

MASS TEXT

Sundays Year A,
25th Week of the Year
Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 1

OT Read: Isaiah 55:6-9

RP:

The Lord is close to all who call him

NT Read: Philippians 1:20-24,27

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessings on the King who comes, in
the name of the Lord!*

*Peace in heaven and glory in the
highest heavens!*

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Eucharistic Prayer III

Money Matters: Offerings for the week
were as follows:
Plate Collection 13th September 2026:
£220.27.

*This Sunday 20 Sep 26 there is a
Second Collection for Evangelii
Gaudium (Home Mission) Sunday.*

Anniversaries this week: Gerald
Reeder, Helen Browne, Colin Keatley,
Peter Purcell, Agnes Tyce, Bernadette
Buxton, Francis Dunn Soddy. *May their
souls and the souls of all the faithful
departed rest in peace.*

Bitesize - 'What we are is God's gift to
us. What we become is our gift to
God.' ~ Eleanor Powell

What Sort of Union Must God Be In?

In today's parable, the workers who were employed in the vineyard all day are aggrieved to discover that the workers employed late in the afternoon are paid exactly the same generous amount. In our capitalistic twenty first century society in which we expect our rewards to match our efforts, we can easily understand this seeming injustice. What sort of union would sanction this? If this parable is meant to illustrate the Kingdom of God, what sort of union must God be in? The parable of course is nothing to do with employment rights; it's a clue as to how salvation will be dealt at the end of time. God's justice will not be dealt in strict mathematical judgement or apportioned by effort or merit. How could it be, when we are all dealt a different hand to begin with? We have to remember that the workers who worked from early morning were not treated unfairly; in fact to begin with they felt themselves to be lucky and privileged. It was misguided of the workers to resent the latecomers sharing in the same reward, just as it is wrong for us to resent those who live lives of sin and become Christians late in life. That we have lived as Christians from the outset makes us the lucky ones, and we mustn't resent God's generosity in welcoming the latecomers.

This parable isn't a justification for living sloppy lives, then becoming more Godly as we approach death. However, the parable is a strong reminder that we are all capable of change, and that at whatever point in our lives we wake up to who we are and what we are about, God is ready to welcome us.

St Matthew - 21st September

One day, as Our Lord was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw, seated in his customs bureau, Levi the publican, whose business it was to collect the taxes from the people for their Roman masters. Jesus said to him: "Follow me." Leaving all behind, Matthew arose and did so, thereby giving us all an example of the way in which we should respond to grace.

XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) | 20th September 2026



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YouTube,
or use the link on the parish website.
The parish newsletter is available on
the parish website from Friday each
week.*



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Welcoming
Parish

Sacred Heart & St Margaret Mary Catholic Church

Newsletter

[Sundays Year A, 25th Week of the Year,
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Saturday 19th September – Feria

18:00 Mass First Mass of Sunday

Sunday 20th September - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

09:00 Mass

People of the Parish

11:00 Mass (*Live Streamed*)

John Booth + JAB

Monday 21st September ST MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist (Feast)

No Mass

Tuesday 22nd September – Feria

10:00 Mass

Uzma Osman (UO)

Wednesday 23rd September - St Pius of Pietrelcina

10:00 Mass

Thursday 24th September - OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM (Principal Patron of Diocese) (Feast)

10:00 Mass

Friday 25th September – Feria

No Mass

Saturday 26th September – Feria

18:00 Mass - First Mass of Sunday

People of the Parish

Sunday 27th September - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

09:00 Mass

Sandra Wood + MJ

11:00 Mass (*Live Streamed*)

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.

*Welcome! We're glad you're here - whether you know
everyone already or are still working out who's who! Come
as you are, and don't worry if you sit in someone else's
usual seat. There's always room for one in our parish
family of worship and fellowship.*



Father, pour out your Spirit upon our Parish Family. 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.

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: Derek Williams, Patsy Gray, William Dunne, Pauline Buckland, Katherine Vella, Frank Vella, Pauline Organ, Pat Grout, George Mealy, Peggy Mealy, Richard Allison, Marion Ring-Davies, Patsy Thompson, Ann McWilliams, Margaret Glendon-Doyle, Mila Kaunaite, Anne Sibley, Hillary Bushell, Ann Williams, Matthew Williams, Frank Crawley, John Salmon, Mad Knight, Paul Holdsworth, Joss Holdsworth, Patsy Tracey, Nora Reeve, Maggie Haywood, Mary McDonagh, John McDonagh, Jim Philpot, Maureen Philpot, Janice Tinney.

Bank Details. For those who would like to make their regular offerings by Standing Order, the information you need is: Account name: The Sacred Heart Church, the Sort Code is: 52-41-29 and the Account number is: 44725132.

When entering/amending your Standing Order details please use **Offertory** as the only entry in the **Reference** box. Please only use **Stipend** or **Donation** for payments that are extra to your regular offering. Any queries please send to treasurer@sacredheartdereham.org.uk. If a tax payer, please consider Gift Aid (forms at back of church, or contact Rex Baker: Telephone 01362 694801 or email rexbaker27@btinternet.com). This will help to maximize donations. Please let Rex know if you give Gift Aid and there have been any changes to your personal circumstances regarding the payment of income tax (or change of address). Thanks.

This Week's Parish Diary:

Diary for week Sunday 20th September - Saturday 26th September 2026

Sunday: 1100 **Children's Liturgy**
Monday: 1900 - 2030 **AA Group Meeting** - Emmaus Room
Tuesday: 1900 - 2100 **RCIA Meeting** - Old Hall, Dereham
Friday: 1915 - 2030 **Altar Servers Meeting** - Emmaus Room

Parish Garden Club – To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578

Our Lady of Walsingham – Mass for the Feast of our Diocese's Principal Patron, Our Lady of Walsingham, will be said on Thursday 24th September 2026 at 1000 hours.

Church Anniversaries - This week sees two key anniversaries in the history of our beloved Sacred Heart Church, Dereham. Our Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church was opened on 23rd September 1951 and was consecrated on 24th September 1976. Thanks be to God.

First Holy Communion 2026/7 application forms are at the back of the church. Please complete and return forms asap if you would like your son/daughter to be prepared for the Sacrament. There will be a meeting for parents on Thursday 1st October at 7pm.

RCIA Course - Join us for this year's RCIA course, becoming active Catholics, understanding your faith a little better and enjoying the journey. Begins on Tuesday 22nd September 2026 at 7 pm. Contact Kevin for more details: kevin.pugh3@rocketmail.com.

Upcoming Parish Events and Notifications:

Mass of +Manuel Carlos Alves Cardoso - 29 September, 11:00 at the Church. We pray for the eternal rest of +Manuel Carlos Alves Cardoso and for the comfort of his family and loved ones. May he rest in peace.

Details of Rev Fr Richard (Dick) Healey's funeral arrangements have now been confirmed: 30th September at 1030, St Edmund's Church, Bury St Edmunds. *Requiem Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter.*

Parish Mass Count: The four-weekend Mass Count will begin on 20th September.

Mass of Remembrance - 7th November at 1800 Mass: This Mass will be offered particularly for the repose of the souls of those who have died this year and whose funerals have taken place in our Parish.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sol - 8th December at 1100 Mass, followed with lunch as this is also Fr Jay's 9th Sacerdotal Anniversary. Details to follow.

Parish Christmas Party - Will take place 20th December at 1230. Details to follow.

New Coloured Parish Newsletter Format - A new colour format for our Parish Newsletter will be introduced this week. This will make better use of the space.

Word of Thanks/Prayers: Our Parish celebration of the Diocesan Jubilee was a great success. We thank everyone who helped make it possible, especially the Walsingham Sisters, John Booth, and Dcn Rick.

Novus Ordo Missae - Starting this Advent every Thursday at 1000 Mass

Fr Jay will start to say the Latin Mass in New Order every Thursday at 1000 Mass followed with the Adoration, as usual, starting in Advent. For those who are keen on Latin Mass in the New Rite, copies will be available at the back of the Church in due course.

Church Cleaners Volunteers Needed: Could you spare an hour each month to help clean our Church? It is a simple and way to serve our Parish and care for our place of worship. Every helping hand is greatly appreciated. If interested, please approach Fr Jay.

Bequests - Please Remember Your Parish Church in Your Will. Leaving a legacy is a lasting way of supporting the mission of the Church and investing in the future of our Parish.

A Light-er Moment:



After being initially overwhelmed, the priest tries to talk to God to finally resolve some theological and philosophical conundrums: He asks God: *Almighty, how do you experience physical space?* **God strokes his beard and says: Physical space means nothing to me, billions of your miles are but a hair's breadth to me.** The priest: *And time?* **God: Billions of your years are but a second to me.** The priest: *What about money?* **God smiles and says: Money means absolutely nothing to me, all the money in the world is less than a cent to me.** The Priest, gathering courage then asks God: *Almighty, would you mind then, maybe, creating few millions for our impoverished parish?* **Sure - says God - just a second.**