

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Relationship is Key

We are invited for a health check at our medical centre. We know we are out of shape and that we will probably get a bit of lecture! The health practitioner takes us through a check list. How much do we drink? How much do we smoke? How much exercise do we take? How much fruit do we eat? Then we are given a bit of advice and a leaflet on healthy living. We stuff the leaflet in a pocket and escape. Any good counsellor will agree that issuing someone with a list of do's and don'ts is rarely helpful. That's not how change works. Key to facilitating change is relationship. When we talk to people and work out what is important to them and what they are struggling with, only then can we really help or be helped.

In today's gospel Jesus encourages his disciples to go out amongst the people to seek out the lost and remove the obstacles between them and God. He didn't send out the disciples in a spirit of judgment, but a spirit of empathy. Empathy and relationship are essential when it comes to helping someone to change. Jesus was able to change people's lives simply by the way in which he related to them and he asks us to do the same.

So how do we respond to Jesus' command to share what we have learned? Do we try to impose our views on others whether they like it or not, or do we take time to gain genuine and sensitive insight to make relationship key.

Bitesize - Some people think only intellect counts: knowing how to solve problems, knowing how to get by, knowing how to identify an advantage and seize it. But the functions of intellect are insufficient without courage, love, friendship, compassion and empathy. ~Dean Koontz



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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18th June 2023 – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

[11th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 3]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 17th June	18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 18th June	09.00 MASS	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	Elvira Lobo+
Monday 19th June		For Peter Edmunds (for healing) (KE)
	10.00 MASS	Feria
Tuesday 20th June		For George Mealy (for healing) (TP)
	10.00 MASS	Feria
Wednesday 21st June		For George Mealy (for healing) (UM)
	10.00 MASS	St Aloysius Gonzaga
Thursday 22nd June		Frances Saville-King+
	10.00 MASS & ADORATION	SS John Fisher & Thomas More (Feast)
	<i>Live streamed</i>	Rajana Chauhan+ (TW)
Friday 23rd June		St Etheldreda
	- No Mass today	
Saturday 24th June		The Nativity of St John the Baptist
	18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	(Solemnity)
Sunday 25th June		Antony+ (HA)
	09.00 MASS	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	(Day for Life)
		For the People of the Parish
		Freda Wilkes+ (EW)

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-B40VTvbzezZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

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

Anniversaries this week: Francis Hunt, John McGee, Thomas Murphy, June Doreen Kanssen, Mary Holmes, Mary Rush, John Frizzell, Dorothy Payne, Michael Howard. *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, Derek Williams, Patsy Gray, Colette Barro-Nessian, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-Davies, Fr. Brendan, William Dunne, Pauline Buckland, Gretta Cummings, Marco Johnson, Ena Marie Mifsud, Catherine Vella.

Funeral Mass of Frances Saville-King – We are saddened by the passing of Frances Saville-King whose funeral Mass will take place on **Tuesday, 27th June at 11:30** in the parish, followed by cremation at the Breckland Crematorium.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £419.23. Offertory donations by Standing Order for May 2023 totalled £2,181.00. Church acoustics donations: £96.81. 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.

Day for Life – This Sunday is Day for Life and there will be a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend for the work of Life Charities.

Confirmations – Our Confirmation Mass, led by Bishop Peter, will be taking place on **Monday, 26th June at 19:00**. Afterwards, we are invited to a dinner in the Emmaus Room, prepared by the parents of the candidates.

First Communions – Many thanks to Robbie Meehan and Marion Campbell for making our First Communions a huge success last Sunday.

Church Acoustics Improvements – There is a box for donations towards the costs of the improvement works to the church acoustics system.

Parish Events this week	
Fridays 10.00	Parish Gardening Club – Parish grounds & garden. Volunteers welcome. 
Saturday Youth Club Tennis is on hold for the time being due to ongoing renovation of the tennis courts at the leisure park.	
Sundays After 1100 Mass	Youth Club Chess & Table Tennis – Emmaus Room.



Saint Thomas More, 22nd June - In 1534, Thomas More, with his close friend, St. John Fisher, refused to render allegiance to the King as the Head of the Church of England and was confined to the Tower. Fifteen months later, and nine days after St. John Fisher's execution, Thomas More was tried and convicted of treason. He told the court that he could not go against his conscience and wished his judges that "we may yet hereafter in heaven merrily all meet together to everlasting salvation." And on

the scaffold, he told the crowd of spectators that he was dying as "the King's good servant-but God's first." He was beheaded on July 6, 1535. On this feast day we are asked to support prisoners of conscience or those who are persecuted. Consider today supporting a charity such as 'Aid To the Church in Need' or 'Amnesty International'. Support those who are imprisoned or persecuted simply for their beliefs.

Renewed Ukraine appeal following flooding - Ukraine is facing yet another humanitarian emergency with the destruction of the Nova Kakhovka dam. Thousands of people have been forced to leave their homes and Christian Aid's local partners say there is now a risk of disease from water contaminated by dead animals and sewage. Teams in Ukraine have been working around the clock, since the dam was blown up on June 6 2023, to ensure fresh water supplies reach survivors. According to the UN, around 80 towns and villages have been flooded with 17,000 people affected. It is feared this could rise to 40,000. Consider donating online this week via one of our Catholic Aid Agencies or Christian Aid.

Refugee Week, 19th-25th June 2023: Simple Acts - This week we are encouraged to look at ways to broaden or change our perspectives. This week we are asked to do something simple to learn about other people's stories or other people's cultures. This might be as simple as watching a film, reading a book or sharing a meal. Aim to make this a simple act that the whole family can share.