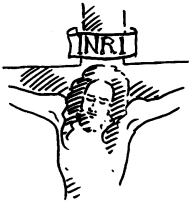


GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR CHRIST THE KING



'Christianity Rules!' - The reign of 'Christ the King' from the cross is obviously not about jewels or palaces or great treasure. So why do we refer to Jesus as King, and why do we refer to Paradise as God's kingdom? In the context of Christ, we have to disassociate riches from our notions of 'king' and 'kingdom' and think in terms of leadership. Being a king is more about authority than wealth and this is why Jesus is King. We are not of course talking about Jesus having the authority to rule or dominate but

the authority to demand peace, tolerance justice and sharing. Key to Jesus' authority comes in today's gospel reading where we are taught that Christian authority begins with the ability to love and to forgive.

'Love' and 'forgiveness' are words that trip off our tongues easily but might take a lifetime to achieve. The criminal who was crucified next to Jesus realised his mistakes just in time to find salvation, but we cannot bank on leaving things this late. Jesus wants us to start realising his kingdom right here on earth and that means thinking very hard about how we love and how we forgive. There is a popular saying "You can't help who you fall in love with." Absolutely wrong! To love or not to love is a decision. It is easy to love those who are attractive or who like us ... but not easy to love those who we hardly know or actively dislike or mistrust us.

It is easy to imagine Judgement Day and Christ the King's Kingdom as a long way off. It is easy to think that we will start living differently tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow, but what makes us believe that we will start living our lives any differently at 95 than we did when we were 25? If Jesus had just been a very good person, we might be tempted to sit back and let him get on with things. That Jesus is a king means that we are his followers and that we are all called upon to fight his cause.

Love and forgiveness take practice in the here and now, starting with little acts of love and forgiveness daily. The Feast of Christ the King. It is not so much about the future than our commitment to build a culture where Christian authority rules.

Bitesize – "Authority without wisdom is like a heavy axe without an edge, fitter to bruise than polish." ~Anne Bradstreet



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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20th November 2022 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Year C

[34th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 2]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 19th November		
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	+Anisha Cyriac (CC)
Sunday 20th November		CHRIST THE KING (Youth Day)
09.00	MASS	For the People of the Parish
11.00	<i>MASS Live streamed</i>	For Brian & Shirley Liebenhals (M&TS)
Monday 21st November		Presentation of the BVM
10.00	MASS	+Bernard Barnett (KF)
Tuesday 22nd November		St Cecilia
10.00	MASS	+UK Matthew & Josephine (CC)
Wednesday 23rd November		Feria
10.00	MASS	Henesa Jossy (Birthday thanksgiving) (CC)
Thursday 24th November		St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
10.00	MASS & ADORATION	In thanksgiving
	<i>Live streamed</i>	
Friday 25th November		Feria
-	No Mass today	-
Saturday 26th November		Feria
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 27th November		1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
09.00	MASS	+Pritchard Family (CP)
11.00	<i>MASS Live streamed</i>	+Sean Cullen (EK)

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

For *Live Streamed Masses* Search for **Dereham Catholic Church** on **YouTube**, or use the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR-qWs-B40VTvbezZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

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

Anniversaries this week: Kathleen Burrows, Inacio Lapa, William Goodwin, Gwen Lovelace, Tom Thorpe, Elsie Smart, Anna Tompkins, Bridget Moorcroft, Florence Thorpe, Rita Smith, Emma Jane Talmadge, Evelyn Goodenough. *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, Gretta Cummings, Marco Johnson.

+Brenda May - The date for Brenda's Funeral Mass is Thursday, 1st December at 1100, followed by burial at Dereham New Cemetery Norwich Road.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £317.82. 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.

Red Wednesday – This Wednesday, 23rd November, is a day of prayer for the persecuted Christians around the world. We are asked by the Aid to the Church in Need to wear red to mark this day.

Liturgy – Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and we begin a new Liturgical year, which will be Year A for the cycle of Sunday readings and Year 1 for the cycle of weekday readings.

Remembering our Dead – A Book of Remembrance is available for you to write the names of your beloved to be prayed for at Mass.

First Communion Class - First Holy Communion preparation classes will begin on Wednesday this week at 1700-1800 in the Emmaus Room. If any parents of children who are in Year 3 or above would like them to attend, please bring them along to the first session, when you can complete the application form.'

Parish Events this week		
Tues. 22 nd Nov.	1900-1930	Chess Club – Emmaus Room
Weds. 23 rd Nov.	After 1000 Mass & at 1900	Faith Study Course – Session 6, Emmaus Room.
Weds. 23 rd Nov.	1700-1800	First Communion Class – Emmaus Room
Fri. 25 th Nov.	1915-2030	Altar Servers meet – Emmaus Room

Parish Events this week		
Sat. 26 th Nov.	1100	Tennis every Saturday at the Dereham Leisure Park
Sun. 27 th Nov.	After 1100 Mass	Youth Club table tennis – Emmaus Room

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.

Christmas Masses:

24th December – 2030 and 2230

25th December – 1000

26th December – 1000 Altar Servers Mass (Pizza afterwards)

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, places will be chosen by drawing lots. A sheet of paper at the back is provided to write your names.

Christmas Party Bring and Share - For the Parish Christmas Party, to avoid duplication of food, write the food you are planning to bring and to share in the sheet provided at the back. Loads of parking layby at the venue, just opposite the Anglican St Peter and Paul's. Instead of an auction, we shall have the Christmas Raffle c/o the UCM, as our fundraising event. Half of the proceeds will go to East Anglia Children's Hospice (EACH) and half will go to the Church.

Re-Word - If anybody would like to write his or her own reflection on any given weekday readings, please do so and we shall publish it in our website.

Toy Library Project Appeal – If you would like to share those spare toys at home, please bring them to the church and share joy with other children in Zimbabwe.

New Parish Website – The new parish website is now online. Please enjoy and keep updated at www.sacredhearteastdereham.org.uk. Also, you will find the DONA link on the website quite helpful, which is an online donation scheme for the parish.

World Youth Day – Today is World Youth Day. For more information, go to www.worldyouthsunday.com