

MASS TEXT

Sundays Year A,
28th Week of the Year
Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 4

OT Read: Isaiah 25: 6 - 10

RP:

*In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.*

NT Read: Philippians 4: 12 - 14, 19 - 20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Word was made flesh and lived
among us; to all who did accept Him
He gave power to become children
of God.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22: 1 - 14

Eucharistic Prayer I

Money Matters: Offerings for the week
were as follows:

Plate Collection 4th October 2026: £241.90.

DONA Donations for September: General

Donations £14.76; Offertory £249.93 and

Votive Candles + Flowers £17.69.

2nd Collection Sunday 4th October for
CAFOD: £184.38.

There will be a 2nd Collection for Missio
(World Mission Day) 18th October 2026

Anniversaries this week: Nellie

Pinchbeck, David Jones, Sylvia

Remmen, Letizia Barrett, Pat Rushton,

James Gallagher, Julian Attenborough,

Elaine Smith, Michael Reavey,

Josephine Kendrick. *May their souls*

*and the souls of all the faithful departed
rest in peace.*

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR 28TH SUNDAY IOT

Must Try Harder!

Do we fondly imagine that people ought to love us
just the way we are? We are told often enough that God
loves us warts and all. But do we carry this belief
through life with not much thought of betterment?

In today's parable a king invites guests to his son's
wedding. When the guests refuse to turn up, the king
extends the invitation to a different set of guests, both
good and bad. The guests fill the wedding hall, but as
they do so, the king notices one man not wearing a
wedding robe and he has him bound hand and foot and
thrown out into the darkness! The consequences for not
wearing the right outfit seem overly harsh as far as this
poor guest is concerned, but of course the parable has
not really very much to do with wedding receptions and
even less to do with wearing the right tie. The overriding
theme in this story is to do with standards.

Jesus explains that the Kingdom of God is open to all
but that doesn't mean that anyone and everyone can
stroll into heaven. Just as guests make an effort to be
correctly dressed for a wedding, so too must we put in
the preparation and effort to be accepted into God's
Kingdom.

The guest who was thrown out of the wedding feast
for his cavalier 'accept me just the way I am' attitude
presents a warning for us all. Too often we go about our
daily routines not feeling any need to live life better. Far
too often we look on our Christianity as making choices
between good and evil, and we are confident that we
rarely choose evil. But Jesus is asking more of us than
simply choosing between right and wrong, He is asking
us to choose between good and an even greater good.
What we imagine is our 'best' very rarely is.

Just as the guest in today's parable did little more
than turn up to the wedding, so we live life going through
the motions but not much more. Accepting God's
invitation to join him is only the first step, it's how we live
out that acceptance that really matters.

Bitesize - "Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over
if you just sit there." ~Will Rogers



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.

XXVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) | 11th October 2026



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The parish newsletter is available on
the parish website from Friday each
week.



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Newsletter

[Sundays Year A, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 4]

Saturday 10th October - Feria

18:00 Mass First Mass of Sunday

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

09:00 Mass

Marie Hogan + (UM)

11:00 Mass (Live Streamed)

Eric Searle (Healing) (RP)

Monday 12th October - Feria

No Mass

Tuesday 13th October - St Edward the Confessor

10:00 Mass

Wednesday 14th October - Feria

No Mass

Thursday 15th October - St Teresa of Jesus

10:00 Mass

Friday 16th October - St Margaret Mary Aloccoque

No Mass

Saturday 17th October - St Ignatius of Antioch

18:00 Mass - First Mass of Sunday

Sunday 18th October - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

09:00 Mass

People of the Parish

11:00 Mass (Live Streamed)

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**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 rex baker27@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 11th October - Saturday 17th October 2026

Sunday: 1100 **Children's Liturgy**
Monday: 1400 - 1600 **Tea Buddies** - Monthly get together for a cuppa and a chat (all welcome). Emmaus Room
Monday: 1900 - 2030 **AA Group Meeting** - Emmaus Room
Tuesday: 1900 - 2100 **RCIA Meeting** - Old Hall, Dereham
Parish Garden Club - To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578



Parish Mass Count: This weekend is the fourth and last of the four-weekend Mass Counts.

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

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. Next Meeting Tuesday 13th October 2026.

130 Club Draw for October 2026:

1st Prize £20 - Ticket No.56, Anne Sibley; 2nd Prize £15 - Ticket No.75, Father Jay; 3rd Prize £10 - Ticket No.165, Kate Crowley; 4th Prize £10 - Ticket No.143, Michael Fenton.

Upcoming Parish Events and Notifications:

No Mass on Wednesday 14th October 2026, as Fr Jay is attending Safeguarding Training.

Baptism - 25th October at 1100 Mass: We warmly welcome Luna Pasion as she receives the Sacrament of Baptism. We pray that she may grow always in the love of Christ, together with her family.

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.

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.

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

Counters Needed: Could you spare an hour each month to help count the weekend Mass Offerings cash takings on a Monday morning in our Church? It's an important way to serve our Parish. Every helping hand is greatly appreciated. If interested, please approach Fr Jay.

130 Club Manager: As Marcia has now stepped down from this role, we are looking for someone to take over this important Parish fundraising initiative. Please contact Fr Jay.

Men's Group - Deacon Rick is looking to form a Parish Men's Group. The purpose for this is to allow any men over the age of 18 to come together once a month for some social and spiritual interaction. The context would be to meet somewhere (TBC) and share some spiritual input and then afterwards go and socialise somewhere such as a meal or bowling, for example. The other purpose is to engage in some fundraising for the parish. If you are interested, please drop Rick a message at deaconrick@sacredheartdereham.org.uk or on 07450247290 and he will arrange the first date.

Retreat Day For Men - 7th November 2026 in Dereham: All men of our Parish are invited to attend the Diocese's *Retreat Day For Men*. For further information and for booking please email: mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk.

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.

A Light-er Moment: In a Catholic school cafeteria, a nun places a note in front of a pile of apples, "Only take one. God is watching." Further down the line is a pile of cookies. A little boy makes his own note, "Take all you want. God is only watching the apples."

