

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



God of the Living

Those of you who have tuned into political debate lately will have noticed that whilst some questions demand a genuine answer, others are simply posed to trip up the opponent and cause maximum embarrassment. Can we really hope to get answers if we are asking questions loaded with ridicule and cynicism?

Today, the Sadducees, who did not believe in resurrection, try to ridicule the belief in life after death by posing Jesus with an argument that verges on the ludicrous. Their only interest in quizzing Jesus was to confound him and to ridicule the whole notion of resurrection and of Heaven. The

Sadducees flag a warning to us all. There is nothing wrong with having a lively theological debate, but when we start to raise questions, we have to be very honest about our motivation. Are we really seeking answers, or are we simply kicking an intellectual football? Are we, like the Sadducees, guilty of bringing our own convictions to an argument with an arrogant refusal to see a different point of view?

It is surprising that Jesus dignifies the Sadducees' question with an answer at all, but he does. The circumstances that surround us in our day-to-day living, Jesus explains, will not apply in Heaven, and therefore we need not trouble ourselves with worldly conventions. No longer able to die, let alone resume a marriage we forged in life, those who are deemed worthy will be like the angels - children of God. The Sadducees are thinking of an eternity as something linked to earthly life. How boring that would be!

All we can know about death and resurrection is that it is a journey that starts in the here and now. It is the 'now' that determines our eternity, and as Jesus said, 'God is not God of the dead, but of the living.' To God, we are all alive.

Bitesize – “Whether we are remembering the saints, our loved ones or those who died in the service of the country, the way we remember is crucial. Our remembering can enslave us in the past – or liberate us into the future.” ~*Brian Castle*



PARISH PRAYER – Father, pour out your Spirit upon our parish. 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.

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Sunday 6th November 2022 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

[32nd Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 4]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 5th November

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

+Kathleen Carroll (*C. Carroll*)

Sunday 6th November

09.00 MASS

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11.00 *MASS Live streamed*

+The Pritchard Family (*C. Perkins*)

Monday 7th November

10.00 MASS

+Elvira Freitas & in Thanksgiving

Tuesday 8th November

10.00 MASS

Feria

Wednesday 9th November

10.00 MASS

+George (*B. George*)

Thursday 10th November

10.00 MASS & ADORATION

Feria

Live streamed

For UCM Intentions

Friday 11th November

- No Mass today

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Saturday 12th November

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

+Sean Cullen (*E. Kibler*)

Sunday 13th November

09.00 MASS

St Leo the Great

11.00 *MASS Live streamed*

+Harry Wilkes (*E. Wilkes*)

St Martin of Tours

St Josaphat

+Ellen Harrington (*H. Harpe*)

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time –

Remembrance Day

+John Perkins (*C. Perkins*)

+Roger Borthwick (*K. Borthwick*)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday after 10.00 Mass and Saturday at 17.30

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Thursday after Mass

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR-qWs-B40VTvbzezZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

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

Anniversaries this week: Fr. Brian Nightingale, Patricia Hawkins, Kathleen Carroll, Bill Bell, Maria Gee, Iris Scott, Doreen Edith Derere, Eileen Monaghan, John Francis McWilliams, Edith Howard, Delia Shelley. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

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: Shirley Liebenhals, Frances Saville King, Derek Williams, Patsy Gray, Collette Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-Davies, Fr. Brendan, William Dunn, Pauline Buckland, Diana Cater, Gretta Cummings, Brenda May, Marco Johnson.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £292.41. Thank you.

For those who would like to make their regular offerings by Standing Order, the information you need is: Account name: **Catholic Church of Dereham.** The Sort Code is: **40-20-08** and the Account number is: **11311115.** If you are a tax payer, please also consider **Gift Aid.** **Gift Aid forms** are available at the back of church. This will help to maximize our donations in the Parish.

Remembering our Dead - A Book of Remembrance is out now. Please write the names of your beloved dead to be prayed for at Mass.

Red Missionary Boxes – A reminder to bring in your red missionary boxes for counting if you have not already done so. Thank you.

Parish Events this week		
Tues. 8 th Nov.	After 1000 Mass	UCM meeting – Emmaus Room
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Weds. 9 th Nov.	After 1000 Mass & at 1900	Faith Study Course – Session 4. Emmaus Room. All welcome. A short video course presented by Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa, the papal household preacher. Come and enjoy this 35 mins. presentation and exploration of the richness of our faith in all its wonder and mystery.
Fri. 11 th Nov.	1915-2030	Altar Servers meeting – Emmaus Room
Sat. 12 th Nov.	1100	Tennis every Saturday at the Dereham Leisure Park

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Sun. 13 th Nov.	After 1100 Mass	Youth Club table tennis – Emmaus Room

Union of Catholic Mothers – UCM members are asked to note their meeting will be held on Tuesday this week, after the 1000 Mass, to avoid a clash with the Faith Study Course on Wednesday morning.

Advent Recollection 2022 - A 30-minute Advent Recollection **on Saturday, 26th November at 1700** is to be given by Fr Jay. It shall be an exploration on the theme of the face of Christ. "Believing and Seeing: 'Do you have eyes and fail to see? (Mark 8:18)'"'. Please come and prepare our disposition for the Advent Season.

8th December Celebration - On this Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, also the 5th Sacerdotal Anniversary of Fr Jay, we are all invited for a lunch at 1145 which is preceded by a Mass at 1100.

Episcopal Ordination Tickets – The Ordination of Canon Peter Collins will take place at **St John's Cathedral on Wednesday, 14th December at 1130.** The Diocese has allotted 10 tickets for each Parish to avoid congestion at the venue. Given this limited number of tickets and the surpassing number of interests in the Parish, we must as well think of a plan to exact fairness. Drawing lots comes to mind. A sheet of paper at the back is provided to write your names.

Toy Library Project Appeal - If you would like to share those spare toys at home, please bring these toys in the Church and share joy to other children in Zimbabwe.

Parish Christmas Party Bring & Share, 11th December, 1300-1800 – For the parish Christmas party, to avoid duplication of food, please list the food you are planning to bring and to share in the sheet provided at the back of church. There is plenty of parking lay-bys at the venue (Scarning Village Hall), just opposite the Anglican St Peter & Paul Church, Scarning.

Parish Magazine 'The Shack' – The deadline for articles for the next edition of 'The Shack' is 7th November. Contributions are welcomed and should be emailed to either edsacredheart@gmail.com or elainewilkes182@btinternet.com. The next edition of the magazine will be published on the weekend of 10/11 December.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November 2022 - Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of November is for children who suffer, including war victims and orphans. "There are still millions of boys and girls who suffer and live in conditions very similar to slavery. They are not 'numbers', they are human beings with names, with a face of their own, with an identity that God has given them." We are invited to join in Pope Francis' prayer intention "*Let us pray for children who are suffering, especially for those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war.*"

