

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Getting the Message Out

We might feel small in face of impacting our beliefs on an unbelieving world. That we feel small perhaps helps us to understand the task the early disciples faced in Luke's Gospel. The scene set in today's gospel must have looked something like a biblical 'campaign trail'. Jesus sent seventy-two disciples ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit to prepare the way.

Jesus knew that they were up against the odds. He describes them as lambs among wolves. "The harvest is abundant," he says, "but the labourers are few." More credit then, to those early disciples that the Christian message has survived for over two thousand years. What can we learn from their obvious success?

Jesus gave his early disciples some important practical advice. His first words of advice were for us to travel light. How can we concentrate on impacting Jesus' will if we are burdened with other concerns? Next Jesus advocates relying on hospitality and walking away from opposition. Perhaps today we would call it 'knowing one's audience'. In a nutshell, Jesus is asking us to focus on the job in hand, avoid distraction, and not to be deterred by opposition or setbacks.

God's message needs 'selling' just as much now as it did two thousand years ago. The message of peace is ever more relevant in a divided world. The job to be done might seem impossible, but we take encouragement from those few early disciples and the scale of their obvious success.

Bitesize

The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today.
Franklin D. Roosevelt, message for Jefferson Day, April 13, 1945



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.

Permanent Deacon: Rev. Martin Sanderson
Parish Music team: Judy Reid & Kathleen Edmunds.
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Sunday 6th July 2025 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Sundays Year C, 14th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 2]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 5th July		
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Elaine Wilkes (<i>for healing</i>) (RB)
Sunday 6th July		14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
09.00	MASS	For the People of the Parish
11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	Joy Bussey+ (RB)
Monday 7th July		Feria
-	No Mass today	
Tuesday 8th July		Feria
10.00	MASS	Tony Whitehouse+ (EW)
Wednesday 9th July		Feria
10.00	MASS	
Thursday 10th July		Feria
10.00	MASS & ADORATION	
Friday 11th July		St Benedict
-	No Mass today	
Saturday 12th July		Feria
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	
Sunday 13th July		15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
09.00	MASS	
11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	For the People of the Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday after 10.00 Mass and Saturday at 17.30
EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Thursday after Mass

Rosary & Morning Prayer are said weekdays before Mass from 09:15.

For Live Streamed Masses Search for Dereham Catholic Church on YouTube, or use the link on the parish website.

The parish newsletter is available on the parish website from Friday each week.

Anniversaries this week: Joan Siedlecki, Rosie Hawksbee, Elaine Stephenson, Anthony (Tony) Whitehouse, Teofila Wiesel, Antonio Marques, Edward Clare, Doris Eden, Kay Vincent, Patrick Monaghan. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

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. Jay either by phone or by email.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for: Shirley Liebenhals, Derek Williams, Patsy Gray, Colette Barrow-Nessian, William Dunne, Pauline Buckland, Katherine Vella, Pauline Organ, Pat Grout, George Mealy, Peggy Mealy, Richard Allison, Marion Ring-Davies, Patsy Thompson, Ann McWilliams, Margaret Glendon-Doyle, Mila Kaunaite, Elaine Wilkes, Anne Sibley.

Money Matters: Offering for the week was as follows:
Sunday 29th June: Plate £293.05; and £118.05 for Peters Pence

There will be a Second Collection next weekend for Stella Maris



A message from Elaine Wilkes:

THANK YOU! I would like to thank everyone for the lovely bouquet (so beautifully arranged by Jan Duffield) that was delivered last week (27th June) with all your good wishes. I am also so grateful for all the Mass intentions and prayers being said for me. They are all so appreciated. Thank you all.

We are deeply saddened at the death of Gretta Cummings, condolences to her family and friends. The arrangements for her Funeral are as follows:

Thursday 17th July 4pm Reception into Church

Friday 18th July 11.30am Funeral Mass

Diary for the week Sunday 6th – Saturday 12th July	
Sunday 1100	Children's Liturgy – for children in Y1 to 1 st Holy Communion age
Monday: 1900-2030	AA Group Meeting - Emmaus Room
Wednesday: 1430	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Emmaus Room. All welcome.
Parish Garden Club – To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578.	



This **Saturday, 5th July 2025** at the 6pm Mass five parishioners are being received into the Catholic Church through the Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults.

Congratulations to:

**Graham Frost, Alex Holley, Andrew Morris,
Lia Simpson and Stephen Wallis**

Please keep them in your prayers

**100TH
Anniversary**

The Parish Centenary Mass Friday 25th July 2025 6pm

Bishop Peter Collins will be attending our Parish Centenary Mass next month – please make a note of this important date in your diary. Further details about the Mass and celebration are to follow.

There is a list at the back of the Church for people to sign up to bring food for this very special occasion in our Parish.

Retreat Day for Men: "Men of Evangelisation" Saturday, 12th July, 09:30

You are invited to Walsingham to join Fr Alvan Ibeh and Catholic men from across the Diocese as we discuss and reflect on our call to holiness and mission of evangelisation. Includes confession, Mass, Holy Mile and Rosary as well as talks and discussion. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea, coffee, refreshments included. Cost for the day is £12.50. Booking can be found on EventBrite, or email Marriage and Family Coordinator on mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk

Upcoming Parish events:

Saturday 30th August – Altar Servers Day Out / Bowling and Pizza

Sunday 1st September – Parish BBQ

Volunteers needed - after the Parish Meeting we are seeking volunteers to some Ministries in the church - Lector, Cleaners and Eucharistic Minister. This would involve a small amount of your time on a rota basis:

Please consider helping the Parish, and sign the sheet at the back of the church if you are willing to help out.

Volunteers also needed for the St Vincent de Paul group please.

Walsingham Hiring a Sacristan

The Shrine in Walsingham is currently seeking a dedicated and organised Sacristan to join their team. This vital role supports the daily liturgical life of the Shrine, ensuring sacred spaces are well-prepared, reverent and welcoming for all pilgrims and visitors. For more information, please see:

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/2025/06/23/job-advert-sacristan/>

Forms are now available at the back of the church for applications for the Sacraments of **First Holy Communion** (Year 3 and above). **Confirmation** (year 9 and above) starting in autumn, also expressions of interest for **RCIA** (for Adults to be received into the Catholic Church). Please return completed forms to Fr Jay.