

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Out of the Mouths of Babes - How often do we laughingly say, "... Out of the mouths of babes!" We usually say it when one of the junior members of our family has stated a glaring or embarrassing truth. To children the truth is black and white, but the older we get the more we tend to complicate issues that really ought to be very simple. Perhaps we want to dress up the truth with our own interpretations. Perhaps we want to disguise truths that make us feel uncomfortable. Whatever

the reasons, as we get older the truth is harder for us to recognise.

Today Jesus criticizes the religious leaders who over complicate the law. Jesus was concerned for those people at the bottom of the social heap who could not live up to the six hundred and thirteen commandments of the Jewish law. Jesus' intention was not to do away with the law, but he could not support the lawyers who spent their time manufacturing new and insufferable burdens for broken people. To the broken people Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

The demands of the twenty first century puts many challenges our way, and we spend a lot of our time juggling priorities and trying to live our lives by more than one agenda. Our lives are complicated and overly burdened. We look for the solutions to our problems in lifestyle magazines and in bottles of pills no longer able to recognise simple truths. Why don't we look more to God for solutions? God wants us all to have peace and fulfilment; all we have to do is to yield to God's agenda. The smallest child knows the difference between what is important and what is not. Why can't we?

When Jesus says, "My burden is light," he does not mean that Christianity is an easy way out ... he simply means that his demands aren't weighed down with rules and regulations that we aren't capable of meeting. "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."



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 9th July 2023 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

[14th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 2]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 8th July		
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Maureen Fitzmaurice+ (JR)
Sunday 9th July		14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		(Sea Sunday)
09.00	MASS	Mary & Gerald Reeder+ (RB)
11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	Anisha Cyriac+ (CC)
Monday 10th July		Feria
10.00	MASS	
Tuesday 11th July		St Benedict. Patron of Europe. Feast
10.00	MASS	
Wednesday 12th July		Feria
10.00	MASS	
Thursday 13th July		Feria
10.00	MASS & ADORATION	
	<i>Live streamed</i>	Anisha Cyriac+ (CC)
Friday 14th July		Feria
-	No Mass today	
Saturday 15th July		St. Bonaventure.
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Edward (Ted) Isbill+ (RB)
Sunday 16th July		15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
09.00	MASS	
11.00	MASS <i>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: Teofila Wiesel, Antonio Fernando Marques, Edward Clare, Doris Eden, Kay Vincent, Dennis Crossland Mallam, Margaret Owen. *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 £327.25; Collection for Peter's Pence £84.50; Donations towards acoustics improvements £207.60. 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.

Sea Sunday: Stella Maris – Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health.

Sea Sunday is Sunday 9th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you. **There is a retiring collection for the work of Stella Maris after all Masses this weekend.**

Parish Events this week	
Mon. 10 th July 14.00 – 16.00	 Afternoon Tea in the Emmaus Room. Join us for our monthly afternoon tea social. All welcome.
Every Tuesday 19.00	Youth Club Chess & Table Tennis starts this week on its new day of Tuesday, 11th July - Emmaus Room.

Parish Events this week	
Fri. 14 th July 19.15 – 20.30	Altar Servers' Group – Emmaus Room
Every Friday 10.00	Parish Gardening Club – Parish grounds & garden. Volunteers welcome. 

Parish Tennis Club – The Tennis Club start has had to be moved to Saturday **22nd July** at Dereham Leisure Park due to the scheduling. However, if you or someone you know would be interested in teaching tennis to the youth, please inform Fr. Jay. Bring your racquet and off we go.

Altar Servers' Mass and BBQ – Saturday, 22nd July: For our Altar Servers to join the Mass at 11.30 a.m. followed by BBQ at the Cathedral with Bishop Peter.

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.

Parish Social Events – Dates for your Diaries:

- Saturday, 2nd September 2023 – Altar Servers' Day Out (Bowling & Pizza)
- Sunday, 10th September 2023 – Parish BBQ right after the 1100 Mass.
- Thursday, 21st December 2023 – Parish bring & share Christmas Party at Yaxham Village Hall from 12 noon – 6.00 p.m.

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.

Thank you: Terri Sanderson writes: 'I would like to express my thanks to all who came to my party. I asked for donations to the food bank not cards or presents. I was proud to donate 3 bags and £150 to the food bank.'

Some Clergy Movements in the Diocese – Please be informed that the Bishop has made appointments about some clergy assignments among parishes. This takes effect in the coming months.

School Uniform Donation - What's the likelihood of your child fitting into any of the same school uniform in September? As we rattle towards the end of term, wash badged uniform items and donate them to the school. Polish up shoes and donate to the local charity shop along with any non-badged items of uniform. Teenagers want to be seen in designer track suits. Wash and iron designer sportswear that your child has grown out of and donate this too. You will be helping your local charity shop and you will be helping families who cannot afford expensive uniforms.

Bitesize – 'Any intelligent fool can make things bigger and more complex... It takes a touch of genius - and a lot of courage - to move in the opposite direction.'

~ E. F. Schumacher