MASS TEXT

Sundays Year A,
31ST Week of the Year
Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 3

OT Read: Revelation 7: 2 – 4, 9 - 14
RP:
Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord

NT Read: 1 John 3: 1 - 3

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest.
Allelulia!

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1 - 12a
Eucharistic Prayer II

Money Matters: Offerings for the week were as follows:
Plate Collection 25th October 2026: £223.52.

Anniversaries this week: Thomas Bane, Kenneth Joseph May, Minnie Andrews, Filippo Salamone, Anna Petruzziello, Pam Gayton, Fr Brian Nightingale, Patricia Hawkins, Kathleen Carroll. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

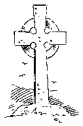
Bitesize - "'Don't try to be different. Just be good. To be good is different enough." ~ *Arthur Freed*

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR 31st SUNDAY IOT

All Saints - *1st November*
Would we really want to be a saint? Would we really want to be one of those 'impossible to believe' 'too good to be true' sort of people?

When something seems too difficult, we have a tendency to 'switch off'. If something is seemingly beyond our reach, we don't even try. Following in the footsteps of the saints, for most of us is like attempting rocket science or brain surgery …. it's just simply not for us. But following in the footsteps of the saints is not about becoming a saint overnight. Saints are just real people who have struggled through crisis and frustration to live their faith. Like the concert pianist who began his career with simple scales, so following God's blueprint for discipleship is about starting out with small steps. Take one element from the Beatitudes and practice it. You might choose to be more patient with your relatives, gossip less at work, or heal a family rift. Today, take one small step towards making the Beatitudes your way of life.

All Souls - Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed - *2nd November*
Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, those whom you gave me are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me."



We remember this proclamation particularly on the Feast of All Souls. On this day we remember all those who have died. We remember their kind deeds, the things they did for us and for other people; we remember how we loved them and how they loved us, and we pray we will be united with them again on the last day. We also pray for those who have died that we never knew. We pray for those who have died for our freedom, and we pray for all those who have died alone with no one to remember or pray for them. By remembering those who were loved, they are never really gone from us.

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.

XXXI Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) | 1ST November 2026



Sacred Heart & St Margaret Mary Catholic Church

Newsletter
[Sundays Year A, All Saints,
Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 3]

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*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.

Saturday 31st October - Feria
18:00 Mass First Mass of — People of the Parish
Sunday 1st November - ALL SAINTS (Solemnity)(Holy Day of Obligation)
09:00 Mass
11:00 Mass (Live Streamed) — George Sillince (SS)
Monday 2nd November - ALL SOULS DAY (The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed)
10:00 Mass
Tuesday 3rd November - Feria
No Mass
Wednesday 4th November - St Charles Borromeo
No Mass
Thursday 5th November - Feria
No Mass
Friday 6th November - Feria
No Mass
Saturday 7th November - Feria
18:00 Mass - First Mass of Sunday
Sunday 8th November - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Remembrance Day)
09:00 Mass — People of the Parish
11:00 Mass *(Live Streamed}* — Judith del Castillo + (VC)

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.*

A Family Welcoming Parish

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, Mary McDonagh, John McDonagh, Jim Philpot, Maureen Philpot, Janice Tinney, George Sillince, Maggie Cooper, Kevin Pugh, Eric Searle.

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 25th October - Saturday 31st October 2026

Monday: 1900 - 2030	**AA Group Meeting** - Emmaus Room
Tuesday: 1900 - 2100	**RCIA Meeting** - Old Hall, Dereham
Thursday: 1730 - 1830	**First Communion Group Meeting** - Emmaus Room
Friday: 1915 - 2030	**Altar Servers Meeting** - Emmaus Room

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

Upcoming Parish Events and Notifications:

No Masses from Tue 3rd November to Thursday 5th November, as Father Jay is away.

Book of Remembrance - November 2026: Available during the whole month of November, names of our beloved dead will be prayed for every weekday Mass.

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.

Diocese's Retreat Day for Men - 7th November 2026 in Dereham: For further information and for booking please email: mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk.

Parish Christmas Party - Will take place 27 Dec 26 at Scarning Village Hall, 1200 - 1900.

Novus Ordo Missae - 3rd December at 1000 Latin Mass in the New Rite will start on this date and every Thursday followed by Holy Adoration.

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.

Missa de Gallo (Christmas Novena Dawn Mass) - 17th December at 1900 Mass, said in Filipino, followed by food.

Salve Regina during Ordinary Time, Christmastide and Eastertide: and **Regina Coeli** during Advent and Lent. Will be sung at the end of the Mass during Feasts and Solemnities only.

Angelus starting Advent - We shall be praying the Angelus at the end of the 1100 Mass on Sundays starting Advent this year.

RCIA Course - Join us for this year's RCIA course, Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. Contact Kevin for more details: kevin.pugh3@rocketmail.com. Next meeting Tuesday 3 Nov 26.

Ignite Team Diocesan Event - Inviting Young people Year 7 to Young Adult for a special Norwich Deanery Event on 7th November. Held at St. John's Cathedral, the afternoon will include inspiring talks, music, prayer and food. For more information and to download a parental consent form, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

Men's Group - Deacon Rick is looking to form a Parish Men's Group. If you're interested, please message Rick at deaconrick@sacredheartdereham.org.uk or on 07450247290.

Christmas Mass Schedule:



24th Dec - 1730 Carols
- 1800 Christmas Eve
- 1030 Midnight Mass

25th Dec - 1000 Christmas Day

Oblates of Saint Benedict, Norwich: Meeting's held 2nd Thursday of each month, from 11 am to 3 pm, at the Garden Room, Church of Our Lady and St Walstan, Townhouse Road, Costessey, NR8 5AA, reflecting on the Benedictine Rule and Scripture. They say the Benedictine Daily Prayer and the Offices of Sext and None and share thought and information about the Benedictine Rule. Open to men and women of any Christian denomination. Contact Simon Burrell at smhburrell@outlook.com or Anita Dowsing at anita.dowsing@gmail.com

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 for generations to come.

A Light-er Moment: 

"An Irish priest is driving down gets stopped for speeding. The police officer smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He says, "Sir, have you been drinking?" "Just water," says the priest, fingers crossed. The officer says, "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"