

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Courage and Worth



Some people leave their homes and go to work with the poorest of the poor in far flung third world countries but we are not those people. Some people fund raise tirelessly day in and day out for those who are ill or poor but we are not those people. Some people campaign endlessly to end injustice and cruelty but we are not those people. We are not those people! Why not?

We are capable of doing great things, but most of us don't come anywhere near meeting our potential. We are afraid to step out of the comfort zone of our well-worn lifestyles, jobs and homes. We are afraid of the unknown, of failure, disruption and discomfort. In short, we lack the necessary courage.

In the face of a sometimes hostile and sceptical world, Jesus asks us to have the courage of our convictions. The Church today is built on the courage of those who have refused to compromise their beliefs. Today's gospel urges us to be courageous. "Fear no one," Jesus advises us. Why fear those who can make life temporarily uncomfortable when God has our everlasting interests at heart?

Today's gospel teaches us an important lesson; courage is all to do with self-worth. If you feel you are worthless you are easily intimidated, but if you feel you do have worth, your conviction will lend you real courage. So do we appreciate our worth? Jesus convinces us that even the sparrows that are two a penny have worth in God's eyes, so how much more worth have we. We have an individual worth to God who has counted each and every hair on our heads. We all have great potential. We all have something to offer no excuses, no exceptions.



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.

Permanent Deacon: Rev. Martin Sanderson
Parish Music team: Judy Reid, Kathleen Edmunds & William Preddy.
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Sunday 25th June 2023 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A
 [12th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 4]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 24th June	18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Antony+ (HA)
Sunday 25th June	09.00 MASS	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	11.00 <i>MASS Live streamed</i>	For the People of the Parish
Monday 26th June		Freda Wilkes+
	19.00 CONFIRMATION MASS	Dedication of the Cathedral
Tuesday 27th June		Jose Pereira+ (AP)
	11.30 Funeral Mass for Frances Saville-King	Feria
Wednesday 28th June		St Irenaeus
	10.00 MASS	
Thursday 29th June		SS PETER & PAUL.
	16.00 ADORATION	Solemnity and Holyday of Obligation.
	17.30 <i>MASS Live streamed</i>	Frances Saville-King+ (SS-K & family)
Friday 30th June		Feria
	- No Mass today	
Saturday 1st July		Feria
	18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 2nd July		13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	09.00 MASS	
	11.00 <i>MASS Live streamed</i>	Flora Aurelia Booth+ (JB)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday at 17.30

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: Maureen Jacobs, John Zuhike, Terrance Lappin, Barry McGrath, Fernando Sentieriro, Anthony Joseph O'Connor, Richard Downing, Elizabeth Mary Sharp. *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.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £279.32, second collection for Life Charities £107.49, and donations towards church acoustics improvements £122.50. Thank you very much. **Next Sunday (2nd July)**, there will be a retiring collection after all Masses for Peter's Pence.

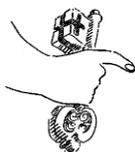
For those who would like to make their regular offerings by Standing Order, the information you need is: Account name: **Catholic Church of Dereham.** The Sort Code is: **40-20-08** and the Account number is: **11311115.** If you are a tax payer, please also consider **Gift Aid.** **Gift Aid forms**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

Changes to Mass Times – Please note the following changes to Mass times this week:

- **Monday, 26th June – Confirmation Mass at 19.00**, celebrated by Bishop Peter Collins, following which we are invited to a meal in the Emmaus Room prepared by the parents of the candidates.
- **Tuesday, 27th June – Funeral Mass at 11.30** for Frances Saville-King.
- **Thursday, 29th June – Adoration at 1600 and Mass at 17.30** for the Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul, which is a Holyday of Obligation.

Confirmation Collection – A special collection at this Mass will be for the Church's acoustics improvements.

Saints Peter and Paul, 29th June - Because Peter recognised that God was acting through Jesus, he was entrusted with the job of leading the rest of us. The Church today is a testimony to Peter's faith, it exists because Peter and others like him trusted and believed in God. It exists because Peter and people like Peter acted out their faith despite hostilities and persecution. Fortunately today's Christians don't get thrown to the lions any more, but we face different sorts



of problems instead. Today we face lethargy, conflicting secular values, and the complexities of scientific debate. The Church cannot be silenced. Fearless Christians like Peter and Paul are still needed to carry the baton.

Painters' Touch – Thanks to our volunteer Parish Painters for painting the Emmaus Room and for cleaning the whole church. Makes our worship to the Lord fresh and delightful.

Flower Ladies Nook- Many thanks to Beth Theedam for the Church's flower grand design last week.

Parish Events this week	
Friday 30 th June 19.15-20.30	Altar Servers Group – Emmaus Room.
Fridays 10.00	Parish Gardening Club – Parish grounds & garden. Volunteers welcome. 

Saturday Parish Tennis Club will resume on **8th July at 1030-1200 noon at Dereham Leisure Park.** Bring your racquet and off we go!

Youth Club Chess & Table Tennis will be recommencing **every Tuesday at 19:00 beginning on 11th July** in the Emmaus Room.

Film Showing at the Presbytery – Film showing entitled 'A Man Named Otto' starring Tom Hanks on **Wednesday, 5th July at 16:30** in the Presbytery. This film is rated PG13.

Parish Magazine – The next issue of *The Shack* will be published on the weekend of 1st/2nd July. Make sure to pick up your copy!

'Fearless Christian Week' - The theme in this week's Gospel and Feast day of Peter and Paul is the importance of being a fearless Christian. We are invited this week to think how we are best suited to follow in the footsteps of Saint Peter and Saint Paul.

Care for Our Common Home: Give the tumble dryer a summer holiday - It's time for your tumble dryer to take a summer holiday. If you don't have a clothes line invest in one. Clothes lines come in all shapes and sizes and to suit every pocket.

Bitesize – 'When I look back on all these worries, I remember the story of the old man who said on his deathbed that he had had a lot of trouble in his life, most of which had never happened.' ~Winston Churchill