MASS TEXT

Sundays Year A,
32nd Week of the Year
Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 4

OT Read: Wisdom 6:12 - 16
RP:
For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

NT Read: 1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
Allelulia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:1 - 13
Eucharistic Prayer: III

Money Matters: Offerings for the week were as follows:
Plate Collection 1st November 2026: £285.27.

Anniversaries this week: Bill Bell, Libby McGee, 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, Nicole Langhan. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Bitesize - "You may delay, but time will not." *~Benjamin Franklin*

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR 32ND SUNDAY IOT

Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow

We 'know not the hour nor the day' and when death finally catches us out, we can all too often be filled with regrets and "if only's". 'If only ...' we say after the death of a loved one. If only we'd spared our ageing parents more time. If only we'd made up that old family rift. If only we'd told our children that we loved them. And what of the deceased themselves? Every day people die unexpectedly. Every day people die in road accidents, as the result of violent crime, sudden illness or as the result of natural disaster. Thousands of people wake up every morning not suspecting that this day might be their last. Death is the final curtain by which time we must be prepared to meet our maker. It's a message we've heard over and over …. so why don't we heed it?

Life is full of deadlines. We have deadlines by which we must finish essays, complete projects, submit job applications, apply for loans or make payments. We make preparations for work, for exams, for holidays, for visitors, for weddings, birthdays and a hundred and one other occasions. But for the greatest test of all, that of meeting our maker we are curiously unprepared. Deep down we all know that we could be better Christians. Deep down we know there are things that we should be getting round to, but somehow, we never do. Those great deeds we are planning can always wait until tomorrow, after all, unexpected death is only something that happens to other people, isn't it? Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow!

The five foolish virgins in today's gospel were caught wanting. When the bridegroom they were awaiting arrived unexcitedly in the middle of the night, they were caught unprepared. Their lamps were empty. In a panic they tried to borrow oil from the five wise virgins, but the five wise virgins were unable to help. The message here is that we cannot borrow our way into heaven; we can only enter the kingdom by our own merits. Today's gospel promotes urgency. We must not put off until tomorrow what we can do today. Do we make the most of opportunities to do good deeds as and when they arise? Do we make the right choices conscientiously on a daily basis? Do we live every day as though it were our last? If we are doing all of these things, we have no need to fear the unexpected.

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.

XXXII Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) | 8th November 2026



Sacred Heart & St Margaret Mary Catholic Church

Newsletter
[Sundays Year A, All Saints,
Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 4]

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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 7th November - Feria
18:00 Mass First Mass of — Sandy Mealy + (PM)

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)

Monday 9th November - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)
No Mass

Tuesday 10th November - St Leo the Great
10:00 Mass — George Sillince + (SS)

Wednesday 11th November - St Martin of Tours
10:00 Mass — George Sillince + (SS)

Thursday 12th November - St Josephat
10:00 Mass — George Sillince + (SS)

Friday 13th November - Feria
No Mass

Saturday 14th November - Feria
18:00 Mass - First Mass of Sunday — George Sillince + (SS)

Sunday 15th November - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (World Day of the Poor)
09:00 Mass — People of the Parish
11:00 Mass *(Live Streamed}* — Kathleen Carroll + (CC)

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, 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 8th November - Saturday 14th November 2026

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
Thursday: 1730 - 1830	**First Communion Group Meeting** - Emmaus Room

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

Upcoming Parish Events and Notifications:

Book of Remembrance - November 2026: Available during the whole month of November, names of our beloved dead will be prayed for every weekday Mass. The book of remembrance will be at the back of the church for you to enter the names of your departed.

Remembrance Sunday - On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 the guns of Europe fell silent. After 4 years of the most bitter and devastating fighting, The Great War was finally over. The Armistice was signed at 5am in a railway carriage in the Forest of Compiegne, France on November 11th, 1918. Six hours later, at 11am, the war ended. Pray for peace and reconciliation between nations, that enemies may put aside all differences. Pray for all those who have died through war or acts of violence in defence of our country. May we never forget their sacrifice.

Parish Calendar 2027 - We hope to have Parish Diary 2027 available 1st Sunday of Advent.

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: Elaine Mary Wilkes, Richard James Grout, Collette Anne Barrow-Nessian, Shirley Liebenhals, Angela Mary Amelia Blows, Michael Manley, Kathleen Teresa Sanderson, Mary Eileen Lloyd, Patricia Sutton, Manuel Carlos Cardoso, Catherine Carmel Wheeler. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Post-Mass Marian Hymns: Salve Regina during Ordinary Time, **Regina Coeli** during Easter, **Ave Regina Caelorum** on Lent, **Alma Redemptoris Mater** on Advent and Christmas.

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.

Upcoming Funeral Masses: We include to pray for:

- +Sandra Mealy, daughter of Peggy and George Mealy, whose Funeral Mass will be on the 18th November at 1100 in the Parish.
- +George Sillince, husband of Silvia, whose Funeral Mass or Service will be arranged in due course.

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 17 Nov 26.

Carols at the Convent. The sisters from the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham will host their annual 'Carols at the Convent' on **Saturday 5th December** at their home in Dereham and warmly invite you to join them, between 12pm - 4pm.

Christmas Mass Schedule:



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

25th Dec - 1000 Christmas Day

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.

A Light-er Moment: "A carpenter, a gardener and an electrician argue whose profession is the oldest. The carpenter says: "when Noah built his ark before the flood, he made it out of wood, so carpentry is the oldest." The gardener says: "well, when Adam and Eve were in the garden, someone had to plant the flowers there, so gardening is the oldest." The electrician smirks and says: "can't say more, when God said 'let there be light,' we already had the cables laid down."

