

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### The Everlasting Purse

There are no two ways about it; human beings are materialistic by nature. Even as very small children we have to be taught to share our toys and it doesn't come easily to us. Our possessions become a part of us. Anyone who has tried to declutter the attic only to find possessions they can't possibly be parted from will be only too aware of this. Worse than that, our possessions start to possess us. We think twice about visiting a friend who lives in the rough end of town. Will our car still be there when it's time to go home? We are trapped in jobs we hate simply because we are committed to buying that dream house. Suddenly our possessions are dictating how we live our lives. Then when we die, somebody will come along and give everything we owned to a charity shop, because at the end of the day, our possessions mean very little.

Today we are told, "Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Salvation doesn't depend on which church we go to, or how many prayers we say. Salvation is determined by what we do with what we have, and how much love we have in our hearts for others. How much we help others of course depends very much on what we have in the first place. "To who much is given much is required." Jesus tells us. If we have talents, a well-paid job and the good fortune to be born into an affluent society, we are expected to help those who have never had the opportunity to develop their talents or who own very little. Oh yes.... and there's a time limit! " But know this," says Jesus, "if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into." The Son of Man will return at an unexpected hour.

### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 15<sup>th</sup> August

How would Mary behave if she were suddenly amongst us today? Almost certainly she would be leading the way, making Jesus' vision of a world free of poverty and abuse a reality. Almost certainly she would be showing us how to live faithful and fulfilled lives. Mary is the model of trust and fidelity. Saying 'yes' to God is important, but in some ways it's not the hardest part. Making discipleship real day in and day out as Mary did is the really hard part, today's challenge.

**Bitesize** – "You can never get enough of what you don't need to make you happy". *Eric Hoffer.*



**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 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Sundays Year C, 19<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 3]

### MASSES in the PARISH

<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>St TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (Patron of Europe) Feast</b>
18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
09.00 MASS	Teresa Revell + (EW)
11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	Maria de Los Angeles Coto + (SS)
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>St Clare</b>
- No Mass today	
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 MASS	Juanito Salud + (EP)
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 MASS	Jeremiah Yap (CS)
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>St Maximilian Mary Kolbe</b>
10.00 MASS & ADORATION	
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (SOLEMNITY) HDO</b>
1000 MASS	Hilda & George Pritchard (CP)
1800 MASS	Kuriako & Elikutty
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Feria</b>
18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
09.00 MASS	For the People of the Parish
11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	

**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:** Betty Evans, Barbara Abela, Mark Blows, Roland Leslie Hutchinson, Gavin Wiggins Gemmell, Patricia Ann O'Connor, William Barton, Edwin Ronald Thurstance. *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 3<sup>rd</sup> August: Plate £344.40.  
Bank transfers/Standing Orders for July 2025: £1,869.

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](mailto: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.

**130 Club Monthly Draw Results for August 2025:**

1st Prize £20 – Ticket No.138, Jeanette Harris; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15 – Ticket No.144, Janice Tinney; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No.53, Sheila Crouch, 4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No.26, Mad Knight.

<b>Diary for the week Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025</b>	
Monday: 1400 – 1600	<b>Tea Buddies</b> - Monthly get-together for a friendly natter over a cuppa – Emmaus Room.
Monday: 1900-2030	<b>AA Group Meeting</b> - Emmaus Room
Wednesday: 1430	<b>Queen of Peace Prayer Group</b> – Emmaus Room. All welcome.
<b>Parish Garden Club</b> – To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578.	

**Baptism | Kris Kulhawik, 10<sup>th</sup> August at 1100 Mass.** We joyfully welcome Kris Kulhawik into our parish family as he receives the Sacrament of Baptism. Let us keep him & his parents, Magda and Tomasz Franczak, in our prayers as he begins his journey of faith.

**Solemnity of the Assumption, 15<sup>th</sup> August.** Masses will be at 10am & 6pm. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Thursday Soup Lunch after Holy Hour.** We will be having a soup lunch on the last Thursday of each month starting in September. Everyone is *warmly* invited to join.

**Pickleball | All Ages Welcome especially the youth.** If you're interested in Pickleball, a sign-up form is available at the back of the Church. Our sessions will hopefully begin in October 2025.

**Other upcoming Parish events:**

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

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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. 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. **Thank you!**

**Parish Centenary Celebration| Web Link to Article on the Dereham Town Council website and on social media:**

<https://www.derehamtowncouncil.info/news-events>

We thank our Parish Photographer, **Jenny Bailey**, for the lovely photos taken during the Parish Centenary Celebration.