

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Persistence In Prayer

Whether you're a fan or not, few can have avoid tuning into Saturday night TV to watch contestants on game shows pursuing their dreams. In an attempt to realise the ambition closest to their hearts, candidates will do almost anything to earn a favourable judgement. Whilst not always applauding their talent we have to give the would-be stars top marks for nerve. It appears that success is more about not giving up than anything else. So what if we adopted the same persistence when it comes to matters of faith and prayer?

All too often we lack persistence when it comes to prayer, sometimes losing faith in it altogether. We give up on prayer for lots of reasons. We give up on prayer because we have stopped believing that God is really listening. We give up on prayer because we think that we are unworthy of God's attention, or that God must be busy doing other things. We give up on prayer because we have an immature expectation, and can't understand why God doesn't pander to it. Whatever reason we have for giving up on prayer we need to re-think, because at worst, giving up on prayer can mean giving up on our relationship with God.

Today Jesus urges us to persist in prayer. However disillusioned we might feel, we are urged not to give up. Just because God hasn't granted a prayer in the past doesn't mean God won't grant a future prayer. The key is to remember that God isn't a magician giving us quick fix answers whenever we're feeling at a loss. God sees the overall picture, and as long as our prayer fits that picture how much more readily will he answer us, than the unjust judge gives in to the widow in today's parable.

World Mission Sunday 2025 - Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples

World Mission Sunday is observed annually on the second to last Sunday of October, and this year it falls on 19th October. It is a day when Catholics around the world come together in prayer, solidarity, and support for the Church's mission work. For World Mission Day in the Jubilee Year 2025, the central message of which is hope.

Bitesize

"For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God."- *Saint Teresa of Avila.*



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.

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Sunday 19th October 2025 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
[Sundays Year C, 29th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 1]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 18th October	ST LUKE, EVANGELIST – Feast
18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	
Sunday 19th October	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	World Mission Day (MISSIO)
09.00 MASS	For the People of the Parish
11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	Karen Forth (Healing) (KF)
Monday 20th October	Feria
10.00 No Mass today	
Tuesday 21st October	Feria
10.00 MASS	Fr Francis McLaughlin + (JM)
Wednesday 22nd October	Feria
10.00 MASS	
Thursday 23rd October	Feria
10.00 MASS & ADORATION	
Friday 24th October	Feria
10.00 No Mass today	
Saturday 25th October	Feria
18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 26th October	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
09.00 MASS	Hilda & William Pritchard + (CP)
11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	Frisian Paul Fernandez (Thanksgiving) (FF)

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.

Please note the 18.00 and 11.00 weekend Masses are normally sung.

*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: James Reavey, Barbara Kellett, Bertha Credland, Michael Hogan, Rosina Izzy, Percy Thompson, Catherine Foley, Peter Giles, Winifred King, Bernadette Winstanley, Fr Harry Wace, Francis Perrin, Marie Jones, Thelma Mary Therese Duval. *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, Pat Sutton, Hillary Bushell.

Money Matters: Offerings for the week was as follows:

Sunday 12th October Plate: £319.12.

Second Collection for MISSIO will be held this Sunday 19 Oct 25 in all Masses.

If there are any parishioners who pay tax and are not part of the gift aid scheme, please let Rex or Father Jay know. Contact details for Rex Baker are: Telephone 01362 694801 or email rex baker27@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.

Upcoming Parish events:

Diary for week Sunday 19th October - Saturday 25th October 2025	
Sunday: 1100	Children's Liturgy - For children in Y1 to 1 st Holy Communion.
Monday: 1900-2030	AA Group Meeting - Emmaus Room
Wednesday: 1430	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Emmaus Room. All welcome.
Thursday: 1730 - 1830	First Communion Session – Emmaus Room
Friday: 1915 – 2030	Altar Servers Meeting – Emmaus Room
Parish Garden Club – To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578.	

The RCIA course is now on a break and will resume 11 Nov 25.

Nicole Langhan Interment - 31st October 2025 at 1100. Nicole's interment will take place on 31st October 2025 at 1100 in Dereham Cemetery. Parishioners are invited to join us in prayer and remembrance at the interment.

Parish Winter Soup Initiative - We launch our Parish Winter Soup Initiative on Monday, 17th November, from 1200 – 1400 and from then on will continue every Monday at the same times. You are warmly invited to support this project - either by supplying soup, fresh ingredients or by helping to welcome and serve those who come to share a meal with us. You may contact Jo Hurst for further details: 07809016600.

Parish Remembrance Sunday – 8 Nov 25, 1800 Mass - As a community of prayer we gather to remember our beloved dead, especially those whose Funeral Masses or services were celebrated in the Parish this year. We commend them to God's mercy and pray for the consolation of their families.

November – Prayers for the Dead. Envelopes are now available at the back of the Church. The intentions will be said for the whole month.

Donation for Portable PA System - A donation box has been placed at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to contribute.

Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto Completed - We're delighted to announce that the long-awaited Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto in our Healing Garden is now beautifully completed - at no cost to the Parish. Our heartfelt thanks to Tomasz and Magda Kulhawik for their generosity; also of their skills in crafting this. The Grotto will be blessed on 8th December 2025 at 1700. All are warmly invited.

Deanery Requiem Mass - Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich - The annual Requiem Mass for the deceased clergy of the Norwich deanery will be celebrated on Wednesday 5th November at the Cathedral, at 1100. Parishioners from across the Deanery are invited to attend this Mass, as we pray for the many priests and deacons who have served our parishes in the past.

STELLA MARIS: Regional Port Chaplain for East Anglia Ports - Stella Maris (SM) is seeking to recruit a Regional Port Chaplain who will in care for all seafarers and fishers by helping to meet their pastoral and spiritual needs. They will recruit, train and support SM staff and volunteers for the port and will maintain good relations with local parishes and the local diocese, working ecumenically with members of other Christian maritime societies. More information can be found at: <https://www.charityjob.co.uk/organisation/stella-maris>

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Please see attached supplement containing Pastoral Parish Notes, Committee Updates and Parish Bi-Annual Parish General Meetings statement.