

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

#### Hearts and Buildings

Imagine the scene. Jesus makes a whip and drives the money changers from the temple. Everywhere sheep and cattle are careering out of control. Doves are flapping up to the rafters.... coins and feathers everywhere and the money changers in an uproar. Jesus makes things clear. "Stop making my Father's house a market place!"

Do we feel an element of discomfort. How many parishes use the back of church to raise funds? How often do we stand at the back of church selling raffle tickets? How many years have we invited donations for votive candles, or sold newspapers, books, rosary beads, cards and statues? If Jesus walked in today, would he tip over our collecting boxes and reprimand us?

Perhaps before we answer this question we need to understand the context of today's reading. In Jesus' day it was expected that visitors to the temple should present a sacrifice, and for that purpose, the temple officials made it easy to purchase cattle and turtle doves. The second practical consideration was that because the Roman coinage was considered idolatrous by the Jews, the temple permitted money changers to exchange roman coins for tokens. The original system was not a bad idea, but it became corrupt. It was all too easy for the price of doves to become extortionate, and the exchange rate for tokens to come down on the side of the money changers. Soon it was the case that something that had originally been intended to oil the practicalities of worship in itself cheated would-be worshippers, especially those with little money. Jesus had a passion for exposing hypocrisy, and this was hypocrisy at its worst.

Jesus probably would not have a problem with us using the back of church for selling newspapers or raising funds. At the end of the day it isn't buildings of worship in themselves that are of the greater importance, but what lies in our hearts and in our intentions. Our bodies are the real temples. Jesus challenged impurity at its roots, and the root of all impurity is wherever we have a thought or an idea that lacks integrity or smacks of hypocrisy.

#### Bitesize

"All of us are experts at practicing virtue at a distance." *Theodore M. Hesburgh*



**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

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**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2025 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
[Sundays Year C, 32<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 4]

### MASSES in the PARISH

<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Parish Remembrance Sunday</b>
18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Jones & Kendall Families (TK)
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA (Feast) &amp; Remembrance Day</b>
09.00 MASS	For the People of the Parish
11.00 <i>MASS Live streamed</i>	Judith del Castillo + (VC)
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>St Leo the Great</b>
- No Mass today	
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>St Martin of Tours</b>
10.00 MASS	Vicente del Castillo + (VC)
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>St Josephat</b>
10.00 MASS	
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 MASS	
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Feria</b>
- No Mass today	
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Feria</b>
18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Kathleen Carroll + (CC)
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (World Day of the Poor)</b>
09.00 MASS	
11.00 <i>MASS 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.*

*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:** Maria Gee, Iris Scott, Doreen Edith Derere, Eileen Monaghan, John Francis McWilliams, Edith Howard, Delia Shelley, Nora Teresa Holliday, Fred Moorcroft, Harry Dyer, Joseph Monks, Hilda Baldry, Pat Westfall. *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, Ann Williams.

**Money Matters:** Offerings for the week was as follows:  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025 Plate: £331.09.

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

1st Prize £20 – Ticket No.171, Andrew Cwiczek; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15 – Ticket No.147, Elaine Wilkes; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No.79, Catherine Perkins; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No.127, John Richardson.

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:**

<b>Diary for week Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b>	
Sunday: 1100	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>
Monday: 1400	<b>Tea Buddies</b> - Monthly get-together for a friendly natter over a cuppa - Emmaus Room. All welcome. Every second Monday of the month.
Monday: 1900-2030	<b>AA Group Meeting</b> - Emmaus Room
Tuesday: 1830	<b>RCIA Meeting</b> – Emmaus Room
Wednesday: 1430	<b>Queen of Peace Prayer Group</b> – Emmaus Room.
Thursday: 1730 - 1830	<b>First Communion Session</b> – Emmaus Room
Friday: 1915 – 2030	<b>Altar Servers Meeting</b> – Emmaus Room
<b>Parish Garden Club</b> – To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578.	

**Parish Remembrance Sunday – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025, 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.

**Parish Winter Soup Initiative - ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’” [ Mt 25:40].**

We are delighted to launch our Parish Winter Soup Initiative on Monday, 17th November, from 1200 – 1400 and from then on will continue every Monday at the same time. 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. Posters are available at the back of the church.

**RCIA Course.** The RCIA course will resume at 1830 on Tuesday 11 Nov 25.

**Blessing of the Our Lady's Grotto and Fr Jay's 8<sup>th</sup> Sacerdotal Anniversary 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025** - The Blessing of Our Lady's Grotto will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> December, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, at 1700, followed by Mass at 1730, as Fr Jay joyfully celebrates his 8<sup>th</sup> Sacerdotal Anniversary in gratitude and prayer for Christ's wonderful gift of grace.

**Parish Christmas Party** - This year's Parish Christmas Party will be on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at Yaxham Hall, straight after the 1100 Mass. Please come and celebrate this season with the whole community. We may ask you to bring some food to share.

**Simbang Gabi** (Filipino Christmas Dawn Masses):  
Please join us for this Mass on the 17<sup>th</sup> December at 1900 in the Parish.

**RCIA Course:** The course continues 11 Nov 25, Why do we need signs and sacraments?; 18 Nov 25, The Meaning, the Presence, the Sacrifice of the Mass; 23 Nov 25, Delving more deeply into the Mass; Deacon Rick, Saturday 29 Nov 25 11-3pm, Advent Retreat with Deacon Rick and team (bring a packed lunch, sign up at the back). Thanks. These sessions are open to everyone 6.30 pm Tuesdays.

**Plant sale 2026** - Middle sized flowerpots needed for next year's plant sale. If you could leave them in the garage, please.

**Foodbank** - The Foodbank needs Tinned tomatoes, instant coffee, instant mash and sponge puddings.

**Donation for Portable PA System:** A donation box is at the back of the church.