

Red Vestment Donation:

We thank the Bussey Family for donating a Red Chasuble from Watts and Co in honour of our beloved Joy. The Chasuble will be blessed and will be used at Mass on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, 14th September at 0900 Mass.

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A Fool and His Money Are Never Parted.

There's an old saying, "A fool and his money are soon parted." If Jesus were to re-write the saying it might read, "A fool and his money are never parted." In today's gospel, a rich landowner pulls down his barns and builds bigger barns in which to store wealth for his future. "You fool!" God says, "this very night your life is being demanded of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" Yes, it's another of those lessons that target the rich. That's all right then, as none of us are really rich and so this lesson doesn't apply to us. Or does it?

We've all worried about money at some time or another. We worry about university fees, the cost of getting married, keeping a roof over our heads, paying our bills, providing for our children, providing for our old age, the cost of keeping Aunt Ethel in a nursing home & even the cost of dying. Today Jesus warns us that in worrying about money we allow money and material wealth to exert some kind of hold over us. Everything we own possesses a little part of us. Without knowing it, we can become penny pinching and greedy. We don't need to be particularly rich to become as foolish as the landowner in today's parable. Today's gospel is a good excuse for liberating ourselves from life's financial burdens and living for a better reason.

Feast of the Transfiguration - Vision and Motivation - 6th August

Life without vision is like a ship without a rudder. As Christians we might have a vision of a world without poverty or war, or simply the vision to improve the life of one other person. Vision is important if we want to stay motivated through life's 'lows'. The Feast of the Transfiguration invites us to stay motivated as disciples in the belief that we will one day enjoy the place God has prepared for each of us.

Bitesize – The most valuable things in life are not measured in monetary terms. The really important things are not houses and lands, stocks and bonds, automobiles and real estate, but friendships, trust, confidence, empathy, mercy, love and faith.
Bertrand Russell V. Delong



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 & Paul McIntee.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Paul McIntee & Kate Meehan

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Sunday 3rd August 2025 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Sundays Year C, 18th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 2]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 2nd August		
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Feria
Sunday 3rd August		18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
09.00	MASS	For the People of the Parish
11.00	<i>MASS Live streamed</i>	Freda & Harry Wilkes + (EW)
Monday 4th August		St John Vianney
-	No Mass today	
Tuesday 5th August		Feria
10.00	MASS	
Wednesday 6th August		THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (Feast)
10.00	MASS	
Thursday 7th August		Feria
10.00	MASS & ADORATION	
Friday 8th August		St Dominic
-	No Mass today	
Saturday 9th August		St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Patron of Europe (Feast)
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 10th August		19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
09.00	MASS	Teresa Revell + (EW)
11.00	<i>MASS Live streamed</i>	Maria de Los Angeles Coto + (SS)

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: Joanna Sokalska, Harrington Garrett, Jack Filby, Iris Reavey, Maria Isabel Ferriera, Patrick Thomas Warden, Pope Paul VI, Peggy Pratt, Sybilla Hopkins, Peggy Malone, Agnes Harmer, Andrew Browne, Frederick Faulkner, Betty Evans, Barbara Abela. *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, Terri Sanderson.

Money Matters: Offerings for the week was as follows:
Sunday 27th July: Plate £316.55.

Gift Aid - Rex is in the process of finalizing the parish Gift Aid claim for tax year 6th April 2024 to 5th April 2025 and would be obliged if parishioners who are members of the scheme would let him know if there have been any changes to your personal circumstances regarding the payment of income tax (or change of address). In the absence of any such information it will be assumed that you are still a tax payer and the parish will reclaim tax from HMRC on the offertory donations you have made during this financial year.

If there are any parishioners who pay tax and are not part of the gift aid scheme, please let Rex or Father Jay know. This is a great way for the parish to get additional funds from the tax reclaim benefit, last year the parish reclaimed circa £5,000. With this scheme you do not need to commit to a fixed amount as it will be based on your annual contribution. Contact details for Rex Baker are: Telephone 01362 694801 or email rexbaker27@btinternet.com.

For those who would like to make their regular offerings by Standing Order, the information you need is: Account name: Sacred Heart & St Margaret Mary Catholic Church. The Sort Code is: 40-20-08 and the Account number is: 11311115. If you are a tax payer, please consider Gift Aid (forms are available at the back of church). This will help to maximize our donations in the Parish.

Baptism: There will be a Baptism at 11am Mass on Sunday 10 Aug 25.

Diary for the week Sunday 3 rd August – Saturday 9 th August 2025	
	Children's Liturgy – None, Summer Break
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.	

Blessed Sacrament Exposition in August. For the month of August we'll have the Exposition for 30mins and Benediction resumes on the 11th Sep 25.

Other upcoming Parish events:

Saturday 30th August – Altar Servers Day Out / Bowling and Pizza
Sunday 31st August – Parish BBQ - Please complete the form at the back of the church if you plan to attend (incl dietary reqts & bringing food?). Thanks.
Saturday 13th September – Norfolk Bike Ride & Walk, 9am - 5pm (see poster)

Forms are now available at the back of the church for applications for preparation for the Sacraments 2025/26:

First Holy Communion (Year 3 and above) starting in autumn.

Confirmation (year 9 and above) starting in autumn.

RCIA (for Adults to be received into the Catholic Church) expressions of interest invited.

Please return completed forms to Fr Jay.

Volunteers needed - We are seeking volunteers to some Ministries in the church. Please **speak to Father Jay** if you can help:

Counter; Lector and Eucharistic Minister; St Vincent de Paul group; Gardening Club (as Jo is taking a break regular volunteers would be much appreciated); Church Flowers (Could anyone join us or help out by just doing a vase of flowers in front of the altar - contact Jan Duffield on 693687).

Please consider helping the Parish & sign the sheet at the back of the church if you are willing to help out. *Rotas for cleaners in the pigeonholes.

Church 100th Anniversary Celebration (Truly a Testament of Grace).

Congratulations and thanks to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make the Church Centenary Celebration a great success. A sincere thank you to everyone whose dedication, support and help made this milestone moment truly significant. Special thanks to Father Jay for his organization, co-ordination and ideas (i.e. Balloon Arch), the Social Team of Donal Hannon, Lorraine Bugeja & Richard May, Order of Service publisher Robbie Meehan, Music Maestro Judy Reid, Flower Arranger Jan Duffield & Garden Team of Jo Hurst, Sonia Oberding, Mike, John Mc (& helpers). Thanks also to the Filipino community for their amazing culinary contribution, as usual. And a big thank you to Bishop Peter for celebrating the Mass and all the other clergy who attended and concelebrated the Mass. Also to the Mayor of Dereham, Councillor Ray O'Callaghan, & his wife for joining us & joining in! And thanks to the **Lord** for the wonderful warm, sunny weather on the day.