

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Courage and Worth

Some people leave their homes and go to work with the poorest of the poor in far flung third world countries .... but we are not those people. Some people fund raise tirelessly day in and day out for those who are sick or homeless and living in poverty .... but we are not those people. Some people campaign endlessly to end injustice and cruelty ... but we are not those people. We are not those people! Why not?

We are capable of doing great things, but most of us don't come anywhere near meeting our potential. We are afraid to step out of the comfort zone of our well-worn lifestyles, jobs and homes. We are afraid of the unknown, of failure, disruption and

discomfort. In short, we lack the necessary courage.

In the face of a sometimes hostile and sceptical world, Jesus asks us to have the courage of our convictions. The Church today is built on the courage of those who have refused to compromise their beliefs. Today's gospel urges us to be courageous. "Fear no one," Jesus advises us. Why fear those who can make life temporarily uncomfortable when God has our everlasting interests at heart?

Today's gospel teaches us an important lesson; courage is all to do with self-worth. If you feel you are worthless you are easily intimidated, but if you feel you do have worth, your conviction will lend you real courage. So, do we appreciate our worth? Jesus convinces us that even the sparrows that are two a penny have worth in God's eyes, so how much more worth have we. We have an individual worth to God who has counted each and every hair on our heads. We all have great potential. We all have something to offer .... no excuses, no exceptions.



**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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### 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2020 – 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C

Mass Times for the coming week 12 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year, Weekday Year II, Psalter Week 4		
<b>Although celebrated without a congregation, the times of Mass are as follows:</b>		<b>Mass Intentions, with church opening times for private prayer given below:</b>
Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup> June - 11:00 am	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time <b>Day for Life</b>	The People of the Parish Church open 12.00-2.00pm
Mon. 22 <sup>nd</sup> June - 12:00 Noon	SS John Fisher & Thomas More (Feast)	Josie Goodwin Church open 12.30-2.30pm
Tues. 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	S Etheldreda	No Mass today Church open 12.30-2.30pm
Weds. 24 <sup>th</sup> June - 12:00 Noon	THE NATIVITY OF S JOHN THE BAPTIST (Solemnity)	The Holy Souls Church open 12.30-2.30pm
Thurs. 25 <sup>th</sup> June - 12:00 Noon	Feria	The Holy Souls Church open 12.30-2.30pm
Fri. 26 <sup>th</sup> June - 12:00 Noon	Dedication of the Cathedral (Feast)	The Holy Souls Church open 12.30-2.30pm
Sat. 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Feria	No Mass today Church open 12.30-2.30pm
Sun. 28 <sup>th</sup> June - 11:00 am	SS PETER & PAUL (Solemnity)	The People of the Parish Church open 12.00-2.00pm

The parish newsletter (incl. back copies) is available to view on the parish website from Friday onward each week.

**Anniversaries this week:** John McGee, Thomas Murphy, June Doreen Kanssen, Mary Holmes, Mary Rush, John Frizzell, Dorothy Payne, Michael Howard, Maureen Jacobs, John Zuhike, and Barry McGrath. *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:** Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Carol Whitesides, Shirley Liebenhals, Frances Saville King, Una McWeeny, Derek Williams, Teresa Kendall, Greta Cummings, Deacon Ron O'Toole (former Deacon at Dereham).

**Money Matters** - The parish treasurer tells me that during May the parish received the following amounts: Cheques/cash £434, Standing Orders £764 and Easter Offering £210. I thank you for your generous donations towards the maintenance of our parish. Thank you to all of you who have taken out Standing Orders to support the parish during lockdown. For those who would like to do the same, the information is: Account name: **Catholic Church of Dereham**. The Sort Code is: **40-20-08** and the Account number is: **11311115**.

**Gift Aid** - 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.



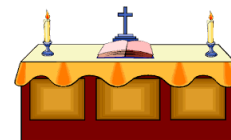
**Newsletter by Email** - Please let Fr. Brendan know if you would like to receive the parish's weekly bulletin by email. We have a GDPR compliant list of names for this purpose.

**Diary Dates for this week – All parish group meetings currently remain suspended.**

**Mass for the Holy Souls** includes all those who have died from Covid-19. We pray for them, for their grieving families and friends and for all who are suffering loss at this time.

**Open Church:** The church is now open for private prayer for two hours every day. We need two stewards to supervise the church each day. There is a list for names of volunteers. Please sign up if you can. It has been wonderful to see people returning to Sacred Heart and St. Margaret Mary for prayer. Hand wash is available at the entrance and we are asked to use it on arrival and departure.

**Live Streaming of Mass from Sacred Heart** - The necessary equipment for this will be installed on the 29th and 30th of June. From then on, we will be able to livestream Mass, Baptisms, Funerals as we wish. People all over the globe have been able to tune in to Mass because parishes, cathedrals and places of public worship had this facility before lockdown. We will have it from July onwards.



**Ss Thomas More and John Fisher, 22nd June** - On the feast day of Ss Thomas More and John Fisher we are asked to pray especially for those who those who suffer persecution, oppression and the denial of human rights. Consider supporting a charity such as 'Aid to the Church in Need' that champions the needs of persecuted Christians. Aid to the Church in Need supports important projects which are undertaken by the local Church – bishops, priests, Sisters and lay people – in the 140-plus countries where the charity gives aid. Its focus is on nurturing the faith of persecuted and suffering Christians.



**The Birth of John the Baptist, 24th June** - John's mission had two facets. First of all, he called people to repentance and baptism. Secondly, he prepared the way for Jesus. In a way he was God's spokesperson. But that's not where it all ends. God's project of salvation is still to be carried out and it doesn't necessarily take a great prophet like John. A prophet is simply a spokesperson, a job each of us could undertake to varying degrees. The ministry of John the Baptist continues in us. St. John's motto was, "Jesus must become more and more. I must become less and less." He said that he was not even worthy to loosen the strap of Jesus' sandal.



**Mass for the Sick and their Families, NHS Front-Line workers and those working in Social Care** - In order to show a spiritual solidarity with all those who are involved in the ways described above, each week a Catholic Bishop will celebrate Mass in their Cathedral which will be live-streamed for people to join. This will take place **every Thursday at 7.00pm**. **Future Masses are:**

- **25<sup>th</sup> June - Bishop Alan Hopes - Norwich Cathedral**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Archbishop John Wilson - Southwark Cathedral
- 9<sup>th</sup> July - Bishop Tom Williams - Liverpool Cathedral

By visiting the Cathedral webpage (Norwich: <https://www.sjbcathedral.org.uk/>) or the Bishops' Conference Webpage, [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk), links for the live-streaming of these Masses can be found.

**Bitesize** – "Courage is the art of being the only one who knows you're scared to death."

~ Harold Wilson (1916 - 1995)