

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Rock the Boat



What gives you that sinking feeling? What is it that you are most afraid of? Could it be starting a new job or a new relationship? Could it be public speaking, confrontation, ridicule, illness, failure, rejection or death? There's no doubt about it, life is a big tumultuous sea full of hidden dangers. Is it any wonder we seek to carve a little niche in which to tuck ourselves away and live life safely?

In today's gospel, Peter displays some odd behaviour. The disciples have gone ahead of Jesus and are sitting alone in a small fishing boat. Suddenly a storm brews up and the disciples are terrified for their lives. Just then, Jesus walks over the water telling them, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Surely any of us at this point would have decided to sit tight and wait to be rescued. Not Peter! Peter scrambles out of the boat and begins in all faith to walk towards Jesus. The great news is that when Peter suddenly got frightened and his faith faltered, Jesus was there with a strong arm to hold him up.

Just as Jesus called Peter from the boat, so Jesus calls us over life's storms. What is it we might venture to do? We might venture to change our jobs for something more worthwhile. We might venture to take on some kind of voluntary role that we might not previously have considered or initiate a local community project a global one even! We might think it makes more sense to stick to what we know, but if Peter hadn't had obeyed the call to walk on water, he might never have had the great opportunity to experience God's life changing support. So too if we spend our lives splashing around in the shallows, we are in danger of missing the opportunity to truly recognise God and so deepen our faith.

It's said that the safest place to be is not in the boat at all; the safest place is out on life's seas, because that's where Jesus is!



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 13th August 2023 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A
 [19th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 3]

MASSSES in the PARISH

Saturday 12th August		
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Addison Skilton
Sunday 13th August		19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
09.00	MASS	Nora Ryan+ (UM)
11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	The People of the Parish
Monday 14th August		St Maximilian Mary Kolbe
10.00	MASS	
Tuesday 15th August		THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM
1600-1700	Holy Hour	Solemnity & Holyday of Obligation.
17.30	MASS	William Pritchard+ (CP)
Wednesday 16th August		Feria
10.00	MASS	
Thursday 17th August		Feria
10.00	MASS & ADORATION <i>Live streamed</i>	Alith+ (DM)
Friday 18th August		Feria
-	No Mass today	
Saturday 19th August		Feria
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Kevin O'Brien+ (PG)
Sunday 20th August		20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
09.00	MASS	For the People of the Parish
11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	Ron Thurstance+ (JD)

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

Rosary & Morning Prayer are said weekdays before Mass from 09.15.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR-qWs-B40VTvbzeZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

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

Anniversaries this week: Roland Leslie Hutchinson, Gavin Wiggins Gemmell, Patricia Ann O'Connor, William Barton, Edwin Ronald Thurstance, William Albert Schmidt. *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 Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-Davies, Fr. Brendan, William Dunne, Pauline Buckland, Gretta Cummings, Marco Johnson, Ena Marie Mifsud, Katherine Vella, Pauline Organ, Kevin Pugh.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £303.00 and Acoustics Project £24.00. 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.

Acoustics Improvements Project - Donations to Date: £816.77 - Project Target £4,200. *There is a box for donations at the back of the church.*

130 Club Draw for August 2023 - 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 132, Bruce Wheeler; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 147, Elaine Wilkes; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 51, Peter Duffield; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 138, Anne Maskell; 5th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 3, Judy Reid.

Feast of the Assumption, 15th August – Tuesday is a holyday of obligation. There will be a Holy Hour between 1600 and 1700, followed by Mass at 1730.

Parish Events for the week 13 th – 19 th August	
Mon. 10 th July 14.00 – 16.00	 Afternoon Tea in the Emmaus Room. Join us for our monthly afternoon cuppa and friendly natter. All welcome. Every second Monday of the month.
Tuesday: 1900	Youth Club Chess & Table Tennis – Emmaus Room.
Wednesday 18.30 – 19.30	'The Mass' Video Talks – Emmaus Room. The fourth of six weekly talks given by Bishop Barron. Friendly and animated, Bishop Barron gives new life to our understanding of the Mass. This week's topic is <i>'Responding to God'</i> . All welcome. If you missed last week's episode (<i>'God Speaks our Story'</i>), you can

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	catch up at https://videos.wordonfire.org/themassepisode1 . Facilitated by Rachel & Kevin Pugh.
Friday: 10.00	Parish Gardening Club – Parish grounds & garden. Volunteers welcome.
Saturday: 1000-1200	Youth Club Tennis – Dereham Leisure Park.



Upcoming Parish Events Autumn/Winter 2023 – Please see the noticeboard for dates & times of upcoming parish meetings and events taking place over the autumn/winter.

Red Missionary Boxes - It is time once again for donations to the Red Missionary Boxes to be counted and the money sent off to *Missio*. So please will you bring your boxes to church over the next two Sundays, so that there can be another count and the monies sent to *Missio*. Thank you.

First Holy Communion 2024 – If you wish to register your child for the First Holy Communion programme, please complete a form available in the church and return it to Fr. Jay as soon as possible. You will be emailed about the introductory session for parents, which will be in September. Applicants for First Holy Communion must be going into Year 3 or above in September 2023.

Norfolk Churches Trust Bike, Ride, Walk – The annual Norfolk Churches Trust Bike, Ride, Walk will be taking place on **Saturday, 9th September 2023**. For more information on how to take part go to <https://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride/> or see the poster & forms at the back of church. Volunteers will be needed on the day to welcome visitors. Please sign up if you are able to help.



Many thanks to Judy Reid for last week's grand flower decoration and to our foodbank regular givers.

Dereham Road Race: 20th August – A reminder that the annual Dereham 5k road race will be taking place next Sunday starting at 09.00am on London Road outside Sacred Heart. It would be advisable to allow a little extra travel time for Mass at 0900 if coming by car. The race organisers have put in place traffic management arrangements on the day.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) would like to recruit a Membership Support Officer (MSO) for East Anglia Diocese. 15 hrs per week for 2 years. For more details, see the poster on our parish web site.

Bitesize – 'You block your dream when you allow your fear to grow bigger than your faith.' ~Mary Manin Morrissey