmas Mass is by ticket only. There are **50 tickets** available for each Mass. Altar Servers will not need a ticket. Tickets can be booked online via the parish website by following this link: <http://www.sacredheartdereham.org.uk/christmas>. (There is no need for a print copy.)

Guild of St. Stephen – Altar Servers' Mass is on **Saturday, 26th December** (Boxing Day) at **Midday**. We have some new members to receive their medals. All Altar Servers are invited to attend.

Request for Domestic Help – A parishioner is in need of domestic help for four hours a week – days/times negotiable. Please contact Dorothy Edwards on mobile 07933 177 555.



For Expectant Mothers - Traditionally, the Fourth Sunday in Advent is the time of year we pray for expectant mothers. We pray that mums-to-be have all the support and help they need. We pray particularly for expectant mothers who are filled with anxieties and uncertainty. We also pray for couples who are experiencing the pain of not being able to conceive, and for those who have lost a child.

Headteacher Vacancy: All Saints Academy, March (Primary) - Please see diocesan website for more details: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/schools/school-vacancies/>

BBC Radio 4 Christmas Programmes 2020 - Across the week Radio 4 has traditional programming for the season, including:

- **A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, Thursday 24th December 3.00pm** - The annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols from King's College Cambridge.
- **Radio Four's Midnight Mass, Thursday 24th December 11.30pm** - The First Mass of Christmas live from Manchester Cathedral.



Homeless at Christmas: Shelter Appeal 2020 - Many people struggling with bad housing and homelessness have already endured the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic without a safe place to live. And now, Christmas will be spent in cramped bed and breakfasts, sleeping in cars, or in temporary accommodation hundreds of miles away from family. This winter, it's never been more dangerous to be homeless. There are lots of ways you can get involved in Shelter's Christmas appeal. Visit the site at www.shelter.org.uk. Other charities that are running Christmas appeals for the homeless are:

www.crisis.org.uk
www.focusireland.ie
www.salvationarmy.org.uk

