

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Do Something Simple



So how do we best succeed in being people of God in the world? Jesus' advice is "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." Surely this advice is too hard to follow. Does Jesus expect us to abandon our parents our children and our families in favour of a Christian crusade? On closer inspection this is not quite what Jesus may have meant. The advice in today's gospel is that Jesus should come first, and that no worldly matters should get in the way of God. No love should be greater than the love we have for God. What is the point of becoming obsessed with houses, cars, university results and the best pension deals if we are only to lose our physical lives at the end of the day anyway? The Word of God we are told, will last for eternity. It's not difficult to know where our priorities should lie and yet it is still easier said than done. We are part of the physical world after all, and transcending physical comforts is a tall order. It seems altogether too difficult, and yet would Jesus really ask something of us if we weren't capable of giving it?

The tendency in today's world is to notice and reward the grand gestures. While discipleship certainly includes such great acts as laying down one's life for Christ, it also includes such everyday simple acts as hospitality and charity. Jesus was surely an expert psychologist when he said "... And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple - amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." It's with relief that we learn that God asks no more of us than we are individually capable of. We are all capable of doing something, however simple. Do something simple for God today.

Bitesize - 'Character is what emerges from all the little things you were too busy to do yesterday, but did anyway.' ~*Mignon McLaughlin*



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 2nd July 2023 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A
[13th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 1]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 1st July		
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	Elvira Lobo+ (<i>ML</i>)
11.00	<i>MASS Live streamed</i>	Flora Aurelia Booth+ (<i>JB</i>)
Monday 3rd July		St. Thomas. Feast.
10.00	MASS	
Tuesday 4th July		Feria
10.00	MASS	
Wednesday 5th July		Feria
10.00	MASS	
Thursday 6th July		Feria
10.00	<i>MASS & ADORATION</i>	
	<i>Live streamed</i>	
Friday 7th July		Feria
-	No Mass today	
Saturday 8th July		Feria
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Maureen Fitzmaurice+ (<i>JR</i>)
Sunday 9th July		14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
09.00	MASS	
11.00	<i>MASS Live streamed</i>	

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: Leslie Neve, Fred Hawkins, Andre Kanssen, Irene Dorothy O'Brien, Mary Costen, Joan Mary Siedlecki, Rosie Hawksbee, Elaine Stephenson. *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 £247.99, plus £20 for church acoustics improvements. Thank you.

This weekend, there is a retiring collection after all Masses for **Peter's Pence**. **Next Sunday** is Sea Sunday and there will be a retiring collection for Stella Maris after all Masses next weekend.

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.

130 Club Draw for June 2023 - Quarterly Prize £50 - Ticket No. 64, Andrew Rogerson; 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 53, Sheila Crouch; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 159, Stella Crouch; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 145, Rose Fenton; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 81, Margaret Godfrey; 5th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 85, Nora Fahy. Payments to follow next week.

Congratulations to the newly Confirmed Youth in the Parish 2023 – Many thanks also to all who contributed to make this occasion memorable and successful, particularly to Sr Catherine Williams and Robbie Meehan.

Hedges Trimming – Many thanks to a parishioner who donated money for the trimming of the hedges in the church grounds.

Sea Sunday 2023: Stella Maris – Please note that Sea Sunday will be on 9th July this year. It is when you are asked to encourage prayer and financial aid to support the work of Stella Maris, the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church. This mandatory second collection is vital for the future of Stella Maris and its support of seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world.

Parish Events this week	
Weds. 5 July 16.30	 Film Showing – ‘A Man Named Otto’ starring Tom Hanks. PG13 . In the Presbytery.
Fridays 10.00	Parish Gardening Club – Parish grounds & garden. Volunteers welcome. 
Saturdays 10.00-12.00	Parish Tennis Club resumes play on 8th July . Dereham Leisure Park.
Youth Club Chess & Table Tennis – Meetings are moving to Tuesday evenings at 19.00 in the Emmaus Room starting on 11th July .	

Altar Servers' Mass and BBQ – Saturday, 22nd July: Mass at 11.30 a.m. followed by BBQ at the Cathedral.

New Dawn in the Church: Catholic Charismatic Family Pilgrimage Conference in Walsingham from 31 July – 4 August 2023 – New Dawn in the Church is a Catholic Charismatic Family Pilgrimage Conference that takes place each year at the National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham.

Upcoming Ordinations to the Priesthood: 8th July 2023 – Deacon Mark Ashwood and Deacon Biencarlo Manuntag – Please keep Deacon Mark and Deacon Biencarlo at the heart of your prayer over the coming week as they prepare for their Ordination to the Priesthood, which is being celebrated at the **Cathedral on 8th July 2023 at 11.30 a.m.** I hope that we will gather in Diocesan solidarity on that joyful day.

Church Acoustic Improvement – There is a box at the back of the Church for donations towards the costs of improvement of the acoustics in the Church.



Parish Magazine – The latest issue of *The Shack* is now available on the parish website, or you can pick up a copy from the back of church.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July 2023 - Pope Francis tells us: "Each time we receive the Bread of Life, Jesus comes to give new meaning to our fragilities. He reminds us that in his eyes we are more precious than we think. He tells us he is pleased if we share our fragilities with him. He repeats to us that his mercy is not afraid of our miseries. The mercy of Jesus is not afraid of our miseries. And above all he heals us from those fragilities that we cannot heal on our own, with love. "The Eucharist heals because it unites with Jesus: it makes us assimilate his way of living." We are invited to join in Pope Francis' prayer intention for July, "... *We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.*"

