

MASS TEXT

Sundays Year A,
27th Week of the Year

Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 3

OT Read: Isaiah 5: 1 - 7

RP:

***The vineyard of the Lord is the
House of Israel***

NT Read: Philippians 4: 6 – 9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

***I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my
Father.***

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21: 33 – 43

Eucharistic Prayer III

Money Matters: Offerings for the week
were as follows:

Plate Collection 27th September 2026:
£252.40.

*There is a 2nd Collection this Sunday 4th
October for CAFOD.*

Anniversaries this week: David Peek,
Reginald Rayner, Richard Hayter,
Josepha Hart, Maud Juby, John
Pearson, Sheila Flanagan, Joe
Stasiorowski, Maybel O'Donnell. *May
their souls and the souls of all the
faithful departed rest in peace.*

Bitesize - "Accountability separates the
wishers in life from the action-takers
that care enough about their future to
account for their daily actions." - John
Di Lemme



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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR 27TH SUNDAY IOT

The Cornerstone

What happens when we forget that our lives are a gift from God? What happens when we forget that humankind is God's creation? What happens when we forget that the planet we live on belongs to God?

Today's parable describes a landowner who leaves tenants in charge of his vineyard. But at harvest time the tenants refuse to pay their rent, failing to recognise the landowner's authority and killing the servants and even the son who are sent for the rent. The tenants appear to have forgotten that the vineyard belongs to the landowner. The tenants had come to believe that they could make up their own rules. They had forgotten that they were accountable. They had certainly forgotten that they had been given responsibilities and entrusted with stewardship.

God is still master of the 'vineyard', and we are the new tenants to whom the welfare of the vineyard has been passed on. The parable was originally targeted at the Pharisees, but for us too, the parable demands some degree of self-examination. We might think of ourselves as good people, but like the first tenants, do we constantly fight shy of accountability? Over the years we each develop our own individual code of conduct. Perhaps we begin to feel that as long as we are living by some kind of moral code, we no longer need to be accountable. We begin to imagine that 'being accountable', is just for those who go round getting things wrong. Living by self-made standards is all well and good, but if we do this, are we in danger of forgetting about the very high standards that God has set for us?

What happens when we forget that Christ is our cornerstone? When we make up our own rules with little thought for Jesus' teachings, the chances are we will fall a long way short of what God expects. Today's invitation is to raise the bar, step up to the mark, and recognise Christ as our cornerstone.

XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) | 4th October 2026



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the parish website from Friday each
week.



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Newsletter

[Sundays Year A, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
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Saturday 3rd October – Feria

18:00 Mass First Mass of Sunday People of the Parish

Sunday 4th October - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

09:00 Mass Gerry & Jenny McCarthy

50th Wedding Anniv (GM)

Tim Edmunds + (PE)

11:00 Mass (*Live Streamed*)

Monday 5th October - Feria

No Mass

Tuesday 6th October - Feria

10:00 Mass Osyth Hawke + (Fdn)

Wednesday 7th October – Our Lady of the Rosary

10:00 Mass Joji Joseph & Soumya Joji (15th
Anniversary) (SJ)

Thursday 8th October - Feria

10:00 Mass Marie Hogan+ (CP)

Friday 9th October – ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN (Feast)

No Mass

Saturday 10th October - Feria

18:00 Mass - First Mass of Sunday People of the Parish

Sunday 11th October - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

09:00 Mass Marie Hogan + (UM)

11:00 Mass (*Live Streamed*) Eric Searle (Healing) (RP)

**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.*

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, George Sillince, Maggie Cooper.

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 4th October - Saturday 10th October 2026

Sunday: 1100	Children's Liturgy
Monday: 1900 - 2030	AA Group Meeting - Emmaus Room
Tuesday: 1900 - 2100	RCIA Meeting - Old Hall, Dereham
Thursday: 1730 - 1830	First Communion Group Session - Emmaus Room
Friday: 1915 - 2030	Altar Servers Meeting - Emmaus Room

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

October, Month of the Rosary:

Pope Benedict XVI in an address at the Basilica of St. Mary Major where he prayed the rosary with the faithful said: *"Today, together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new Springtime. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother, Mary. In the current world, so dispersive, this prayer helps to put Christ at the centre, as the Virgin did, who meditated within all that was said about her Son, and also what he did and said."*

Parish Mass Count: This weekend is the third of the four-weekend Mass Counts.

Prisons Week: Next week, the 28th Week of the Year, will be Prisons Week, during which we are asked to pray for prisoners and their families.

Upcoming Parish Events and Notifications:

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

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 Blessed Virgin Mary, Sol. - 8th December at 1100 Mass, followed with lunch in Wendling Village Hall, Dereham NR19 2NE at 1200 as this is also Fr Jay's 9th Sacerdotal Anniversary. All are invited.

Parish Christmas Party - Will take place 27th December at Scarning Village Hall, 1200 – 1900 hours.

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 - A gentle invitation to consider remembering your Parish Church when making or updating your Will. Leaving a legacy is a lasting way of supporting the mission of the Church and investing in the future of our Parish.

Job Vacancy: COLW. The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham are looking to hire a highly organised and proactive **Administrator & Bookkeeper** to support our day to day operations. This is a varied role, ideal for someone who enjoys working across multiple areas of a business and taking ownership of key processes. Flexible hours, from 15-18 hours per week and increasing over time, based at their Convent in Dereham. Closing date: Friday 9th October. For service and person specifications as well as an application form visit the diocesan website or email us: office@walsinghamcommunity.org

A Light-er Moment: A mother told her son, "Come on you have got to go ready to go to the church". Her son replied, "I don't want to go because the music is awful and the sermons are boring". The mother insisted, "You have to go, you're the pastor".

